

**Illinois Valley Regional Dispatch
Fire & EMS Committee Meeting
Peru, LaSalle, Oglesby & Mendota
Meeting Minutes
January 22, 2025**

CALL TO ORDER

A meeting of the IVRD Fire & EMS Committee was held Wednesday, January 22, 2025 at the LaSalle Fire Department, 1227 5th Street, LaSalle, IL 61301. Chief Janick called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Voting & Quorum Members Present:

Utica Fire Chief Ben Brown, Utica Assistant Fire Chief Drew Partain, Utica Assistant Fire Chief Mark Bierbom, Spring Valley Fire Chief Todd Bogatitus, Oglesby Assistant Fire Chief Steve Maltas, Mendota Fire Chief Dennis Rutishauser, Peru Fire Chief Jeff King, Peru EMS Captain Alex Justi, LaSalle Fire Chief Jerry Janick

Not Present: Earlville Fire Chief Ken Roth, Earlville Ambulance Director Jen Coppes, Kelly Wasilewski, Peru Assistant Fire Chief Jim Duncan

Also Present:

Executive Director Brandon Miller

MINUTES

Motion to approve the minutes of August 12, 2024 by Jeff King; second by Dennis Rutishauser. All in favor; motion carries.

COMMUNICATIONS

None

PUBLIC FORUM (Citizen Comment)

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Operational Matters

1. Mapping – Get Updated Mapping information from the county – Brandon will handle talking to Diana to get updated maps.
2. Discussed adding turn arounds to the map
3. Discussed water rescue calls in the valley

Director's Report

1. Discussed the new updates to the Fire ProQA
 - a. Change to the fire alarm questions – how many floors or stories – discussion was held on the topic and decision to turn off the question was approved.
 - b. Leaving Reference number on
 - c. Radiological alarms discussion – decision to turn off all the questions

- d. Service Calls – How much does the patient weigh – discussion on lift assists definition anything over 250lbs will be a full still
- e. Electrical Hazard – question on who services their power stays on
- f. Elevator/Escalator incident – question about the best door to go in – decision is to turn off
- g. Gas Hazard – questions on who services their gas stays on
- h. Smoke Investigation – How far away is the smoke question – turn off
- i. Structure fire – someone being trapped – turn on
- j. Train Issues – Leave Train # on
- k. Vehicle Fire – Vehicle description – turn off
- l. Traffic Accident – Faster Dispatch Points
 - i. Is your vehicle blocking/slowing traffic – turn off
 - ii. Is the accident on a freeway/Highway/Interstate – Turn off
 - iii. Is an electric or alternative fuel vehicle involved – turn on
 - iv. Is any vehicle blocking traffic – turn off
 - v. Vehicle description – turn off
- m. Back country – active assailant – off
- n. Definitions
 - i. Name Field – On
 - ii. Turn on all – High Life Hazard Fields
 - iii. Define Large and Small Residential Apartment Complex's
 - 1. Large Multi-Family Dwelling – All in the definition are considered large
 - 2. Small Multi-Family Dwelling – none
- o. Explosion/Structure Fire
 - i. Define Remote Area – same as inaccessible area
- p. Airplanes – No changes
- q. Define Small Elevator – Farm, Large Elevator – Commercial Facility
- r. Outside Fire –
 - i. Outside warming/cooking fire – definition as described in ProQA
- s. Watercraft in distress –
 - i. Add Dams to the definition of dangerous place
 - t. Fuel leak – Small less than 50 gallons, Large more than 50 gallons
 - u. Chemical Storage Tank – keep the same

2. Motion by Brown to Approve all changes to the Version 8 Fire Protocols, Second by King. All in Favor.

3. February 1st, 2025 IVRD will be dispatching for Dalzell Fire and PD.

Radio Consolidation Presentation

1. Discussion on radio consolidation project
 - a. Choice of portable coverage or mobile coverage
 - i. Paging will remain the same
 - ii. Dispatch communications will be done with one channel.
 - iii. Portable coverage would cost be about \$180,000
 - iv. Mobile coverage would be about \$60,000
 - v. Jim will give price estimates for the mobile option with a possibility of adding another receive site in Oglesby.
 - vi. Discussion was held and suggested that if a major call happened that the department will just switch to the department channel.

CAD Discussion

1. CAD was approved by the board. Servers are awaiting installation at IVRD by Connecting Points
 - a. Each Entity will need to provide a logo and department letterhead electronically

b. Each Entity will need to send response guidelines.

Priority Dispatch System Response Configuration Review/Changes

1.

Priority Dispatch System Policy Review/Changes

1. No update as of now.

New Business:

1 . None

PUBLIC FORUM (Citizen Comment)

None

NEXT MEETING

6:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 5, 2025 at the LaSalle Fire Department

ADJOURNMENT

Jeff King made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ben Brown seconded the motion. All in favor; motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m.