

Lake Consolidated Emergency Communications (LakeComm)



**Fire/EMS Chiefs Advisory Committee
Minutes - Approved**

Wednesday, February 4, 2026

1:00 PM

LOCATION:

**Regional Operations and Communications Facility (ROC)
656 W. Winchester Road Libertyville, IL**

1. Call to Order

Chair Lescher called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM.

2. Roll Call of Members

Chair Lescher did a roll call of members:

Antioch Fire Protection District: Ian Kazian, Chief

Beach Park: Absent

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: Absent

Wauconda Fire Protection District: Curt Hanselman, Chief

Zion Fire Department: Justin Stried, Chief

3. Approval of Minutes

3.1. Committee action approving the LakeComm Fire/EMS Chiefs Advisory minutes from January 7, 2026.

A motion to Approve the Minutes from January 7, 2026 was made by Member Smith seconded by Member Kirschhoffer. The motion carried by voice vote.

4. Public Comment

There was no Public Comment.

5. Unfinished Business

There was no Unfinished Business.

6. New Business

6.1. Executive Director Updates.

Director Kern provided an update to the committee on a variety of topics. He provided a detailed overview of a NG911 Phone System malfunction that occurred on January 15th and how the 911 Back Up Plan worked. An update on the passing of the FY27 JETSB Budget and a delay into February for the FY27 LakeComm Budget to pass. Additionally,

he provided information on the status a scheduled meeting with USDD to look at best practices when installing equipment at LakeComm. More to follow after that meeting.

6.2. CAD System Update Review

Director Kern provided an overview of the major software suite upgrade that occurred on January 27th. There were some challenges with responders not logging off in a timely fashion and some agencies logging back in too early which caused some significant delays. Additionally, staff has identified some additional advanced communication with all stakeholders is preferred and will put into place with future upgrades.

6.3. Radio Alias Discussion

Director Kern advised that staff have reported a vast disparity of radio aliases displaying on the radio consoles making it difficult at times to determine who may be calling or asking for assistance. In the near future a shift supervisor will be assigned to collect that information and re-align with ICCLC standards.

Director Kern provided a status update on LakeComm operations.

- He provided an update on the status of the ASAP-to-PSAP interface.
- An additional status on the FSS alarm monitoring technology and issues still being ironed out with FSS and Affiliated.

7. Member Remarks

General discussion took place regarding the need to continue to meet monthly or if switching to a quarterly meeting. The consensus was to maintain the monthly meeting schedule and cancel when there was no pressing business.

8. Adjournment

A motion to Adjourn the Meeting was made at 1:48 PM by Member Lark, seconded by Member Stried. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

The Next Regular Meeting: March 4, 2026, at the Regional Operations and Communications Facility.