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FIRE OPERATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE - Minutes

Thursday, January 18, 2023 – 09:00 Hours (after FSA meeting)

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

1. Call to Order

Chief Tanner called the meeting to order at 09:06 hours.

Chief Matt Beyer	Bloomington	Chief Andy Dina	Warrenville
Chief Rob Schultz	Carol Stream	Chief Patrick Tanner (Chair)	West Chicago
DD Jason Day	Carol Stream	Chief Robert Brill	Wheaton
Chief James Lahanis	Darien-Woodridge	DC Peter Vassios	Wheaton
DC Jamie Tunk	Darien-Woodridge	Chief Steve Evans	Winfield
Chief Spinazola	Downers Grove	Chief Rick Sanborn, Jr.	York Center
DC Steve Reynolds	Elmhurst	DC Bret Mowery	York Center
Chief Chris Clark	Glen Ellyn	Interim Director Jeanine Krull	DU-COMM (via zoom)
Chief Rich Cassady	Glenside	Acting DD Tyler Benjamin	DU-COMM
DC Jeff Buccola	Glenside	DD Matt Baarman	DU-COMM
Chief Eric Fors	Hanover Park	MIS Mgr. Scott Klein	DU-COMM
DC Steve Demas	Lisle-Woodridge	Training Coord. A. Schretter	DU-COMM
Chief Rick Sander	Lombard	OM Steve Pirog	DU-COMM
DC George Hyland	Lombard	Exec Sec. Christine Keifer	DU-COMM
Chief Mark Bozik	Roselle		

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes:

A. November 16, 2023

Chief Bozik made a motion to approve the November 16, 2023 minutes, and Chief Lahanis seconded. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

3. Peer Review

4. Reports

A. Staff

Interim Director Krull thanked fire members for sending photos for the website project. Acting DD Benjamin noted work with DuPage County Sheriff's Office continues, and he will attend the Hotel Active Threat Symposium on 01/26/24. Chief Bozik noted Tyler Benjamin was appointed Acting Deputy Director.

B. ETSB

DD Baarman noted the approval of the: Voiance renewal, Purvis for the Hanover Park Fire Station, and Motorola group messaging for mobiles. Chief Tanner noted the group messaging allows more flexibility with over the air instead of touching each radio.

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

D. Apparatus Changes

E. Committees

A. Fire Marshal Meeting – February 7, 2024

B. Fire Standardization Committee

Chief Spinazola noted the time for FSA meetings changed to 8:00 for the next several meetings, ahead of the Fire Operations Subcommittee, which will meet to 9:00. Today, FSA discussed some EFD definitions, and CAD codes definitions and reached agreement. Multiple items still need to be discussed after this meeting, for those that can stay. Chief Tanner noted these items relate to questions on new hire training. Training Coordinator Schretter noted FSA

discussed EFD definitions, the protocol used to process fire calls. For every major upgrade in the protocol, we must define, based on local authority, the definitions in the protocol. Will send the information to members today on the definitions, the FSA agreed upon, and the CAD codes, which impacts the response. The only change that impacts member responses is alarms at hotels and motels, which will change to Alarm FD/Multi family. Currently classified as Commercial. This change could impact members' responses. Will train new hires on the CAD code Alarm-FD/Multi family. Chief Tanner noted members need to review their responses and may need to update them. This code change will take effect next week. Chief Spinazola suggested members review their channel guides and advise DU-COMM, via a helpdesk ticket at help@ducomm.org to request changes before January 25th. Training Coord. Schretter noted adding the definition of Smoke Inside, which is light smoke, burnt food, odor smoke inside to the current process. Anything more to be coded as a Structure Fire. Other changes: HazMat Major is 55 gallon or more, and HazMat Minor is 55 gallons or less. Members asked to ensure their responses are appropriate. Members can always upgrade or downgrade responses over the radio, based on the caller information, and the TC will change the code and dispatch the needed response. Chief Tanner noted FSA meetings will resume.

6. Old Business

A. Radio Replacement

Chief Dina noted confusion about radio repairs, just submit a ZenDesk ticket. Chief Spinazola noted mobile rollout is longer than expected and noted changes to ZenDesk. Chief Dina noted if members have the new 8500 mobile radios that cut, submit a ZenDesk ticket with all the related details, so those issues can be tracked. The mobile radios are ready to be programmed with the third touch template, but waiting for the field reports on the new 8500 cutting out STARCOM when keyed up on VHF. Chief Spinazola noted a simple message on VHF FG will not cause STARCOM to bonk, but if transmitting on a VHF FG channel for a considerable amount of time, bonk occurs, per reported cases. He recommended members test all the 8500 radios by holding the VHF mic open for 15 seconds, or more, to determine if it cancels the signal to the STARCOM radios.

Chief Dina noted progress on the portable radios and our members should get their NFPA approval in April. Motorola agreed to make many of the critical changes we identified. Fire Focus to meet tomorrow morning and more info after meeting. The APXNextXE radios seem to work well, still waiting for the Harris NFPA radio.

Chief Tanner noted many examples of the 8500 failures and the rollout is stalled. The committee decided not to deploy many more 8500 until the issue is resolved by Motorola.

7. New Business

A. IAED – Local Fire Administration Definitions/Authorization (FSA recommendation)

B. Fire CAD codes Definitions (FSA recommendation)

C. Alarm CAD codes vs. EFD Options (FSA recommendation)

(Discussed under 5B)

Other Business

9. Adjournment

At 9:27 a.m. Chief Sander made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Chief Sanborn seconded. The motion was approved by voice vote. Meeting adjourned.

The next Fire Operations Subcommittee meeting is February 15, 2024 – 8:00 a.m. at DU-COMM.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Keifer

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