

Illinois Valley Regional Dispatch
Fire & EMS Committee Meeting
Peru, LaSalle, Oglesby & Mendota
Meeting Minutes
March 15, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

A meeting of the IVRD Fire & EMS Committee was held Wednesday, March 15, 2023 at the Oglesby Fire Department, 500 S. Columbia Ave., Oglesby, IL 61348. Chief Popurella called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Voting & Quorum Members Present:

Oglesby Fire Chief Ron Popurella, Peru Fire Chief Jeff King, Oglesby Assistant Fire Chief Steve Maltas, Spring Valley Fire Chief Todd Bogatitus, Utica Fire Chief Ben Brown, Utica Assistant Fire Chief Drew Partain, LaSalle Fire Chief Jerry Janick, Peru Assistant Fire Chief Jim Duncan, Mendota Fire Chief Dennis Rutishauser, Peru Ambulance Director Brent Hanson, Greg Lauf, Sarah Stuepfert,

Not Present: Earlville EMS Director AJ Wold, Earlville Fire Chief Larry Todd, Oglesby Ambulance Director Cathie Edens, LaSalle Assistant Fire Chief Dale Tieman, Utica Deputy Fire Chief Gary Gbur, Utica Assistant Fire Chief Mark Bierbom

Also Present:

Executive Director Brandon Miller-Guss

MINUTES

Motion to approve the minutes of January 18, 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. Reminder that Severe Weather Season is approaching and it is time to review the policy.
2. Discussed that we will still contact Ottawa on our own for box alarms, but in the future we will transition to having dispatch do it.
3. Discussed it was the IC's responsibility to contact Lifeflight if at all possible.
4. All Call Paging – still issue with Troy Grove/Mendota receiving it

Director's Report

1. Randy and Brandon are developing a training program for all TC's on MABAS.
2. Discussed Fireground Red and the inability of Valcom to monitor it.

Priority Dispatch System Response Configuration Review/Changes

1. Brandon discussed that he did not send out the excel spreadsheets of determinants because it would be easier to explain visually. Brandon put it on the projector and discussion ensued.
2. Trouble Alarms – Contact FD AHJ
3. Confined Space – Change to FULL Still/Contact TRT, Hazmat, Water Team)
4. If we don't need gas or power company make sure to train department members to advise dispatch to cancel them.
5. “Reply all” to email from Brandon with the changes that you would like to be made.
6. Go Live is supposed to be at the end of April but possibly needs to be moved until May.
7. Discussed the Weather/Disaster Situation – still trying to figure out when to move to the weather protocol.

Priority Dispatch System Policy Review/Changes.

1. No changes at this time.

Motion to Adjourn by Rutishauser by Second by King. All in Favor.

PUBLIC FORUM (Citizen Comment)

None

NEXT MEETING

6:00 p.m., Wednesday, June 14, 2023, at the Oglesby Fire Department

ADJOURNMENT

Dennis Rutishauser 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.