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FIRE OPERATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE - Minutes

Thursday, April 15, 2021 – 08:00 Hours

Virtual via Zoom

1. Call to Order

Chief Tanner called the meeting to order at 08:02 hours.

Bartlett	AC Brian Becker	West Chicago	Chief Pat Tanner (Chairman)
Bloomingtondale	Chief Matthew Beyer	Wheaton	Chief Bill Schultz
Bloomingtondale	BC Chris Wilson	Wheaton	AC Pete Vassios
Carol Stream	Chief Rob Schultz	Winfield	Chief Steve Evans
Clarendon Hills	Chief Brian Leahy	York Center	Chief Andy Bonomo
Elmhurst	DC Bill Anaszewicz	York Center	Chief Rick Sanborn, Jr.
Glenside	Chief Russ Wood	DU-COMM	Director Brian Tegtmeyer
Hanover Park	AC Eric Fors	DU-COMM	DD Nicole Lamela
Hinsdale	Chief John Giannelli	DU-COMM	DD Matt Baarman
Lisle-Woodridge	Chief Keith Krestan	DU-COMM	CM Heather Berg
Lombard	Chief Rick Sander	DU-COMM	CS Tyler Benjamin
Lombard	DC Ray Kickert	DU-COMM	MIS Manager Scott Klein
Oakbrook Terrace	Chief Ralph DeLuca, Jr.	DU-COMM	Secretary Christine Keifer
Roselle	Chief Mark Bozik		
Villa Park	DC Steve Stapleton		

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes:

A. March 18, 2021

Chief Wood made the motion to approve the March 18, 2021 minutes and Chief DeLuca seconded. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

3. Peer Review

A. 101 Regency Dr., Glendale Heights

Chief Beyer and BC Wilson summarized the incident and noted tower 23 was out of service and tower 64 was requested, but engine 23 was to be in its place. DU-COMM advised of the needed fix. CAD showed Engine 23 was dispatched, but it was not. The incident went from working fire to Box and MVU, and went well, no known issues. Companies on scene were well coordinated. CM Berg noted Engine 23 was on the ticket with a do not tone, not sure if this was a miscommunication, but she will review. A discussion ensued. Chief Evans noted no issues with a missing vehicle on the upgrade. The Box should have been on FG red instead of FG Blue. BC Wilson noted he used Division 10 MVU instead of Division 1, as Division 1 MVU is from Elk Grove Village and NWCDs must contact their BC to determine if the company is in service. He prefers Division 10, as they always have a company ready to respond.

4. Reports

A. Staff

DD Lamela noted Fire training continues. The Training Manager and Midnight Manager recently resigned and working to replace. On May 3, the Protocol Coordinator will retire. Five (5) applicants in the hiring process, and no one currently in training. Continuing work with the ETSB on CAD.

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B. ETSB

Director Tegtmeyer noted the meeting yesterday, discussed the Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) amendment, and a few amendments by Member Franz. The policy was adopted with the changes and will be issued when finalized. The PAC includes a DU-COMM Police, Fire, and PSAP Rep. DD Baarman is the PSAP Rep and on Tuesday, the Chiefs affirmed Roselle Chief Steve Herron as the Police Rep. Fire Chief Gorsky had served on the PAC, but will step down. Email sent to seek interest, received several responses, and will work on the selection process.

C. MABAS Divisions (2, 10, 12, 16)

None.

D. Apparatus Changes

None.

5. Committees

A. Fire Marshal Meeting – Next meeting: May 5, 2021

B. Fire Standardization Committee

AC Fors noted no meetings with the ETSB FSA for some time, but DU-COMM FSA meets every two weeks. Met with the third department yesterday to review processes and offer program options. Goal is to ensure CAD is accurate for each department's, personnel, and units. Always willing to meet with any agency. DU-COMM FSA has many topics to discuss and will prioritize and report to Fire Ops. He noted DD Lamela proposed training for Emergency Operations procedures and the FSA to review how to accomplish. Chief Tanner asked about the videos Manager Klein created and asked for comments. Chief Bonomo noted his agency downloaded the link for all personnel to review and train. Thinks the videos should continue. Chief DeLuca noted his agency provided the videos to the duty shift, and were well received. He thanked Manager Klein for the videos. Chief Tanner noted his agency also downloaded the videos for training.

6. Old Business

A. Incident Review

Storm After Action Report

7. New Business

A. Indian Lakes Shooting

CM Berg noted the review was created for training and CS Benjamin prepared a great report in coordination with Bloomingdale Fire personnel.

CS Benjamin noted due to time constraints he would limit the presentation and focus on communications. The screen was shared. Chief Tanner asked if the presentation could be added to PowerDMS and DD Lamela confirmed. CS Benjamin noted the time stamp for the fire alarm call and at about the same time ACDC received calls for shots fired. Fire TC B. Marek added four ambulances to the ticket and advised BC Wilson. CS Benjamin noted staging issues as officers blocked the east side exit. Ambulances were on the west side and needed to back down to exit. Fire Command was established in the lobby, but the area was not secured and two outside groups began to fight. The ILEAS response added to the blocked traffic and only the front ambulance could exit. Fire communications went well, our TC listened to Fire North 3 and Fire Ops 3 and was aware FG orange was in use, so knew where to direct the first responders. Chief Tanner asked if FG orange was a repeated channel and Director Tegtmeyer it is a National Interop 800 fire channel, renamed locally. The channel is in the radio in the National interop zones, and a point to point simplex 800 channel. Further discussion ensued regarding the penetration of 800 channels. BC Wilson noted they went to FG orange as they thought it was repeated channel.

