

# DU-COMM

## DuPage Public Safety Communications

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### FIRE OPERATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE - Minutes

Thursday, January 20, 2022 – 08:00 Hours

Virtual via Zoom

#### 1. Call to Order

Chief Tanner called the meeting to order at 08:01 hours.

Bartlett	Chief William Gabrenya	Oakbrook Terrace	Chief Ralph DeLuca, Jr.
Bartlett	AC Brian Becker	Roselle	DC Dave Gnad
Bloomingtondale	Chief Matthew Beyer	Villa Park	Chief Ron Rakosnik
Carol Stream	Chief Rob Schultz	Villa Park	DC Steve Stapleton
Clarendon Hills	Chief Brian Leahy	Warrenville	Chief Andy Dina
Darien-Woodridge	DC Jim Lahanis	West Chicago	Chief Pat Tanner (Chairman)
Downers Grove	Chief Scott Spinazola	West Chicago	AC Tim Leidig
Elmhurst	Interim Chief Bill Anaszewicz	Wheaton	Chief Bill Schultz
Glen Ellyn	Lt. Kirk Odiet	Wheaton	DC Pete Vassios
Glenside	Chief Rich Cassady	Winfield	Chief Steve Evans
Glenside	DC John Kolarik	York Center	Chief Rick Sanborn, Jr.
Hanover Park	Chief Eric Fors	DU-COMM	DD Nicole Lamela
Hanover Park	DC Dan Nicholson	DU-COMM	DD Matt Baarman
Hinsdale	Chief John Giannelli	DU-COMM	MIS Manager Scott Klein
Lisle-Woodridge	DC Steve Demas	DU-COMM	Systems Coord. John Lozar
Lombard	Chief Rick Sander	DU-COMM	Train. Coord. A. Schretter
Lombard	DC Ray Kickert	DU-COMM	Exec Sec. Christine Keifer

#### 2. Approval of Meeting Minutes:

##### A. December 16, 2021

Chief DeLuca made the motion to approve the December 16, 2021 minutes and Chief Sander seconded.

Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

#### 3. Peer Review – N/A

#### 4. Reports

##### A. Staff

DD Lamela noted many COVID cases at DU-COMM. Two TCs in radio training, two in phone training, and two started today. An intern from Western Illinois started Monday, and the Training Admin Assistant started yesterday. Working with Division 16 on monthly radio drills, and will also conduct drills for infrequent events Maydays, etc. Also to schedule quarterly Emergency Operations drills. The last drill was on black shift, and the next drill will be on gold or red shift in the next two months. Continue work with the ETSB on CAD related and code issues. Recently, Hexagon updates slowed the systems. Issue with Bartlett that stopped recommendations, unsure why, but under review.

##### B. ETSB

DD Lamela noted she did not attend the last meeting, but they work on the radio project, and issued an RFP for the phone system. The ACDC Director retired, and awaiting additional information.

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C. MABAS Divisions (2, 10, 12, 16)  
None.

D. Apparatus Changes  
None.

## 5. Committees

A. Fire Marshal Meeting – Next meeting: February 2, 2022.

## B. Fire Standardization Committee

Chief Spinazola noted a change to the meeting schedule, and today is the first meeting of 2022. Lisle-Woodridge FPD DC Steve Demas is the newest member of the committee, and members asked to send an email to congratulate DC Demas.

## 6. Old Business

### A. Radio Replacement

Chief Dina noted no changes since the last meeting. Will meet with ACDC and DU-COMM regarding the naming of the Fire Operations channel. Will advise Chief Tanner of those changes. Reviewing everyone's recommendations. Will get voice recognition radios soon, as a trial. Next PAC meeting on February 7<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. and AD-HOC meeting will follow. Submit ETSB helpticket to install new mobiles in new vehicles. Chief Tanner asked about voice recognition and Chief Dina noted: push the button on the mic, state the channel, and the radio will switch to that channel.

### B. MPS Connectivity – Update

DD Lamela noted the ETSB is aware of the MPS connectivity issues, and the fix is in the software upgrade not yet scheduled as they continue to negotiate. The ETSB provided a phone number for after-hours issues. DD Lamela noted a map update yesterday and other updates due in the next few days. Advise her regarding issues.

## 7. New Business

### A. LiveMUM ETB – Update

DD Lamela noted FSA discussed the last two years of data to determine the next step. The memo lists the call types with higher ETB to fill Change of Quarters quicker. DU-COMM and ACDC to test the new call types in the next few days to ensure they work as intended before the ETB is pushed live. Chief Tanner summarized if the ETB (Estimated Time Back) is higher, members are out of service longer, and the system will recommend a quicker response. DD Lamela noted to review ambulance transport call types next. It was noted members can also always ask DU-COMM to commit and cover.

### B. MABAS Division 12 Response Plan – Interim Chief Anaszewicz

Chief Anaszewicz noted the Division 12 request to the ETSB to help streamline the response for Division requests. To program and implement running orders, we requested a new agency be created for MABAS and the initiation would be MBS. Also requested a pinpoint for all 69 Divisions that would help pool the closest units to a response, if needed. Instead of TCs reviewing the box card and calling the department to ask if equipment can be called out, the running order will be loaded into CAD, so members could deploy the strike team quicker. The memo was needed due to the change in CAD. ETSB will create and program another alias. BC Brock Herron was instrumental in the process too. This change will improve the callout process. Chief Anaszewicz noted the memo was sent several months ago and at the last ETSB Standardization meeting, DD Theusch asked if it could start, asked for a Division to do the trail, and Chief Anaszewicz offered Division 12. DD Lamela noted this is information only regarding technology updates in the future, and no vote needed.

## 8. Other Business

DD Lamela noted a recent issue when equipment is enroute, TCs do not get responses from those enroute. A brief discussion ensued. Asked that when enroute ensure someone is able to hear DU-COMM and respond.

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The issue is on all channels. Chief Tanner noted when the vehicle starts, the radio disconnects for several seconds and radio traffic is not received or transmitted in that timeframe. Chief Tanner to look into further and asked if status buttons, in stations, triggers the issue. Asked if there were other issues. Chief Gabrenya asked if units go verbally enroute as the first units out of the district versus hitting the status buttons. DD Lamela noted TCs acknowledge any notices. TCs just looking for an indication that someone is enroute, so they can provide any supplemental information. Chief Anaszewicz noted no other issues for his department, and Chief Tanner noted hadn't notice it that often on Fire North. Chief Tanner asked DD Lamela to ask TCs to provide examples, so they could be tracked. As soon as the status changes, that should trigger an update on the radio. DD Lamela will note today's discussion with TCs, and also ask if members have instances, so those can be reviewed. If needed. If there is something for the next meeting, she will bring it back.

## 9. Adjournment

At 8:25 a.m. Chief Evans made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Chief Spinazola seconded. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote. Meeting adjourned.

The next Fire Operations Subcommittee meeting is February 17, 2022 – 8:00 a.m. at DU-COMM.

Respectfully submitted,

*Christine Keifer*

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