

DU-COMM

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FIRE OPERATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE NOTES

Thursday, April 16, 2026 – 8:00 Hours

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

1. Call to Order

Chief Fors called the meeting to order at 08:00 hours.

Chief Matthew Beyer	Bloomingtondale	DC Brandon Mitsuka	Villa Park
Chief Rob Schultz	Carol Stream	DC Frank Reposh	Villa Park
Chief Dave Godek	Clarendon Hills	Chief Jeffery Keefe	West Chicago
Chief James Lahanis	Darien-Woodridge	DC Ric Ciszewski	West Chicago
DC Rob Pekelder	Downers Grove	Chief Robert Brill	Wheaton
DC Steve Reynolds	Elmhurst	Chief Steve Evans	Winfield
Chief Chris Clark	Glen Ellyn	DC Tim Roman	Winfield
Chief Rich Cassady	Glenside	Chief Rick Sanborn, Jr.	York Center
DC Jeff Buccola	Glenside	DC Bret Mowery	York Center
Chief Eric Fors (Chair)	Hanover Park	AC Tim Leidig	York Center
DC George Hyland	Lombard		
BC Jeff Marciniak	Oak Brook (arrive 8:15)		

Absent: Chief William Gabrenya – Bartlett; Chief J. Pindelski – Hinsdale; Chief Keith Krestan – Lisle-Woodridge; Chief Johnny Turkovich – Oakbrook Terrace; Chief Tim Smeltzer – Roselle; Chief Kevin O'Hare – Warrenville

Staff: Director Jessica Robb; Deputy Director Tyler Benjamin (virtual), SMO Steve Pirog, Training Manager Amanda Schretter, QA Manager Ryan Miller, MIS Manager Eric Roberts, OM Donna Napier, Executive Secretary Kim Regalado, Administrative Assistant Kathie Grage

Guests: ETSB Executive Director Linda Zerwin; ETSB Deputy Director Gregg Taormina; ETSB Deputy Director Nate Krause

2. Approval of Meeting Notes:

A. February 19, 2025

Chief Keefe made a motion to approve the February 19, 2025 notes, and Chief Lahanis seconded. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

3. Peer Review

- None

4. Report

A. ETSB

ETSB members noted

- Summary of topics discussed in the recent podcast, including invoice processes and Command Central Aware.
- A Monday.com application was released for agency review and completion.
- Purvis system updates scheduled for April 20 (MPS update/outage for 30–45 minutes) and April 21 (Purvis update/outage approx. 15 minutes). These updates will trigger message board updates at all stations.
- Departments have reported failures in leather radio holsters. Alternative plastic-style holders may be available for replacement; ETSB requests that failed leather holsters be turned in.
- Portable radio update reminder: Radios should be powered on routinely, especially reserve or unused radios, as updates may take over 24 hours to complete.

- Mobile radios: encryption must be finalized for police before mobile programming can proceed. Agencies should also locate/submit invoices for installation of 8500 radios, as reimbursement may be possible.
- Vehicles arriving soon should have tickets submitted for appropriate installation scheduling. Agencies are advised **not** to move 8500/7500 radios into new vehicles due to equipment sizing differences.

B. Staff

Director Robb reported

- Pediatric weight directive: DU-COMM appealed the requirement for telecommunicators to gather pediatric weights during EMD for ages 14 and under due to system limitations. Weight will continue to be gathered when requested by responding companies but cannot be standardized within EMD protocols at this time.
- CAD mental health/Protocol 41 review: DU-COMM, ACDC, and ETSB met regarding mental health incident types and 988 integration. This was the first of several planned meetings ahead of 988 partnership launch.
- Next Region 8 Advisory Committee meeting scheduled for 1:30 p.m. the same day.

C. MABAS Divisions (1, 2, 10, 12, 13, 16)

- No updates.

5. Committees

A. Fire Standardization Committee

- Meeting is scheduled after the current meeting.
- Agenda includes IC announcing changes to radio frequencies and CAD type standardization for mutual/auto aid to improve consistency across agencies.

B. Fire Focus

- A meeting is being planned for the second week of May to review mobile radio programming. Sample units should be available for evaluation.
- Discussion will include:
 - Minimum volume levels for portables.
 - Emergency button operation in the new portable radios (noting differences from prior models).

6. Old Business

A. Mayday Checklist

- The Mayday policy was approved last month.
- The updated checklist for telecommunicators has now been formatted and posted, reflecting the policy. No approval needed; informational only.

7. New Business

A. 2026 Board-Up Applications Review

- Several companies with long-standing participation missed deadlines; legal guidance was obtained. Options were discussed:
 1. Proceed with existing submitted list.
 2. Reopen applications for 21–30 days and merge submissions.
 3. Return all applications and require each department to create its own list.
- Concerns raised regarding fairness to companies that submitted on time.
- After discussion, a hand vote indicated no majority support for reopening the application process. The committee will proceed by reviewing only the applications submitted within the deadline.
- Deputy Director Benjamin recommended a cap of ten companies.
- The Board-Up list is provided as an option; some agencies use specific companies only.
- Subcommittee formed to review applications: Chief Brill, Chief Spinazola, and DC Mowry
- Subcommittee will bring recommendations in June. The Fire Ops Subcommittee will submit a recommended list for approval, with final authorization by Director Robb.

8. Other Business

A. Shoring Services Discussion

- Several board-up companies list “shoring” as an offered service, but capabilities vary and are not well defined.
- The committee expressed interest in developing:
 - A questionnaire to clarify shoring capabilities.
 - Potential separation of shoring from board-up lists.
 - Better comparability of services offered.
- Subcommittee and staff will gather more information and return with recommendations.

B. Appreciation was expressed for TC Week recognition efforts.

9. Adjournment

Chief Brill made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Chief Lahanis seconded. The motion was approved by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 08:31 hrs.

The next Fire Operations Subcommittee meeting is June 18, 2026 – 8:00 a.m. at DU-COMM.

Respectfully submitted,

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