

Lake Consolidated Emergency Communications (LakeComm)



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

Wednesday, August 5, 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 conducted 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: 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: Absent
North Chicago Fire Department: Tom Deinken, Deputy Chief
Wauconda Fire Protection District: Chas Buschick, Deputy Chief
Zion Fire Department: Justin Stried, Chief

3. Approval of Minutes

3.1. Committee action approving the LakeComm Fire/EMS Chiefs Advisory Committee minutes from June 3, 2026.

A motion to approve the minutes from June 3, 2026 was made by Member Stried and seconded by Member Slazes. The motion carried by voice vote.

4. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

5. Executive Director Updates

Deputy Director Sofie stated that the Mid-Year Report was disseminated by Executive Director Kern on July 29, 2026. Communication with vendors is ongoing to gain access to all necessary reports. A resolution to the ASAP issue was expected by FSS but has not been provided to date. Division Chief DaValle summarized possible reasons for the delay and offered to follow up and share his findings with Chair Lescher.

6. Unfinished Business

6.1. Radio Alias Update

Deputy Director Sofie reported that the agencies which responded to the request for current alias information have been updated in Motorola and LakeComm staff is continuing to reach out to the remaining agencies to submit their updated information.

6.2. CAD-to-CAD

Deputy Director Sofie provided an update regarding the work with Tyler on the mapping of call types, stating that when work is completed with Glenview CAD-to-CAD, the member agencies will be informed of the processes, testing, and implementation involved.

6.3. CESSA

Deputy Director Szafran stated that LakeComm went live with CESSA on July 13, 2026, and provided an overview of the role of dispatch in the transfer of calls to 988, the Suicide and Crisis Lifeline. Information shared included the use of an EMD system as well as valuable training which was completed by the telecommunicators.

6.4. CAD User Group Update

Member Smith provided a summary of a Tyler training meeting attended by many agencies and instructed by Jessica Cotrell. He emphasized how helpful the training was, specifically mentioning cross staffing, setting up storm mode, and refreshing VPNs daily. A policy is being drafted to be shared among the agencies, and Member Smith will continue to send out monthly meeting summaries.

6.5. Local MABAS Dispatching

Chair Lescher opened a discussion about local MABAS dispatching, which concluded with a consensus that a potential solution would be to use generic unit naming conventions to enter units into USDD, with agencies setting their own tones.

6.6. Re-Toning Completed Calls

In response to the issue of calls being re-toned, Deputy Director Sofie suggested the causative relationship may be an absence of disposition codes being placed on calls resulting in the call dropping back into dispatch's pending window. Discussion ensued regarding duplicate calls to the same location due to street addresses and cross street locations not matching up, and Deputy Director Sofie suggested that agencies contact the dispatch supervisors promptly after those issues to track down the cause in a timely manner.

7. New Business

7.1. Board-Up Service Complaints

Division Chief DaValle stated that agencies should report issues to him regarding board-up company response time or performance concerns. A complaint form will be produced for agencies to submit in the future.

7.2. Board-Up Service – Application Period for CY2027

Division Chief DaValle reported that the board-up list is renewed every calendar year. The window for submitting an application to be added to the 2027 board-up list will open in September and close mid-October.

8. Member Remarks

There were no member remarks.

9. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Member Lark at 1:51 PM and seconded by Member Slazes. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Next Regular Meeting: September 2, 2026, at the Regional Operations and Communications Facility.