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CHIEFS OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING – MINUTES

Tuesday, July 9, 2024 – 1:00 p.m.

DU-COMM, 420 N. County Farm Road, Wheaton, IL

Chief Bozik called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

1. ROLL CALL / AGENCY:

Chief William Gabrenya	Bartlett FD	AC Tim Dempsey	Lisle PD
Chief Matthew Beyer	Bloomingtondale FD	DC Craig Gomorzak	Lisle PD
DC Alan Emody	Bloomingtondale FD	Chief Keith Krestan	Lisle-Woodridge FPD
DC Tom Nash	Carol Stream FD	Chief Rick Sander	Lombard FD
DC Jason Day	Carol Stream FD	DC Joe Grage	Lombard PD
Acting Chief Dave Godek	Clarendon Hills FD	BC David Kaczmarczyk	Oak Brook FD
Chief Greg Thomas	Darien PD	Chief Mark Bozik (Chairman)	Roselle FD
Chief Jim Lahanis	Darien-Woodridge FPD	Chief Bob Barreto	Roselle PD
DC Jamie Tunk	Darien-Woodridge FPD	DC Brandon Mitsuka	Villa Park FD
Chief Scott Spinazola	Downers Grove FD	Chief Andy Dina	Warrenville FD
DC Rob Pekelder	Downers Grove FD	Chief Patrick Tanner	West Chicago FPD
Chief Mike DeVries	Downers Grove PD	DS Jeff Keefe	West Chicago FPD
Chief Guy Papa (left 1:30)	DuPage County Sheriff	Chief Colin Fleury	West Chicago PD
Chief Robert Dufort	Elmhurst FD	Chief Robert Brill	Wheaton FD
DC Jim Gandy	Elmhurst PD	Chief P.J. Youker	Wheaton PD
Chief Chris Clark	Glen Ellyn FD	Chief Steve Evans	Winfield FD
Chief Phil Norton	Glen Ellyn PD	Chief Dave Schar (Vice Chair)	Winfield PD
Chief Rich Cassady	Glenside FD	Chief Rick Sanborn, Jr.	York Center FPD
Chief Eric Fors	Hanover Park FD	DC Tim Leidig	York Center FPD
Chief Andy Johnson	Hanover Park PD		

ABSENT: Chief Geoffrey Pretkelis - Bartlett PD; Chief John Madden - Burr Ridge PD; Chief Don Cummings – Carol Stream PD; Chief Ed Leinweber - Clarendon Hills PD; Chief John Gannelli – Hinsdale FD; Chief Brian King – Hinsdale PD; Chief Brian Strockis – Oak Brook PD; Chief John Turkovich - Oakbrook Terrace FD; Chief Casey Calvello – Oakbrook Terrace PD; Chief Michael Rivas – Villa Park PD; Chief Sam Bonilla – Warrenville PD; Chief Lauren Kaspar - Willowbrook PD; Chief Tom Stefanson – Woodridge PD

DU-COMM STAFF: Director Robb, Consultant Krull, DDO Benjamin, Training Co. Schretter, MIS Manager Klein, Acting Technical Services Manager Maplethorpe, Executive Secretary Regalado

2. Approval of Minutes

A. June 11, 2024

Chief Schar made a motion to approve the June 11, 2024 minutes and Chief Sander seconded. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

3. Executive Committee

A. June 26, 2024

Chief Bozik reported

- Open Fire District seat on the Executive Board and the Board of Directors. Contact Director Robb if interested by July 19, 2024.
- The NHTSA asked DU-COMM to host their annual summit November 13-14, 2025.
- The next meeting is July 24.

4. Report of the Committees

A. Support Services (Chief Eric Fors)

Chief Fors reported

- The committee did not meet in July.
- The next meeting is August 7.

B. Police Operations (Chief Lauren Kaspar)

Bartlett FPD • Bartlett PD • Bloomingtondale FPD • Burr Ridge PD • Carol Stream FPD • Carol Stream PD • Clarendon Hills FD • Clarendon Hills PD • Darien PD • Darien-Woodridge FPD • Downers Grove FD • Downers Grove PD • DuPage County Sheriff • Elmhurst FD • Elmhurst PD • Glen Ellyn FC • Glen Ellyn PD • Glenside FPD • Hanover Park FD • Hanover Park PD • Hinsdale FD • Hinsdale PD • Lisle PD • Lisle-Woodridge FPD • Lombard FD • Lombard PD • Oak Brook FD • Oak Brook PD • Oakbrook Terrace FPD • Oakbrook Terrace PD • Roselle FD • Roselle PD • Villa Park FD • Villa Park PD • Warrenville FPD • Warrenville PD • West Chicago FPD • West Chicago PD • Wheaton FD • Wheaton PD • Willowbrook PD • Winfield FPD • Winfield PD • Woodridge PD • York Center FPD •

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- The subcommittee does not meet in June.
- The next meeting is July 24.

C. Fire Operations (Chief Patrick Tanner)

Chief Tanner reported

- Channel realignment will be discussed in staff reports.
- Chief Dina can speak of any timelines established for the mobile radios.
- Next meeting is July 18.

5. ETSB Report

A. ETSB

- No update

B. PAC Update

DDO Benjamin reported

- Approved talk group access request for Hanover Township to go to the ETS Board.

6. Staff Reports

A. Directors Report

Director Robb reported

- A conditional offer has been made for the HR Manager position.
- A Meeting with DU-COMM Admin staff, DU-COMM TCs and Sheriff's Office staff has been scheduled for July 15, 2024 to discuss consolidation progress and identify any issues.
- Completing operational goals for the Strategic Plan.
- The Healthy Dispatcher full report was shared with all staff today.