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CS Benjamin noted issues: ambulances were unable to exit and needed to transfer patients to the front ambulance, the fire alarm disabled the elevators, and multiple pull stations could not be reset easily. The full MCI response with fire apparatus was not dispatched. May have been a miscommunication, and he summarized the issue.

Based on conversations with BC Wilson and DC Kurka, the security for fire personnel in the lobby, and outside, was lacking. Dispatch could assist to ensure officers are where they are needed and Police communications could be improved. Initially Police from multiple departments were on separate channels and there was not an established Police Command. DU-COMM dispatched officers and thought they would be assigned to one channel, but had police on ten different channels, which caused trouble for the Fire Command, and BC Wilson requested assistance for the lobby.

DU-COMM's recommendation: For our police incidents, establish an interop channel early and use a channel all agencies can reach, a DuPage channel, not a DU-COMM channel. If not our incident, but we become aware officers are not talking to each other, we can establish an interop channel for our officers to use. If we have the opportunity, we empowered our TCs to tell police where to park and not park and advise staging areas. There are also notes on anticipating the need for an enormous police response. Members can email CS Benjamin to request the presentation.

Chief Tanner asked if this presentation could be provided to the Police Operations Committee, and he could attend to answer questions. He noted lots of valuable information, and DD Lamela to add to the agenda. Chief Beyer offered to attend the meeting too. Chief Beyer noted TC Marek did a fantastic job with fire communications and also updated the Chief while enroute to the scene.

Chief Evans asked if it was better to provide the presentation to the Police Ops or the combined Chiefs Operations, and a discussion ensued. Chief Tanner suggested Chief Evans coordinate with DU-COMM to determine the best audience. BC Wilson noted an HP officer noted everyone was on County Ops 7 for this incident. BC Wilson noted police and fire radios are setup completely differently and unsure if County Ops 7 is always used for ILEAS, but will discuss with his Police Department. He noted no communications from the State, FBI, or the police, and better communication was needed.

Chief Tanner suggested this presentation be made at the Police Ops and then discuss interoperability, and bring that back to the Chiefs Operations to resolve. CM Berg suggested DU-COMM provide a recommendation with channels that should be used. Chief Bonomo noted any channel past bank C will not be found, and a discussion ensued.

Chief Schultz noted conversations with his Police Department, which asked that the Fire Department declare their staging area and the location of the Unified Command Post. Chief Schultz suggested we add it to the police side and repeat it, or send a message to MDTs.

AC Fors noted difficulty to get everyone to create operational plans now for rescue taskforce or unified command due to the Illinois legislation and laws that will change in July. He suggested members be trained to call DU-COMM to find the location of Countywide2 and that training overlap with reference material to find needed radio channels.

B. Written Directives

14.00.01 – Fire CAD Standardization

14.06.00 – Fire Scene Evacuation

14.12.00 – Mobile Stroke Unit

DD Lamela summarized changes to the Written Directives.

Chief Bozik made the motion to approve Written Directives 14.00.01, 14.06.00, and 14.12.00, and Chief Bonomo seconded. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

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8. Other Business

DD Lamela noted at the DU-COMM Fire Standardization meeting, Lt. Halik, from Hinsdale Fire asked about the ETSB memo for the available on event button and the requested MPS configuration change to allow the mobile users to self-dispatch to events while available on event status. Currently, a unit must be cleared from an event to self-dispatch calls. Unsure how much it would be used, but could affect agencies during emergency operations if statuses are not in the right order. Plan to be reviewed at the next FSA meeting.

DD Lamela noted the need to review LSI when in Emergency Operations, as the TC will not necessarily review the 3 and 4 calls. Will create a video on the LOI for the field.

Chief Bozik asked about self-dispatch, and DD Lamela noted if Purvis is on, and member self-dispatches from the field, that will activate Purvis. If Purvis is off, there will be no tone. It was discussed yesterday and memo #5 from last April will be reintroduced to the ETSB to find a solution. Chief Bozik noted in normal operations, members should go through dispatch to be assigned to the CAD ticket, so the radio is not overloaded with audio dispatches.

Chief Tanner congratulated and thanked Chief Bonomo for his hard work on all aspects of fire dispatch and set to retire on August 31, 2021. Chief Bonomo noted his appreciation and advised DC Sanborn will be the new Fire Chief.

9. Adjournment

At 8:48 a.m. Chief Evans made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Chief DeLuca seconded. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote. Meeting adjourned.

The next Fire Operations Subcommittee meeting is May 20, 2021 – 8:00 a.m. at DU-COMM.

Respectfully submitted,

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