

Lake Consolidated Emergency Communications (LakeComm)



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

Wednesday, March 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 Fire Protection District: Thomas Stahl, Chief
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: Absent
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: 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 February 4, 2026.

A motion to Approve the Minutes from February 4, 2026 was made by Member Lark seconded by Member Formica. The motion carried by voice vote.

4. Public Comment

There was no Public Comment.

5. Unfinished Business**5.1** Radio Alias Discussion

Director Kern stated that, to resolve the disparity of radio aliases, shift supervisor Tim Stencil is coordinating alias information which will be entered into the Motorola system per ICCLC standards.

6. New Business**6.1** Executive Director Updates

Director Kern provided an update to the committee on a variety of topics. He stated that the FY27 LakeComm Budget was approved by the Executive Committee and the

Member Board of Directors and will be disseminated next week. Servers from Volo ETSB have been relocated to the ROC. He stressed the importance of call timers and shared calls for effective communication and public safety. Kern added that direct edits in run cards cause confusion across agencies. The trip to Springfield to address legislation regarding surcharge fees resulted in interest, but not enough to push the bills forward yet . He announced that there will be no Executive Committee, Member Board, and possibly no JETSB meeting in March, and he will not be able to attend the next Advisory Committee meeting on April 1st.

7. Member Remarks

Member Formica commented about improving MABAS dispatch calls. Discussion ensued regarding Shift Commanders' requests for ambulance and getting notifications for calls in service because of jumped calls.

8. Adjournment

A motion to Adjourn the Meeting was made at 1:59 PM by Member Kazian, seconded by Member Stried. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Next Regular Meeting: April 1, 2026, at the Regional Operations and Communications Facility.