

# DU-COMM

## DuPage Public Safety Communications

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### FIRE OPERATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE - Minutes

Thursday, March 21, 2024 – 08:00 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

Acting Chief David Godek

Chief James Lahanis

DC Jamie Tunk

Chief Spinazola

Chief Chris Clark

Chief Eric Fors

Chief John Giannelli

DS Steve Demas

Chief Rick Sander

Chief Johnny Turkovich

Chief Mark Bozik

Bartlett

Clarendon Hills

Darien-Woodridge

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Downers Grove

Glen Ellyn

Hanover Park

Hinsdale

Lisle-Woodridge

Lombard

Oakbrook Terrace

Roselle

Chief Patrick Tanner (Chair)

DC Jeff Keefe

Chief Robert Brill

Chief Steve Evans

Chief Rick Sanborn, Jr.

Director Jessica Robb

Acting DD Tyler Benjamin

Acting TSM Erik Maplethorpe

MIS Mgr. Scott Klein

Training Coord. A. Schretter

Exec Sec. Kimberly Regalado

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#### 2. Approval of Meeting Minutes:

##### A. February 15, 2024

Chief Bozik made a motion to approve the February 15, 2024 minutes, and DC Keefe seconded. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

#### 3. Peer Review

Villa Park Peer Review scheduled for the Fire Operations meeting on April 18, 2024.

#### 4. Reports

##### A. Staff

Acting DD Benjamin noted Items will be discussed under old business.

##### B. ETSB

Chief Tanner reported he was at the ETSB meeting. There was a statement that 99% of the changes were going to be made in the April Motorola update. Until we see the update, we will not know. A question was asked regarding a policy on radio replacement. This was discussed; however, the policy will need to come from PAC to the Board. Chief Tanner stated a board member commented this was the first he has heard of this. There was a discussion at PAC. It was mentioned by ETSB Director Zerwin, it is something to start thinking about ten years out. It is possible the board will not replace the radios in ten years. The future board will need to make that decision or policy change. It was discussed ETSB should be at these meetings to answer questions. Director Robb stated she will encourage them to attend the subcommittee meetings. It was suggested they attend quarterly.

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

No information to report.

##### D. Apparatus Changes

No information to report. Important to notify of any changes because it affects DU-COMM and surrounding agencies.

#### 5. Committees

##### A. Fire Marshal Meeting – February 7, 2024 was cancelled.

Next meeting is scheduled May 1, 2024.

## B. Fire Standardization Committee

Chief Spinazola noted the committee discussed Chief Schultz's request to have more information on calls. The committee discussed Channel Guides- new vehicles and how it affects the CAD and your run orders. Chief Spinazola shared training sessions may be planned. The committee discussed ETSB standardization fire station alerting and potential of moving forward with PURVIS or not. Portable radios were discussed. Chief Spinazola asked any questions, none were asked.

## 6. Old Business

### A. Radio Replacement

Chief Tanner shared ETSB Director Zerwin stated if Agencies plan to bypass or do not use the hazard zone on the NFPA radio, they will need to sign documentation from the state's attorney. No timeline or date for update on when radios will be available. Chief Fors asked if it was possible to request the list to help us make the decision on what radio to request, or a presentation of radio items requested to be changed. Further discussion ensued regarding what the issues are and how they affect us. Information is needed to make an educated decision, requested Chief Dina, who is our representative attend to help answer these questions. Director Robb will ask Chief Dina for a demonstration at the next Fire Operations meeting. Chief Tanner has six sample radios if anyone wants to view.

### B. Fire Channel – Patch

Acting DDO Benjamin stated we are just past two weeks of the trial period. He provided a spreadsheet with the talk time comparison. The weekly talk time minutes on fire north was increased by 1900 talk time minutes, comparing with fire West the week before talk time minutes at 8900. This is a dramatic reduction in traffic on the Fire North and Fire West combination. There have been no complaints, just noted people have spoken over the tones. Acting DD Benjamin stated we have been in touch with Hanover Township to make sure the new method for them is working using lamResponding instead of tones. Acting DDO Benjamin asked for comments from the Chiefs. Consensus seems to be working. Encouraged Chiefs to reach out for any issues or concerns that arise. Director Robb shared the TCs want to observe the realignment in a storm or major event. Chief Clark stated possibly can't talk because someone is already talking, we need to reach out to members to see if they have experienced having to wait to talk. The talk time data cannot reflect if this is an issue. Discussion regarding the encouragement of using buttons, unless size up or anything needed to be relayed to TC directly. There is an opportunity for other agencies to do the same. Chief Tanner asked Consultant Krull for the next steps. Consultant Krull stated the Chiefs blessing is all that is needed. We have already begun the process of FCC licensing and looking at moving transmitters. Erik Maplethorpe advised he has started the licensing process and looking at what transmitters to replace moving forward. Discussion regarding if the final decision is to patch, we will not revert to Fire North/Fire West, we will keep as is until the final move is made. A question was raised about Glen Ellyn becoming Fire East, whether there be a 30-day test or will it be automatic. The answer is it will become automatic as there really is no way to test.

## 7. New Business

No new business.

## 8. Other Business

Chief Lahanis shared he received an email regarding problems Orland Park and Palos Heights' are experiencing with someone setting their tones off via a portable radio overnight. La Grange Park has also experienced this. Be aware whoever is driving around setting off tones, it affects pagers and e-dispatches. Chief Tanner stated typically older technology is affected by this, not StarComm.

## 9. Adjournment

At 8:32 a.m. DC Demas made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Chief Fors seconded. The motion was approved by voice vote. Meeting adjourned.

The next Fire Operations Subcommittee meeting is April 18, 2024 – 8:00 a.m. at DU-COMM.

Respectfully submitted,

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