

Lake Consolidated Emergency Communications (LakeComm)



Law Enforcement Chiefs Advisory Committee

Minutes - Approved

Wednesday, August 5, 2026

2:00 PM

LOCATION:

**Regional Operations and Communications Facility (ROC)
656 W. Winchester Road Libertyville, IL**

1. Call to Order

Deputy Director Sofie called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM.

2. Roll Call of Members

Administrative Assistant Kueber conducted a roll call of members:

Antioch Police Department: Geoff Guttschow, Chief

Fox Lake Police Department: Absent

Gurnee Police Department: Jeremy Gaughn, Chief

Hawthorn Woods Police Department: John Malcolm, Director

Island Lake Police Department: Absent

Kildeer Police Department: Steve Balinski, Chief

Lake Villa Police Department: James Decaro, Deputy Chief

Lake Zurich Police Department: Steve Husak, Chief

Mundelein Police Department: Tom Poyner, Chief

North Chicago Police Department: Gary Lunn, Assistant Chief

Round Lake Police Department: David Prus, Chief

Round Lake Beach Police Department: Tim Schuster, Deputy Chief

Round Lake Heights Police Department: Absent

Round Lake Park Police Department: Absent

Vernon Hills Police Department: Pat Kreis, Chief

Wauconda Police Department: John Combs, Chief

Zion Police Department: Chris Sweeting, Deputy Chief

3. Election of Chairman Pro Tem

A motion to elect John Poyner as Chairman Pro Tem was made by Member Kreis and seconded by Member Lunn. The motion carried by voice vote.

4. Approval of Minutes

4.1. Committee action approving the LakeComm Law Enforcement Chiefs Advisory minutes from June 3, 2026.

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

5. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

6. Executive Director Updates

Deputy Director Sofie stated that the Mid-Year Report was disseminated by Executive Director Kern on July 29, 2026, and he will continue to report on staffing numbers at future meetings. Communication with vendors is ongoing to gain access to all necessary reports.

7. Unfinished Business

7.1. 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 are continuing to reach out to the remaining agencies to submit their updated information.

7.2. CAD-to-CAD Update

Deputy Director Sofie stated that the legacy FATPOT, now known as Unified, has had significant connectivity issues in recent years. An audit will be sent out to agencies to update user data.

7.3. CESSA Update

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.

7.4. Recommendation for Chair of Advisory Committee

A motion to recommend John Combs for Committee Chair was made by Member Kreis and seconded by Member Lunn. The motion carried by voice vote.

7. New Business

There was no new business.

8. Member Remarks

Member Kalinowski inquired about turning off channel markers and discussion ensued regarding the capabilities of turning off tones and markers. Member Holubetz opened a discussion regarding the creation of a standardized beats naming convention, and also discussed incidents of missing information on residential and commercial alarms. Member Kreis suggested the committee consider adding an analyst to LakeComm in the future. Member Sweeting inquired about case number assignments and Deputy

Director Szafran stated that she would connect with Jessica Cottrell regarding the matter.

9. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Member Lunn at 2:34 PM and seconded by Member Husak. The motion carried by voice vote.

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