

Lake Consolidated Emergency Communications (LakeComm)



Fire/EMS Chiefs Advisory Committee

Minutes – Approved

Wednesday, November 5, 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: Absent

Gurnee Fire Department: John Kavanagh, Chief

Lake Villa Fire Protection District: Absent

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 September 3, 2025.

A motion to Approve the Minutes from September 3, 2025, was made by Member Kavanagh, seconded by Member Stried. 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 operations committee meetings.

6. New Business

6.1. Executive Director Updates

Director Kern provided an update of the consolidation which began on October 28 and was scheduled to conclude on November 6. It was noted that Affiliated/FSS was not yet ready to deploy the on-site alarm monitoring at LakeComm. It was anticipated to wrap up within the next week.

Kern also provided the Advisory Board a report from the fire prevention group asking to remove Paul Davis Restoration from the LakeComm board up list due to numerous issues prior to the consolidation. Division Chief DaValle had already spoken to representatives of the restoration company and advised them of the action. The Chiefs were in concurrence with this action.

6.2. Approval of Priority Dispatch MPDS/FPDS Documents

Deputy Director Szafran briefly discussed the International Academies of Emergency Dispatch/Priority Dispatch documents enclosed in the packet related to medical and fire priority dispatch systems.

- FPDS - Local Fire Administration Definitions Authorization
- FPDS - Agency Defined CEIs & PDIs
- FPDS – Jurisdictionally and/or Operationally Approved Questions
- MPDS – Local Medical Administration Definitions Authorization
- MPDS – Jurisdictionally and/or Operationally Approved Questions

A motion to Approve all documents presented was made by Member Smith, seconded by Member Lark. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

6.3. Approval of 2026 Advisory Board Meeting Dates

A motion to Approve the 2026 Advisory Board Meeting Dates was made by Member Stahl, seconded by Member Umek. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

7. Member Remarks

There were no member remarks.

8. Adjournment

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

The next Regular Meeting is scheduled for January 7, 2026, at the Regional Operations and Communications Facility.