

Lake Consolidated Emergency Communications (LakeComm)



Fire/EMS Chiefs Advisory Committee

Minutes - FINAL

Wednesday, September 3, 2025

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: 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: 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: Chas Buschick, Deputy Chief

Zion Fire Department: Absent

3. Approval of Minutes

3.1. Committee action approving the LakeComm Fire/EMS Chiefs Advisory minutes from September 3, 2025.

A motion to Approve the Minutes from September 3, 2025, was made by Member Formica, seconded by Member Slazes. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

4. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

5. Unfinished Business

5.1. Continued Discussion on Core Functions.

It was noted that the group had reached consensus on the core functions of LakeComm related to fire and emergency medical services. Further discussions going forward will take place at the operations committee meetings.

6. New Business

6.1. Executive Director Updates.

ED Kern provided his status on the following items:

- LakeComm and on the ROC. Two items of significance were related to building security and access in addition to the audio-visual system.
- Hiring process including the transitional process, pending lateral processes and administrative support positions.
- Fire Alarm monitoring, including the ASAP-to-PSAP process. LakeComm has moved this integration up on the priority list and aiming for an end-of-year cutover.
- VHF testing and connectivity between agency sites and the IFERN connection.
- Progress working with Condell and IDPH for agency and individual EMD licensing.
- Identifying chief(s) for the Executive Committee and JETSB of Lake County. These appointments will need to be made through the Lake Co Fire Chief's Association.
- The 911 Consolidation Plan was submitted to the State for final approval.
- Transition Plan
 - LakeComm revised from a 3-week to a 2-week plan
 - Lake Zurich will be the first agency on a Tuesday, followed by Countryside/Mundelein/Vernon Hills on Thursday. Then the second week, CenCom/FoxComm will move on Tuesday and the process will wrap up with Gurnee on Thursday.

7. Member Remarks

There were no member remarks.

8. Adjournment

A motion to Adjourn the Meeting was made by Member Lark, seconded by Member Kavanagh. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

The next Regular Meeting is scheduled for October 1, 2025, at the Regional Operations and Communications Facility.