

**Lake Consolidated Emergency Communications (LakeComm)**



**LakeComm Fire/EMS Chiefs Advisory Committee**

**Agenda Report - FINAL**

**Wednesday, February 5, 2025**

**1:00 PM**

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

**1. Call to Order**

- Pledge of Allegiance

**2. Roll Call of Members**

**3. Approval of Minutes**

- 3.1.** Committee action approving the LakeComm Fire/EMS Chiefs Advisory minutes from December 4, 2024.

***Attachments:*** LakeComm Fire EMS Advisory 12.4.24 Final Minutes (pg. 3)

**4. Public Comment**

**5. Unfinished Business**

- 5.1.** Continued Discussion on Core Functions.

**6. New Business**

- 6.1.** Executive Director Updates.

**7. Member Remarks**

**8. Adjournment**

**Next Regular Meeting: March 5, 2025 at the Public Works Conference Room 648 W. Winchester Road Libertyville, IL**

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**LakeComm Fire/EMS Chiefs Advisory Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes - FINAL**

**Wednesday, December 4, 2024**

**1:00 PM**

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

## 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:*

*Countryside Fire Protection District: Chuck Smith, Chief*

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

*Greater Round Lake Fire Protection District: Joe Krueger, Deputy Chief*

*Gurnee Fire Department: John Kavanagh, Chief*

*Lake Zurich Fire Department: David Pilgard, Chief*

*Mundelein Fire Department: Bill Lark, Chief*

*Newport Fire Protection District: Mark Kirschoffer, Chief*

*North Chicago Fire Department: Thomas Deinken, Battalion Chief*

*Wauconda Fire Protection District: Chas Buschick, Deputy Chief*

*Not in attendance:*

*First Fire Protection District of Antioch*

*Beach Park Fire Protection District*

*Lake Villa Fire Protection District*

*Zion Fire Department*

*Other Attendees:*

*Eric Hair, Greater Round Lake FPD, Deputy Chief*

*Kevin Hunter, Lake County Board Member*

*Lindsay Szafran, FoxComm*

*Michael Sheedy, Winthrop Harbor*

*Steven Winnecke, LCETSB*

## 3. Approval of Minutes

- 3.1.** Committee action approving the LakeComm Fire/EMS Chiefs Advisory minutes from November 6, 2024.

***Attachments:*** LakeComm Fire EMS Advisory 11.6.24 Final Minutes (pg. 3)

**A motion was made by Member Pilgard, seconded by Member Buschick, 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**

**5.1. Discussion on Scope of Services**

***Attachments:*** LakeComm Core Functions 10.23.24 (pg. 8)

Continued discussions. An updated list is attached. Need to work with the new LakeComm Executive Director for finalizing some functions.

**6. New Business**

*There was no new business.*

**7. Member Remarks**

*There were no Member remarks.*

**8. Adjournment**

**A motion was made by Member Lark, seconded by Member Kirschhoffer, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Chair Chief Lescher adjourned the meeting at 1:30 p.m.**

**Next Regular Meeting: TBD**

## Lakecomm Fire Chief's Working Group

### Meeting to Discuss Core Functions

12/04/2024

#### Core Functions Identified

- ~~MABAS Dispatching~~ – Take off list, will be handled by LakeComm.
- ~~EMD/EFD~~ – check off the list
- ~~Fire Alarm Monitoring~~ – check off the list
- ~~Outside Agency Calls~~ –
  - ~~Inspector's Group will handle policy/vetting/board up list~~
  - ~~Lakecomm will have call list for private ambulances/utilities/etc~~
- Outdoor Warning Sirens – Steve W from ETSB is exploring options that will work within the center. OptiWarn and WeatherWarn are possibilities. Please forward needed information to Steve W. – Make, Model, Type (mechanical or electronic), and Quantity.
- Staff Notifications
  - ~~USDD and CAD can handle administrative messages~~
  - CAD also can notify Chiefs but is sometimes blocked as SPAM by cellular provider. D/C Buschick working with Steve W. on plan. D/C Buschick still working on options to share with new E.D. – CAD option seems a little unreliable.
- ~~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
  - CAD can handle holding calls in Storm Mode
  - Will need to work with new ED on policies related to alternate channels/frequencies NO UPDATE
- ~~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. UPDATE – possible way LakeComm can monitor using existing networks per 1401.

- 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. NO UPDATE