

**Lake Consolidated Emergency Communications (LakeComm)**



**LakeComm Fire/EMS Chiefs Advisory Committee**

**Minutes - 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

*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:*

*First Fire Protection District of Antioch: Jon Cokefair, Chief  
Countryside Fire Protection District: Chuck Smith, Chief  
Fox Lake Fire Protection District: Ed Lescher, Chief - Committee Chair  
Greater Round Lake Fire Protection District: Eric Hair, Deputy Chief  
Gurnee Fire Department: John Kavanagh, Chief  
Lake Villa Fire Protection District: Doug Slazes, 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: John Umek, Chief  
Wauconda Fire Protection District: Chas Buschick, Deputy Chief  
Zion Fire Department: Justin Stried, Chief*

*Not in attendance:*

*Beach Park Fire Protection District*

*Other attendees:*

*Anne Harper, Lake Zurich  
Dave Dato, LC ETSB  
Greg Formica, Greater Round Lake FPD, Chief  
Heather Cippola, Lake Zurich  
Jason Kern, LakeComm Executive Director  
Jeff Giacinto, Wauconda  
Joe Krueger, Greater Round Lake FPD  
Lindsay Szafran, FoxComm  
Mike Brown, Lincolnshire-Riverwoods FPD  
Nichol Whitfield, CenCom  
Steven Winnecke, LC ETSB  
Taryn Sofie, CenCom*

### 3. Approval of Minutes

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

**A motion was made by Member Slazes, seconded by Member Cokefair, 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. Continued Discussion on Core Functions.

**Attachments:** LakeComm Core Functions 2.05.2025

*Discussion continued on core functions. See attached updated report.*

### 6. New Business

- 6.1. Executive Director Updates.

*LakeComm Executive Director Jason Kern gave the following updates:*

- *The ROC building is progressing well.*
- *Looking for a March/April for the tech to be completed in the building.*
- *PSAP Managers' meetings are going well and will continue to meet as needed.*
- *Looking for a Fire Chief to become a part of ICLCC*
  - *Chief Kavanagh volunteered.*

### 7. Member Remarks

*LCETSB Chair Dave Dato spoke about the need to work together while programming and naming StarCom channels and having a Fire Chief on ICLCC to keep everyone on the same page. There is already a template designed that we could follow.*

### 8. Adjournment

**A motion was made by Member Lark, seconded by Member Slazes, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Chair Chief Lescher adjourned the meeting at 1:40 p.m.**

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

## Lakecomm Fire Chief's Working Group

### Meeting to Discuss Core Functions

2/05/2025

#### Core Functions Still being worked on

- MABAS Dispatching- Will be handled by LakeComm-~~Still need to figure out the radio network~~
- Fire Alarm Monitoring – ~~Will need a meeting with vendors~~
- Outside Agency Calls –
  - Inspector's Group will handle policy/vetting/board up list-~~Inspector Group will need to present their proposed policy to the Chief's group for final approval. ED Kern has a sample policy.~~
  - ~~Lakecomm will have call list for private ambulances/utilities/etc~~
- Outdoor Warning Sirens – ~~Waiting on quotes to make sure all sirens will be able to be activated.~~
- Staff Notifications
  - ~~USDD and CAD can handle administrative messages~~
  - ~~CAD also can notify Chiefs. Still need a better solution.~~
- 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. Possibly need to re-work your responses in CAD to have a storm response.~~
- 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 –~~Does not seem probable that local IC and Lakecomm would be notified simultaneously of an emergency button press. Need to develop a policy on who will be monitoring.~~