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FIRE OPERATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE - Minutes

Thursday, April 18, 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 08:00 hours.

Chief Matt Beyer

DC Jason Day

Chief James Lahanis

DC Jamie Tunk

Chief Spinazola

Chief Chris Clark

Chief Rich Cassady

DC Jeff Buccola

Chief Eric Fors

DS Steve Demas

Chief Rick Sander

Chief Johnny Turkovich

Chief Mark Bozik

DC Brandon Mitsuka

Bloomingtondale

Carol Stream

Darien-Woodridge

Darien-Woodridge

Downers Grove

Glen Ellyn

Glenside

Glenside

Hanover Park

Lisle-Woodridge

Lombard

Oakbrook Terrace

Roselle

Villa Park

Chief Andy Dina

Chief Patrick Tanner (Chair)

Chief Steve Evans

Chief Rick Sanborn, Jr.

DC Bret Mowery

AC Tim Leidig

Director Jessica Robb

Consultant Krull (virtual)

DDO Tyler Benjamin

Acting TSM Erik Maplethorpe

MIS Mgr. Scott Klein

Exec Sec. Kimberly Regalado

Warrenville

West Chicago

Winfield

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2. Approval of Meeting Minutes:

A. March 21, 2024

Chief Bozik made a motion to approve the March 21, 2024 minutes, and Chief Lahanis seconded. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

3. Peer Review

A. 148 W Roosevelt Rd., Villa Park BOX/FIRE 03/05/2024@01:16:46

DC Mitsuka recapped the fire in a business closet that was extinguished by the sprinkler system. Onsite for an hour then called back to the location for a structure fire. Command elevated the fire to a box level. DU-COMM sent it to IFERN, but no one responded so Villa Park Fire remained on Fire East. DDO Benjamin stated DU-COMM's procedure is to switch to IFERN for box fires, but it may not always occur. Chief Lahanis asked if it is not a requirement to switch to IFERN why switch? Chief Spinazola stated if you are reaching out to agencies not in DU-COMM you need to switch to IFERN to communicate. Using ifern reduces the amount of talk time on the regular channel. The committee agreed to bring the topic to the Fire Standardization Committee for discussion.

Chief Fors noted there were multiple accidental emergency activations on the fire ground and DU-COMM TCs noted that ACDC was notifying us. DDO Benjamin stated we would not be aware of the activation if that channel is not one that DU-COMM monitors. Any channel on the TC's console will alarm when activated even if not a staffed channel.

4. Reports

A. Staff

DDO Benjamin thanked the agencies for their contributions for TC week. Topics in his report are discussed in new business.

B. ETSB

DDO Benjamin reported fire radios are still in development. Director Robb noted TCs were honored at the ETSB meeting.

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

No information to report.

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D. Apparatus Changes
No information to report.

5. Committees

A. Fire Standardization Committee

Chief Spinazola noted topics discussed were medical weight for pediatric patients, pronunciation of mutual aid towns, tones per CAD code, policies, radios, and Channel Guides. Chief Schultz had requested more information on their channel when enroute to a call. Reported TCs give more information, but not too much. The committee will monitor and discuss. Please voice your opinion on the PURVIS survey to be distributed soon for input on performance and likes and dislikes. A new subcommittee focused on station alerting standards may be organized.

6. Old Business

A. Radio Replacement

Chief Dina reported Motorola discovered the problem with mobile radios and is looking at how to fix it. No update on the portable radios. Chief Dina will ask at the PAC meeting, if an agency doesn't want an NFPA radio can they order the XEs now. ETSB will contact agencies when Motorola plans to demonstrate both portable radios.

7. New Business

A. Final approval of Fire Channel Realignment

Director Robb stated the 30-day trial period was met. The TC's concern was no major storms occurred during the trial period. Hanover Township was not toned during the trial period, and instead was notified via IamResponding. Hanover Township reported missed calls and notifications during the trial period. The committee agreed to tone Hanover Township on Fire North because they pay \$10,000 for a DU-COMM service and use their dedicated StarComm channel to communicate. If there is a conflict with our tones, it will need to be reviewed. Chief Fors noted the Hanover Township had reduced talk time on Fire North during the trial. A question of the gap of radio coverage in Glendale Heights and Acting TS Manager Maplethorpe stated the planned receiver at Cottage will help. Chief Fors noted when at St. Alexis StarComm was out of range on Fire North, while it had not been on Fire West. Chief Tanner suggested testing a radio with LTE built into it. A request to review the policy for subcommittee members by channel to maintain the members from Fire West. Fire West channel will remain licensed. Glen Ellyn still needs to be moved to Fire East.

Consultant Krull reported the transition will cost approximately \$50,000-\$100,000 to move the equipment with no cost to agencies or the budget because of a surplus due to open DU-COMM positions. Consultant Krull reported a 3–6-month time frame to complete the project. Fire Ops Committee approval is needed before moving to the Chiefs Operations Committee.

Chief Bozik made a motion to keep the realignment in place and Chief Lahanis seconded. The motion was approved by voice vote.

8. Other Business

It was noted four states (not Illinois) were not receiving 9-1-1 calls this morning.

Consultant Krull reminded the committee of the Strategic Plan meetings and the importance of their input.

9. Adjournment

At 8:32 a.m. Chief Evans made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Chief Lahanis seconded. The motion was approved by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 09:05 hrs.

The next Fire Operations Subcommittee meeting is May 16, 2024 – 8:00 a.m. at DU-COMM.

Respectfully submitted,
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