

# DU-COMM

## DuPage Public Safety Communications

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### FIRE OPERATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE - Minutes

Friday, August 9, 2024 – 10:00 Hours

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

#### 1. Call to Order

Chief Tanner called the meeting to order at 10:01 hours.

DC Brian Becker	Bartlett	BC Dave Kaczmarczyk	Oak Brook
Chief Matt Beyer	Bloomingtondale	Chief Mark Bozik	Roselle
Chief Rob Schultz	Carol Stream	DC Brandon Mitsuka	Villa Park
Acting Chief David Godek	Clarendon Hills	Chief Patrick Tanner (Chair)	West Chicago
Chief James Lahanis	Darien-Woodridge	Chief Rob Brill	Wheaton
DC Jamie Tunk	Darien-Woodridge	DC Pete Vassios	Wheaton
Chief Scott Spinazola	Downers Grove	Chief Steve Evans	Winfield
Lt. Steve Reynolds	Elmhurst	Chief Rick Sanborn, Jr.	York Center
Chief Chris Clark (arrive 10:05)	Glen Ellyn	DC Bret Mowery	York Center
DC Jeff Buccola	Glenside	AC Tim Leidig	York Center
Chief Eric Fors	Hanover Park		
Chief Keith Krestan	Lisle-Woodridge		
DC Scott Gray	Lisle-Woodridge		

Absent: Chief J. Pindelski – Hinsdale; Chief Rick Sander – Lombard; Chief Johnny Turkovich – Oakbrook Terrace; Chief Andy Dina – Warrenville

Staff: Director Jesscia Robb, Consultant Krull (virtual); DD Tyler Benjamin, Training Manager Amanda Schretter; Acting Technical Services Manager Erik Maplethorpe, MIS Manager Scott Klein, Executive Secretary Kim Regalado

#### 2. Approval of Meeting Minutes:

##### A. June 20, 2024

Chief Lahanis made a motion to approve the June 20, 2024 minutes, and Chief Spinazola seconded. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

#### 3. Peer Review

- None.

#### 4. Reports

##### A. Staff

Director Robb reported:

- The HR manager is in the final stages of the hiring process and should begin the end of August.
- Acting Technical Services Manager Maplethorpe has been promoted to Technical Services Manager, effective August 11th.
- The Mobile Stroke Unit agreement with Northwestern has been finalized at \$60 a call for DU-COMM Agencies and \$70 for outside.
- Information on the Strategic Plan / Healthy Dispatcher will be included in the Chief Ops packet.
- Fulton Automated Sirens are ready, but DU-COMM wants to test in another real storm situation. It alarms when a tornado is present, and an area may hear multiple activations. DU-COMM asks agencies to reshare on their social media there is not an all-clear siren to educate the communities. Chief Bozik asked for a link to be shared with Fire Ops.

##### B. ETSB

- Chief Tanner noted the agenda and minutes are available for review.

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The Committee discussed:

- 8500 mobile radios and potential solutions. ETSB DD Matt Theusch will have a webcast with more information.
- The phone system cutover date is October 22nd, which will also implement Next Generation 9-1-1 and text-to-9-1-1 capabilities. Calls will route to the correct PSAP based on actual location of the cellular phone.
- Chief Andy Dina – Warrenville FPD resigned from the PAC, and Chief Chris Clark -Glen Ellyn Fire Co. has been nominated as his replacement for the term of the position.
- Chief Colin Fleury - West Chicago PD will replace Chief Rivas for the police seat who also resigned for his term.

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

- The DNC (Democratic National Convention) will be discussed in Other Business.

## D. Apparatus Changes

- Hanover Park has a new station.
- Winfield will have a new station in the next six months.

## 5. Committees

### A. Fire Standardization Committee

Chief Spinazola noted:

- The meeting today will discuss- structural fire benchmarks and IFERN concerns, talk group naming status and operational channel naming.
- Please complete the PURVIS survey.

## 6. Old Business

### A. Coroner Notifications Without EMS Response

DD Benjamin reported:

- Dr. Graham confirmed calls for a hospice patient that has passed away can go directly to the coroner if requested. The Written Directive will be updated and shared next month.

### B. Annual Board-Up List

- Chief Evans reported all companies were approved.
- A complaint process will be created, and the Written Directive will be reviewed.

Chief Sanborn Jr. made a motion to approve the Board-Up List as presented at the June meeting, and Chief Evans seconded. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

## 7. New Business

### A. Week of July 14th

Director Robb noted:

- Review of the week of July 14th, when severe weather caused several incidents, including power outages and communication disruptions.
  - On July 13 STARCOM experienced a Failsoft scenario due to a hardware failure at the Lisle Tollway Tower. Agencies were moved to backup channels. The STARCOM equipment is owned and maintained by Motorola, and they replaced the faulty equipment.
  - On July 14 at 9AM a lightning strike knocked out the equipment at Fire South and was fully repaired by 4PM. Grounding has been improved at that location.
  - On July 15 a storm took out power at the Lisle Tollway Tower and the generator failed to start. Failsoft event occurred again when the batteries died. Motorola waited until the storm cleared and the generator switch was repaired. Police were able to communicate via radio as usual due to their new LTE radios. Fire was moved to VHF.
- Discussion concerning radios down and the need to switch to VHF will move to Fire Standardization.
- Discussion on the CrowdStrike incident on July 19th, which caused machines to crash. MIS Manager Klein noted at 2AM a fix came through and was shared with ETSB. Servers were fully recovered by 6AM. Will review disaster recovery measures.

### B. Channel Renaming FD Ops Channels

DD Benjamin opened discussion on:

- The channel renaming of the Ops channels. Two options were presented, and option one was approved. Give every channel three Ops channels instead of two (East 1, 2, 3; North 1, 2, 3; South 1, 2, 3)

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- Our channel naming does not impact ACDC.
- Fire needs to be able to hear their Police channels.
- Acting Technical Services Manager Maplethorpe noted the importance of having VHF in your radio.

Chief Lahanis made a motion to approve Option 1 as presented, and Chief Krestan seconded. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

## 8. Other Business

- Discussion on the DNC and the need for coordination between MABAS divisions regarding resource allocation.
- Chief Sanborn inquired about issues with the GPS - MPS software. Chief Fors and Chief Tanner noted the mapping does not function correctly, so they do not rely on it.

## 9. Adjournment

Chief Lahanis made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Chief Krestan seconded. The motion was approved by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 09:28 hrs.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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