

Lake Consolidated Emergency Communications (LakeComm)



LakeComm Fire/EMS Chiefs Advisory Committee

Minutes - FINAL

Wednesday, June 4, 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.

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: Greg Formica, 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 Kirschhoffer, 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:

First Fire Protection District of Antioch

Beach Park Fire Protection District

3. Approval of Minutes

- 3.1.** Committee action approving the LakeComm Fire/EMS Chiefs Advisory minutes from May 7, 2025.

Attachments: LakeComm Fire EMS Advisory 5.7.2025 Final Minutes (pg. 3)

A motion was made by Member Slazes, 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

5.1. Continued Discussion on Core Functions.

The group has reached general consensus on the core functions for LakeComm. Discussion ensued regarding the fire alarm monitoring that Executive Director Kern will be working on with the Fire Marshal's group.

6. New Business

6.1. Executive Director Updates.

LakeComm Executive Director, Jason Kern gave his status on LakeComm and an update on the Regional Operations and Communications Facility (ROC). He relayed they are in good shape with staffing right now but will need at least 76 telecommunicators (TCs) to run the center. For day 1 operations, they can start with 60+ TCs but would like to have more. The background and drug testing is moving forward for all employees. They are waiting on the state 911 administrator to approve the plan before they can start operating the center. He advised the opening of the center will be pushed back to early August. Executive Director Kern advised everyone the ribbon cutting for the ROC will be June 27th.

6.2. Discussion/Approval of Board Up List.

The inspector group created a policy for companies to apply to be on the board up rotation for LakeComm. They had numerous companies apply to be on the list and came up with a rotating list that was presented to the Fire Chief group. The Fire Chief group approved a list with 10 companies that will be used for any agency in LakeComm.

A motion was made by Member Stried, seconded by Member Lark, to approve the board up list with the 10 companies as discussed. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

7. Member Remarks

There were no remarks from members.

8. Adjournment

A motion was made by Member Formica, seconded by Member Kavanagh, 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: July 2, 2025, location to be determined.