B. Operations/Training Report

DDO Benjamin reported

- Preparing for the DNC (Democratic National Convention) coming up in August. Restricted staffing on those dates.
- Labor Management meets once a month. Contract negotiations begin April 30th.

Training Coordinator Schretter reported

- Telecommunicator staffing is 73 and authorized for 99. Certified TCs are 61, 10 are in training and 5 will be certified by the beginning of October.

C. Support Services Report

Acting Technical Services Manager Maplethorpe reported

- Channel realignment has been separated into two projects. 1. Move Glen Ellyn to Fire East (scheduled for mid-August)
- 2. Move all transmitters from Fire West to Fire North.
- The STARCOM switches upgrade will be rescheduled.
- Downers Grove tower move is scheduled for next week and plan to keep outages to a minimum.

MIS Manager Klein reported

- The Fulton server will be installed on July 16, 2024. Will advise when the system is live.

D. Human Resources Report

In packet.

E. Revenue Expenditure Report

In packet.

7. Old Business

A. Mental Health – on hold

B. School Safety Update

Director Robb stated

- The June 18 School Safety meeting discussed indoor mapping and what mapping tools are needed.
- Next step Director Robb and the DuPage ROE (Regional Office of Education) will attempt to coordinate with the 42 school districts to discuss what technology is used currently and gauge interest in using universal mapping.

8. New Business

A. DU-COMM Chiefs Committee-Nomination/Election of Vice-Chairman

Chief Bozik explained the Vice-Chairman moves to the Chair. The seats alternate between police and fire. Chief Bozik and Chief Krestan were interested in being nominated. Chief Krestan withdrew his request.

Chief Bozik asked for a motion to open nominations for the Chiefs Committee Vice-Chairman.

Chief Tanner made a motion to open nominations and Chief Sander seconded. Motion approved by voice vote.

Chief Bozik asked for nominations and asked two more times for other nominations, and there were none.

Chief Sanborn Jr. made a motion to close nominations and Chief Brill seconded. Motion approved by voice vote.

Chief Beyer made the motion to name Chief Bozik Vice-Chairman of the DU-COMM Chiefs Committee and Chief Lahanis seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.

B. Discussion and Recommendation on Channel Renaming

Chief Bozik (Roselle FPD) recapped

- Channel renaming was discussed two years ago.
- May 14, 2024 Chiefs Operations meeting discussed channel renaming. As there have been changes in DU-COMM Admin staff and new Chiefs on the committee, this issue was revisited. Concerns were raised regarding the time burden, financial burden, and potential confusion to all agencies and TCs. The Chiefs present voted not to rename channels.
- DU-COMM is a member driven organization.
- ETSB would like an official vote at this meeting.
- There was limited police present at the May 14 meeting and want to make sure all voices are heard.

Chief Dina (Warrenville FPD) noted

- The reason for renaming was for standardization across ETSB organizations. Radio, CAD, station numbering, and vehicle numbering are standardized.
- Renaming is not fixing a problem but creating efficiency.
- The timing to rename channels is flexible. DU-COMM chooses when to change.
- ACDC plans to rename the channels regardless of the vote today.

Chief Schar (Winfield PD) noted

- The Police PAC representative is an expert on this topic and supports renaming the channels.
- Have tried to increase police attendance at meetings.
- Police will vote for what is best for their agency.

Chief Spinazola (Downers Grove FD) noted

- Twenty-two fire agencies would have the burden of retraining all staff.

Chief Clark (Glen Ellyn Fire) noted

- The channel names have been the same since the 70's and asked what is being improved by changing the names.
- DU-COMM has strong concerns about changing.

Chief Tanner (West Chicago FPD) noted

- How is standardization an argument when ACDC does not use LiveMUM, parts of ProQA, etc.?
- Three thousand firefighters will need to learn new channel names.
- DU-COMM administration is different than two years ago, and current administration have concerns about the change because of staff time and re-training,
- The Chiefs need to vote today to satisfy ETSB's request.

Chief Fleury (West Chicago PD) noted

- The final draft of the renaming has not been shared.
- Why risk the safety of the actual user (police officer) if they will be confused and possibly need to make extra clicks on the radio.
- Chief DeVries (Downers Grove PD) and DC Grage (Lombard PD) have the same concerns.

Chief Evans (Winfield FPD) reported

- A change would adversely affect his agency by causing confusion with channel names having similar numbers (31, 32, 33 and then add 3-1, 3-2, 3-3). There are neighboring agencies that have similar naming conventions already.

Chief Krestan (Lisle-Woodridge FPD) noted

- The Chiefs gave DU-COMM direction on this topic at the May 14 meeting.
- ETSB representatives were present at the May 14 Chiefs Operations meeting.

Chief Brill noted

- Current problems with mobile radios and programming the current ones need to be addressed before making additional changes.

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- Portable radios are years behind schedule.
- DU-COMM has staffing issues and is trying to hire to support the agencies, why add more work to the TCs.
- Surrounding counties will need to learn the new channels and reprogram their radios.
- The change does not benefit operations but causes issues. Three years from now the situation may be different.

Director Robb noted

- Channel renaming is operational.
- The plan to rename was not approved through DU-COMM committees.
- Chiefs were asked to review the July packet to review documents in preparation of a vote today.
- DU-COMM will follow our agencies' direction.

Chief Tanner made the motion to not rename channels and Chief Krestan seconded. Motion carried by roll call vote 29 Yes and 1 No (Warrenville Fire).

9. Other Business

10. Adjournment

At 2:05 Chief Tanner made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Chief Krestan seconded. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Regalado

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