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FIRE OPERATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE - Minutes

Thursday, October 17, 2024 – 8:00 Hours

DU-COMM, 420 N. County Farm Road, Wheaton, IL 60187

1. Call to Order

Chief Tanner called the meeting to order at 08:02 hours.

DC Brian Becker	Bartlett	DC Scott Gray	Lisle-Woodridge
Chief Matt Beyer	Bloomingtondale	Chief Rick Sander	Lombard
Chief Rob Schultz	Carol Stream	Chief Johnny Turkovich	Oak Brook Terrace
Chief James Lahanis	Darien-Woodridge	DC Brandon Mitsuka	Villa Park
DC Jamie Tunk	Darien-Woodridge	Chief Patrick Tanner (Chair)	West Chicago
Chief Scott Spinazola	Downers Grove	DC Jeffery Keefe	West Chicago
Chief Richard Dufort	Downers Grove	BC Ric Ciszewski	West Chicago
DC Steve Reynolds	Elmhurst	Chief Rob Brill (left 8:10)	Wheaton
Chief Chris Clark	Glen Ellyn	AC Pete Vassios	Wheaton
Chief Rich Cassady	Glenside	Chief Steve Evans	Winfield
DC Jeff Buccola	Glenside	Chief Rick Sanborn, Jr.	York Center
Chief Eric Fors	Hanover Park	AC Tim Leidig	York Center
DC Daniel Nicholson	Hanover Park		

Absent: Chief Michael Korzen - Clarendon Hills; Chief J. Pindelski – Hinsdale; Chief Kevin Fleege – Oak Brook; Chief Johnny Turkovich - Oak Brook Terrace; Chief Mark Bozik – Roselle; Chief Andy Dina – Warrenville

Staff: Director Jesscia Robb, Training Manager Amanda Schretter; Technical Services Manager Erik Maplethorpe, MIS Manager Scott Klein, Executive Secretary Kim Regalado

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes:

A. September 19, 2024

Chief Spinazola made a motion to approve the September 19, 2024 minutes, and Chief Lahanis seconded. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

3. Peer Review

- None.

4. Reports

A. Staff

Director Robb reported:

- Phone Cutover
 - The phone cutover is still on track for Tuesday, October 22nd.
 - There may be a delay in going live with texting to 9-1-1
 - Public education materials regarding Text to 9-1-1 are still pending.
 - The Next Generation 9-1-1 information session will be held on October 18th for Chiefs.
 - Phone system operational readiness testing has been conducted all week.
- Hiring Update
 - Assessment Center was conducted for open management positions.
 - Offers will be made by Monday with one internal candidate.
- Agency Sit-a-longs
 - TCs are excited sit-a-longs have been scheduled again.

B. ETSB

Director Robb reported:

- Concerns about Prepared product.
 - The software appears to overlap the functionality of the RapidSOS system.
 - RapidSOS
 - Provides satellite maps, which are more accurate than cell towers. Can provide the estimated floor of the apartment building the caller is located.
 - Medical information stored in the caller's iPhone is shared.
 - Call takers hear a ding before the phone rings in the Center.
 - TC can see how many times the number has called 9-1-1.
 - For a text message it will provide the location of the cell number (similar to a phase II location with a cell call).
 - Ability to integrate with 3-D mapping and camera systems.
- Several members of the ETS Board are retiring or leaving.
- Concerns about the departure of the Deputy Director of Operations for the ETSB.
 - The DDO is not being replaced at this time

C. MABAS Divisions (2, 10, 12, 13, 16)

- None.

D. Apparatus Changes

- None.

5. Committees

A. Fire Standardization Committee

Chief Spinazola noted:

- There was not a September meeting.

B. Fire Focus

- Fire Focus will be added to future agendas.

6. Old Business

A. FD Channels - Update

Chief Tanner reported:

- **Templates:**
 - A final template will be required from all agencies.
 - Instructions will be provided on how to submit the final template.
 - The deadline for submission will be before the Thanksgiving holiday.
- **Portable Radios:**
 - Portable radios are close to being ready for distribution.
 - Encryption for the police side is pending ETSB approval in November.
 - Speaker microphones with channel selectors may cause delays in receiving portable radios.
- **Mobile Radios:**
 - No clear timeline for mobile radio replacements.
 - The viability of the 8500 model is still under review.
 - The 6500 model may not be a suitable dual band, dual head solution.
 - A single head 6500 model is now being considered as an option.
 - Long-term solutions for mobile radios are still uncertain.
- **Additional Discussion:**
 - Concerns about the lack of clear direction and timelines for the mobile radio project.
 - Importance of continued input and attendance from fire agencies in the decision-making process.
 - Need for a dual head, dual band radio solution.
 - Frustration with the lack of progress on the mobile radio project.

7. New Business

A. Fire Operations Subcommittee Chairman

Chief Tanner noted:

- Chief Tanner will be retiring in January and will be stepping down as Chairman.
- Chief Fors is recommended to take over as chairman.

Chief Lahanis made a motion to approve Chief Fors as the Fire Operations Subcommittee Chairman as presented, and Chief Spinazola seconded. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

8. Other Business

A. **Support Services Subcommittee:**

- Recommendation from the Fire Chiefs to appoint Chief Brill as Chair to the Support Services Subcommittee.
- The chair position will be discussed at the next Chiefs Operations Committee meeting.

B. **Fire Focus Subcommittee:**

- Request for TS Manager Maplethorpe to sit in at the Fire Focus subcommittee meetings.

9. Adjournment

Chief Evans made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Chief Lahanis seconded. The motion was approved by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 08:41 hrs.

The next Fire Operations Subcommittee meeting is November 21, 2024 – 8:00 a.m. at DU-COMM.

Respectfully submitted,

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