

**Illinois Valley Regional Dispatch
Fire & EMS Committee Meeting**
Peru, LaSalle, Oglesby & Mendota
Meeting Minutes
October 19, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

A meeting of the IVRD Fire & EMS Committee was held Thursday, October 19, 2022 at the Oglesby Fire Department, 500 S. Columbia Ave., Oglesby, IL 61348. Chief Popurella called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Voting & Quorum Members Present:

Oglesby Fire Chief Ron Popurella, Spring Valley Fire Chief Todd Bogatitus, Utica Fire Chief Ben Brown, Peru Assistant Fire Chief Jim Duncan, Oglesby Ambulance Director Cathie Edens, LaSalle Assistant Fire Chief Dale Tieman, Oglesby Assistant Fire Chief Steve Maltas

Not Present: Peru Fire Chief Jeff King, LaSalle Fire Chief Jerry Janick, Peru Ambulance Director Brent Hanson, Earlville EMS Director AJ Wold, Earlville Fire Chief Larry Todd., Mendota Fire Chief Dennis Rutishauser

Also Present:

Executive Director Brandon Miller-Guss

MINUTES

Minutes to be approved at the next meeting.

PUBLIC FORUM (Citizen Comment)

None

COMMUNICATIONS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Operational Matters:

Brandon's Report-

1. MABAS Training on November 3rd – Chief's meeting 7PM
2. Structured Call Taking – Information gathering meeting was held on Zoom a couple weeks ago. This will give us consistent call taking every time.
3. Emergency Data Broker – Discussed all ADT alarms will be coming in on text to 911 line. This will give dispatch all kinds of information about the alarm. This will be open to all alarm companies in 2023
4. Discussed box cards attached to the mapping. It would be good if Mendota, Utica, Oglesby, Earlville and Spring Valley could do it. LaSalle and Peru should confirm that the cards are up to date.

5. Discussed a paging channel. It was discussed about if it was feasible. If so, we would have a North and a South. Brandon will do some research into it.
6. Prepared live is a new software that will allow the dispatcher to text back 911 calls as well as initiate a live video feed. The dispatch center is using this currently for 911 hang ups.
7. Discussed the program What3Words – Rapid SOS

Discussion on Operational Matters:

1. Todd Bogatitus – discussion on boundary lines and interstate response coverage for Spring Valley.
2. Discussed Saint Bede – Dual Response and locations of fire alarm for calls.
3. Matthiessen State Park – Paging only the ambulance not the fire department. Both fire/EMS should be dispatched to all state parks.
4. Discussed Brownlee and printing of reports unable to read times and very confusing. Also discussed some units not being logged on the CADs.
5. Discussed updating agencies in the event an auto aid member cannot/is not responding.
6. Discussed using the silent dispatch – reminder to all to use it.
7. Discussed when paging to give as much pertinent information as possible.
8. Discussed paging backfill for EMS when mutual aid calls.

PUBLIC FORUM (Citizen Comment)

None

NEXT MEETING

6:30 p.m., Thursday, January 18, 2023, at the Oglesby Fire Department

ADJOURNMENT

Jim Duncan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dale Tieman seconded the motion. All in favor; motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.