

Lake Consolidated Emergency Communications (LakeComm)



Fire/EMS Chiefs Advisory Committee

Minutes – Approved

Wednesday, December 10, 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: Absent

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 November 5, 2025.

A motion to Approve the Minutes from November 5, 2025, was made by Member Smith, 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.

The group continued discussions on core functions and asked if there was an easier way to obtain recordings of calls and radio traffic. Director Kern advised LakeComm was in the process of executing a contract with Evidence.com which should facilitate a much smoother process for the fire agencies.

6. New Business

6.1. Executive Director Updates

Director Kern provided a status update on LakeComm and the ROC facility after the first month of operations. Additionally, the following items were discussed:

- Motorola has been looking at audio concerns on FIRE DISP 1 and FIRE DISP 2 and will continue to troubleshoot. After further investigation and meetings LakeComm was able to dispel a comment made previously that the new consoles being used were reported to have a known audio issue at other active centers.
- Managers and Supervisors have been sitting with staff over the past week to observe processes with regards to Fire/EMS dispatching to arrive at a long-term solution to enhance processes.
- A training and practical evaluation for all staff on MABAS dispatching is planned to begin on Saturday, December 13.
- The FY27 budget should be presented again to the Executive Committee in January with the goal of approval from the Member Board in the same month. At this time there will be no changes to the formula which was the intent for the first several years.

7. Member Remarks

There were no member remarks.

8. Adjournment

A motion to Adjourn the Meeting was made at 1:35 PM by Member Slazes, seconded by Member Stried. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

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