

Illinois Valley Regional Dispatch
Fire & EMS Committee Meeting
Peru, LaSalle, Oglesby & Mendota
Meeting Minutes
February 7, 2024

CALL TO ORDER

A meeting of the IVRD Fire & EMS Committee was held Wednesday, February 7, 2024 at the LaSalle Fire Department, 1227 5th Street, LaSalle, IL 61301. Chief Janick called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Voting & Quorum Members Present:

Utica Fire Chief Ben Brown, Peru Fire Chief Jeff King, Spring Valley Fire Chief Todd Bogatitus, Peru Ambulance Director Brent Hansen, LaSalle Fire Chief Jerry Janick, Mendota Fire Chief Dennis Rutishauser, Utica Assistant Fire Chief Mark Bierbom, LaSalle Assistant Fire Chief Dale Tieman

Not Present: Oglesby Fire Chief Ron Popurella, Earlville Fire Chief Larry Todd, Earlville Ambulance Director Jen Copes, Peru Assistant Fire Chief Jim Duncan, Oglesby Assistant Fire Chief Steve Maltais, Oglesby Ambulance Director Cathie Edens, Kelly Wasilewski, Utica Assistant Fire Chief Drew Partain, Greg Lauf, Utica Deputy Fire Chief Gary Gbur

Also Present:

Executive Director Brandon Miller-Guss

MINUTES

Motion to approve the minutes of October 11, 2023 by Dennis Rutishauser; second by Jeff King. All in favor; motion carries.

PUBLIC FORUM (Citizen Comment)

None

COMMUNICATIONS

None

New business:

Operational Matters:

1. Discussed 911 calls being received by the county or BueComm and the calls not being transferred back to IVRD like they should be. Emails have been sent to the county and they are also working with the county on 911 cell tower sector routing.
2. All mutual aid radio traffic will be done on IFERN. This includes EMS and interstate calls.
3. COQ for EMS. Ambulances will not do change of quarters. No one will take a pass on an emergency call from another jurisdiction. Dispatch may request to release an ambulance from a scene in the event of an additional emergency call, it is up to the IC to let them know if they can be released or not.

4. Discussed the MABAS Drills and the problems associated with the call.
 - a. Not saying drill and drill only
 - b. Radio timed out due to there being 2 boxes at the same time
5. Discussed the issue that was ongoing between Spring Valley, BueComm and IVRD.
6. Discussed the option of possibly putting the identifiers of firefighters in the CAD. There was a discussion on putting the identifiers in front of the names in IAR.
7. Discussion on having TC's checking the maps for locations of vehicles and monitoring IAR.
8. Discussion on multiple calls in progress and calls pending. Steps to handle those types of situations. Decision to contact Medical Director/EMS System to discuss this.

Director's Report

1. Discussion on the policy on helicopter requests. Current policy is to do everything to contact Lifeflight by the on-scene crews. If that is not possible dispatch is to contact them
2. Discussed that we should routinely be using silent dispatch and be pushing the button. Please let your members know to push the button. Request was made to have when you push the button it changes colors so we know that it has been pushed.
3. Department Reference numbers will only be created once an apparatus has been assigned. This is a change from when a department was dispatched to vehicles. Dispatched and cancelled before enroute you can just advise dispatch to add a unit to the call so it creates a run number.
4. Discussed the determinants, Still, Full Still for EMS and Fire and the list of those. If there is a call that you feel that you should have been dispatched on or there is an issue with the dispatch please fill out a field feedback form so that Brandon can do a QA process on them.
5. Protocol 37 is the one that is used mainly for nursing homes and clinics. There are several pieces inside 37 that require the TC to make decisions per our protocols. Brandon has addressed some of the issues with Protocol 37 with the dispatchers.
6. Brandon suggests that we change all the "Delta level determinates for EMS calls across the board to EMS FULL STILLS, there may be some Charlie level responses that need to be rolled in but can be addressed on a case by case basis.
7. Gas Leak/Gas Odor calls – current protocol is to call the gas company for all the calls automatically. Decision was made to remove notify gas company immediately on Gas Odors and wait till the FD responds to determine if they are needed.
8. If Valcom receives a 911 call and they are doing a PRO QA they will be dispatching calls. Repeat calls will still be toned out, but the FD can decide if they are going to respond or not.

Priority Dispatch System Response Configuration Review/Changes

All Delta's will now be Full Still responses.

Priority Dispatch System Policy Review/Changes.

1. No update as of now.

PUBLIC FORUM (Citizen Comment)

None

NEXT MEETING

6:00 p.m., Thursday, March 28, 2024, at the LaSalle Fire Department

ADJOURNMENT

Ben Brown made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jeff King seconded the motion. All in favor; motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.