

DU-COMM - Police Operations Subcommittee – Meeting Notes

Wednesday, March 27, 2024 - 13:30 – **No Quorum**

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

In Attendance:

Bartlett	Cmdr. Tom Alagna	Willowbrook	Chief L. Kasper (Chair)
Clarendon Hills	Chief Ed Leinweber	DU-COMM	Director Jessica Robb
Darien	Chief Greg Thomas	DU-COMM	Consultant J. Krull (virtual)
Downers Grove	Sgt Andrew Blaylock	DU-COMM	MIS Manager S. Klien
Hanover Park	Sgt. Todd Carlson	DU-COMM	Acting TS Manager Maplethorpe
Hinsdale	Sgt. Louis Hayes	DU-COMM	Train. Coord. A. Schretter
Roselle	DC Rachel Bata	DU-COMM	Ops Mgr. J. Bucher
West Chicago	Chief Colin Fleury	DU-COMM	Exec. Secretary K. Regalado

1. Call to Order

Chief Kaspar called the meeting to order at 1330 hrs.

No Quorum

2. Approval of Meeting Notes

A. January 24, 2024

Chief Fleury made a motion to approve the January 24, 2024 meeting notes, and Chief Thomas seconded. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

3. Staff Reports:

Discussed in Old and New Business.

4. Old Business:

A. Mental Health Legislation – CESSA

Director Robb shared CESSA (Community Emergency Services and Support Act) may be pushed out another year. Public education is the focus. DuPage County is fortunate to have great 24/7 mental health resources. The 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline campaign can be added to websites.

B. DPSO membership

Director Robb shared work is being completed for phones, radio, and CAD systems for the May 1 cutover. Chief Kaspar questioned the uptake of activity in an unincorporated area surrounded by Willowbrook, Darien and Burr Ridge and will there be a mutual aid plan if there is a major incident. Consultant Krull noted to request information from the Sheriff's Office concerning this question. Consultant Krull stated DU-COMM TCs will not self-dispatch for unincorporated areas, the Sheriff's Office must request assistance. Director Robb shared DU-COMM is staffed to cover one Sheriff's radio channel DPSO F1. The request was for two radio channels, which can be covered in approximately 18 months.

5. New Business

A. Saturation/Special Details

Director Robb shared the Union requests prior notification for the need of tactical channels. For officer safety prior notification, when possible, aids in having radio coverage for high-risk larger scale situations. Operations Manager Bucher shared an example needing prior notification as PD serving a search warrant with an ambulance staged, SWAT team, etc. Director Krull reminded PD to switch over to a monitored channel to request assistance, if communicating on a tactical channel.

Director Robb shared Sgt. Hayes' team shares weekly saturation information: what channel, how long, a 205. DU-COMM wants to know the officers' location to be able to send assistance if

needed. DU-COMM requests 72 hours' notice or more if possible. Training Coordinator Schretter shared if PD is at a shared address not on ticket, we know where they are without needing to pull up a GPS location. She also reminded PD of radio etiquette (waiting for acknowledgement, double phrasing locations and plates) to help new trainees.

B. Fire Channel realignment

Acting Technical Services Manager Mablethorpe shared the realignment has good reviews from the Fire Chiefs. Director Robb received feedback from Chief Schultz that an apartment building fire worked seamlessly on the realigned channel. Consultant Krull reminded all that Hanover Park and Bartlett are on Fire North because Fire West is not active. DU-COMM will review the radio traffic data for the 30-day trial to see if the realignment is feasible.

C. Command Central

Director Robb shared the APX NEXT radios have a GPS tracker. Every TC can view a mapping of the radio's location. The tracker updates every three seconds. It is helpful if the officer is out of the vehicle, unable to communicate, or out of radio range. Consultant Krull shared an example of ACDC having an officer on foot pursuit and in an unfamiliar area and the TC was able to use Command Central for the officer. Operations Manager Bucher shared the new system maps all of DuPage with every radio named.

D. Real Time Crime Center (RTCC)

Sgt. Hayes shared Hinsdale, Oakbrook, and Bensenville have physical workstations, and additional agencies have virtual locations. The RTCC collects information from real time phone pings, cameras, data from sensors, and license plate readers. The Real Time operator uses the call sign 99 (Henry99, King99, etc.). Fusus is the software program used. The RTCC invites other agencies to man the desk. Some dispatch centers have requested training. The strategy is to reduce the number of maps viewed. Chief Kaspar shared Willowbrook's CSO (Community Service Officer) has trained at the Oakbrook RTCC. It is a value for saturation patrols and data all have access to but in different areas. Sgt. Hayes shared County Board attends RTCC briefings. Sgt. Hayes stated RTCC can easily scale to county wide, individual jurisdictions, or dispatch centers. Chief Kasper stated prior discussions to have RTCC housed at DU-COMM with agency staffing. Director Robb shared in her experience RTCC works and has value and it's not off the table. OHM has offered to house in their part of the building and host officers to work the RTCC. Director Robb shared the need to discuss this further and have more input from member agencies.

6. Other Business

None

7. Adjournment

At 1402 hrs. Chief Thomas made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Chief Fleury seconded. The motion was approved by voice vote. Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting: May 22, 2024 at 13:30.

Respectfully submitted,

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