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FIRE OPERATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE - Minutes

Thursday, May 16, 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 08:04 hours.

Chief Matt Beyer
DC Jason Day
Chief James Lahanis
DC Jamie Tunk
Chief Scott Spinazola
Chief Richard Dufort
Chief Chris Clark
Chief Rich Cassady
DC Jeff Buccola
Chief Eric Fors
Interim Chief J. Pindelski
Chief Keith Krestan
DC George Hyland
Chief Kevin Fleege
Chief Johnny Turkovich

Bloomingtondale
Carol Stream
Darien-Woodridge
Darien-Woodridge
Downers Grove
Elmhurst
Glen Ellyn
Glenside
Glenside
Hanover Park
Hinsdale
Lisle-Woodridge
Lombard
Oak Brook
Oakbrook Terrace

Chief Andy Dina
Chief Patrick Tanner (Chair)
DC Jeff Keefe
Chief Rob Brill
DC Pete Vassios
Chief Steve Evans
Chief Rick Sanborn, Jr.
DC Bret Mowery
AC Tim Leidig
Director Jessica Robb
Consultant Jeanine Krull (virtual)
DDO Tyler Benjamin
Acting TSM Erik Maplethorpe
MIS Mgr. Scott Klein
Training Co. Amanda Schretter
Exec Sec. Kimberly Regalado

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Absent: Chief William Gabrenya – Bartlett; AC David Godek – Clarendon Hills; Chief Mark Bozik – Roselle; Chief Steve Stapleton - Villa Park

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes:

A. April 18, 2024-minutes correction made 6.A. XE not XP

Chief Lahanis made a motion to approve the April 18, 2024 minutes, and Chief Fors seconded. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

3. Peer Review

None.

4. Reports

A. Staff

DDO Benjamin reported the DPSO cutover is complete including phones. He thanked everyone for their support regarding the loss of TC Kirsten Monigold. Training Coordinator Schretter will begin training new hires on June 3.

B. ETSB

Chief Dina reported ETSB recognized a Wall of Life dispatcher, two fire focus group members accepted on the NFPA (National Fire Protection Association) committee, and the retiring ACDC supervisor. HB 4339 (live data feeds for media) has been tabled by the state, but it can resurface. Encryption is 30 weeks out due to the delivery of consoles for the dispatch center. A portable fire radio meeting is scheduled for May 20th at 1:00pm at the County. Every agency (six at a time) will receive two XN (NFPA standard radio, one with hazard zone and one without) and one XE model to try out for one week to decide. The Fire Focus group created the radio testing schedule. The requested changes will be shared at the 5/20 meeting. Chief Tanner recommends asking ETSB if they will have 22 radios programmed differently if all choose the non NFPA radio. Motorola has not fixed VHF cancelling out StarComm transmissions on mobile radios.

Director Robb reported the Encryption meeting was held yesterday 5/15. The meeting was primarily police driven with the ETSB PAC present. The plan is to have Fire and Police able to work together on a dedicated encrypted channel. Fire will

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have access to police dispatch channels. Consoles have been purchased for the dispatch center with a roll out in 30 weeks. The encryption roll out plan has not been shared yet. Police want their main channels encrypted also.

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

Chief Tanner reported for Mabas13 some tri-com training channels will be added to the template.

D. Apparatus Changes

Chief Spinazola reported Downers Grove added a new Deputy Chief #104.

5. Committees

A. Fire Standardization Committee

Chief Spinazola discussed correcting pronunciation of mutual aid towns - Samantha says Da for Darin-Woodridge and Lee for Lisle-Woodridge. Tones per CAD code was discussed. The Purvis Subcommittee for ETSB standardization is looking for additional members. The subcommittee will be reviewing to stay with Purvis, upgrade, or look for an alternative station alerting system. A NPS (National Park Service) update was tested yesterday. There are five to six departments looking at upgrade to NPS. Chief Tanner noted agency representation on the standardization committee needs to be discussed due to the channel realignment.

6. Old Business

A. Radio Replacement

Discussed earlier at 4.B.

B. Fire Realignment

Acting Technical Services Manager Maplethorpe has identified the next steps for the Fire Realignment project. 1. move Glen Ellyn to Fire East 2. move West transmitters to North. FCC Licensing has been completed for both moves. He will review the plan with ETSB, DU-COMM and Fire. Consultant Krull noted the project will be man hours with no additional budget items. The talk service hole near Glenside has been addressed by keeping a Fire North receiver and a Fire East Transmitter at that site. MIS Manager Klien will begin work on the CAD system merging the channels.

7. New Business

None.

8. Other Business

Training Coordinator Schretter asked agencies to email PublicEducation@ducomm.org after August 6 National Night Out if they would like DU-COMM to attend their Open Houses in the fall.

9. Adjournment

Chief Krestan made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Chief Sanborn Jr. seconded. The motion was approved by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 08:33 hrs.

The next Fire Operations Subcommittee meeting is June 20, 2024 – 8:00 a.m. at DU-COMM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Regalado

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