

Lake County Illinois

Lake Consolidated Emergency Communications (LakeComm)



Meeting Minutes - Final

Wednesday, November 6, 2024

1:00 PM

Public Works Conference Room
648 W. Winchester Road Libertyville, IL

LakeComm Fire/EMS Chiefs Advisory Committee

PUBLIC COMMENT: The public will be afforded time to comment on matters related to the business of the Board.

Public comments will be presented at the beginning of the meeting under "Public Comment." A total of 30 minutes will be permitted for the Public Comment and no more than three minutes per Comment.

Individuals providing Public Comment will be recorded and will provide the following Information:

- * Name (Required)
- * Topic or Agenda Item # (Required)
- * Organization represented. (Required - If representing yourself, put "Self")
- * Street Address (Optional)
- * City, State (Optional)
- * Phone (Optional)

1. **Call to Order**

• **Pledge of Allegiance**

Chair Chief Lescher called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. **Roll Call of Members**

Chair Chief Lescher did a roll call of members:

Members present:

First Fire Protection District of Antioch: Jon Cokefair, Chief

Greater Round Lake Fire Protection District: Eric Hair, Deputy Chief

Fox Lake Fire Protection District: Ed Lescher, Chief - Committee Chair

Lake Zurich Fire Department: David Pilgard, Chief

Wauconda Fire Protection District: Patrick Kane, Chief

Mundelein Fire Department: Bill Lark, Chief

Gurnee Fire Department: John Kavanagh, Chief

Newport Fire Protection District: Tom Flader, Captain

Zion Fire Department: Justin Stried, Chief

Countryside Fire Protection District: Chuck Smith, Chief

Not in attendance:

Beach Park Fire Protection District

Lake Villa Fire Protection District

North Chicago Fire Department

Other Attendees:

Chas Buschick, Wauconda FPD, Deputy Chief

Jason Seeley, Mundelein Police, Chief

Jeff Giacinto, Wauconda

Kevin Timony, Vernon Hills - LakeComm Chair

Kristy Eckles, Countryside FPD

Lindsay Szafran, FoxComm

Michael Sheedy, Winthrop Harbor

Mike Davalle, Wauconda

Nichol Whitfield, CenCom

Steven Winnecke, LCETSB

Taryn Sofie, CenCom

3. **Approval of Minutes**

3.1 **24-1544**

Committee action approving the LakeComm Fire/EMS Chiefs Advisory Committee minutes from October 2, 2024.

Attachments: [LakeComm Fire EMS Advisory 10.2.24 Final Minutes](#)

A motion was made by Member Kane, seconded by Member Smith, that these minutes be approved. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

4. Public Comment

There were no comments from the public.

5. Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business to discuss.

6. New Business

6.1 [24-1541](#)

Transition Manager Update.

LakeComm Member Board Chair Kevin Timony gave a brief update on the status of the Executive Director search.

6.2 [24-1542](#)

Discussion on Scope of Services.

Attachments: [LakeComm Core Functions 10.23.2024](#)

Core Functions

- *MABAS Dispatching – check off the list*
- *EMD/EFD – check off the list*
- *Fire Alarm Monitoring – check off the list*
- *Outside Agency Calls –*
 - o *Inspector’s Group will handle policy/vetting/board up list*
 - o *Lakecomm will have call list for private ambulances/utilities/etc*
- *Outdoor Warning Sirens – Investigating 3rd party application to merge existing outdoor warning sirens. Please check and report back if your owned sirens can be converted to cellular if possible.*
- *Staff Notifications*
 - o *USDD and CAD can handle administrative messages*
 - o *CAD also can notify Chiefs but is sometimes blocked as SPAM by cellular provider. D/C Buschick working with Steve W. on plan*
- *Station alerting while CAD is offline – Problem solved – CAD has an offline mode*
- *Edispatch/Active 911 – Remove from list – Interfaces are in place, it is each agencies responsibility to subscribe and pay if they want*
- *Storm/Heavy Call Volume*
 - o *CAD can handle holding calls in Storm Mode*
 - o *Will need to work with new ED on policies related to alternate channels/frequencies*
- *Data Collection and Sharing – Remove from list – will need to discuss with new ED data needs, but systems are capable of producing reports*
- *CAD dump to RMS – remove from list – CAD does this*
- *Fireground Radio Frequency Monitoring – will likely need to be a local investment if you want to record VHF fireground traffic. Lakecomm will not be able to hear low watt frequencies throughout county. Starcom tactical channels a possibility but not industry best practice.*
- *Radio Emergency Button – Jeff Giacinto will research the “revert” function of new Motorola radios to determine if there is a way that local IC and Lakecomm would be*

notified simultaneously of an emergency button press

6.3 [24-1543](#)

Discussion on Talk Groups.

Attachments: [LakeComm Primary Talkgroups 10.31.2024](#)

Talkgroups

- *Everyone seems to be in good shape with the talk groups as presented. May be able to get most agencies on StarComm by July 1, 2025. Still working on possibilities if a few agencies do not switch to StarComm. The dispatch counsels will be able to handle 2 different VHF channels on the same counsel if needed.*
- *Beach Park just got 6 additional portables through the Lake County ETSB grant that they missed out on*
- *Newport may be interested in some single band, EOL Starcom (I think the Motorola XTS6000 portables) radios from law enforcement if there are any available, to possibly provide to WI mutual aid departments...otherwise IFERN is the option for WI to communicate with Lakecomm.*

A motion was made by Member Kane, seconded by Member Cokefair, to accept the talkgroups as presented. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

7. Member Remarks

There were no Member remarks.

8. Adjournment

Chair Chief Lescher adjourned the meeting at 2:00 p.m.

Next Regular Meeting: December 4, 2024 at the Public Works conference room.