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The Illinois Valley Regional Dispatch Board (IVRD) Fire & EMS Committee met at 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, January 20, 2026 at the Oglesby Fire Department, 500 S. Columbia Ave., Oglesby, IL 61348.

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER BY COMMITTEE

The committee meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m. by Chief Maltas.

2. ROLL CALL: Utica Fire Chief Ben Brown, Oglesby Fire Chief Steve Maltas, Peru Fire Chief Jeff King, LaSalle Fire Chief Jerry Janick, Mendota Fire Chief Dennis Rutishauser, Oglesby Ambulance Director Pete Ragaczincy

Also Present: IVRD Executive Director Brandon Miller

Absent: Spring Valley Fire Chief Todd Bogatitus, Utica Assistant Fire Chief Mark Bierbom, Earlville Fire Chief Ken Roth, Earlville Ambulance Director Jen Coppes, Kelly Wasilewski, Peru Assistant Fire Chief Jim Duncan, Utica Assistant Fire Chief Drew Partain, Peru EMS Director Brent Hanson

3. MINUTES

Motion to approve the IVRD Fire & EMS Operations Committee minutes of November 12, 2025. Motion Jerry Janick, Seconded by Dennis Rutishauser. All in favor; motion carried.

4. COMMUNICATIONS

None.

5. PUBLIC FORUM (CITIZEN COMMENTS)

None.

6. PRIORITY DISPATCH SYSTEM

Response Configuration Review/Changes

None

Priority Dispatch System Policy Review/Changes

None

Field Feedback Reports

None

7. OLD BUSINESS

Operational Matters

1. Reminder to push the button and then if you say over the air you are “enroute” do not say “Valcom” if you push the button. It is ok if you say it over the air generically.

2. IVRD will be creating separate incidents for cop-related incidents.

3. Discussed that they will be parroting back information and that they will be recording radio traffic. We have set up unit statuses to make it easier for them to record the information.
4. Wednesday Night Pager Tests – stop doing them. Only do a Weather Page on the first Tuesday of the month with siren tests.
5. Discussion on Station Logins and station/field ops mapping and the hurdles we are currently working through.
6. Lots of Mapping Issues – Brandon is compiling a list and is working to resolve the map. Hoping to go to other dispatch centers and see how they display the map.
7. Mendota has problems with the AVL and the Mobiles – Brandon will be working to fix this.
8. Discussion on mapping of natural gas providers.
9. TIMS will be held in Peru soon. We will work to have a joint policy. This is a class that should be attended by all responders including fire, police and ems.

CAD Discussion

1. CAD Update

- i. Rip & Run Issue – Company Wide “Available” status has been fixed. Users can now use “Available” but they must chose “Complete CFS”
- ii. Station Maps & Access
 1. Still working on the hurdles
- iii. Run Cards
 1. Working on Refining Run Cards to be more granular.
- iv. Issues
 1. Change of Quarters Status – Research is still be doing
 2. Separate Tickets will be created for calls when on COQ Status
 3. Drone Calls – Call Types, Drone Button, How are we going to notify members
 4. Alternating Calls/Units for Calls – PVAS, UFPD – working on ways to recommend the right units.

2. Field Ops

- a. Awaiting maps from WTH in the appropriate format so that we can start uploading them into the field ops map.
 - i. Hydrants
 - ii. Mile Markers for Interstates, Rivers, Railroads, turn arounds
 - iii. Starved Rock/Mathiesen Park Trails
 - iv. Landing Zones
 - v. District boundaries
 - vi. Others?
- b. Passwords/Login Issues

3. Potential Radio Channel Consolidation

- a. Discussion on consolidated radio channel. It was determined that a meeting with the states attorney and the sheriff’s office to discuss the consolidated radio channel.

8. **NEW BUSINESS**

None

9. **PUBLIC FORUM (CITIZEN COMMENTS)**

No comments

10. **NEXT MEETING**

6:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 17 at the Oglesby Fire Department. Tentative meetings will be held the 3rd Tuesday of odd months – May 19, 2026, July 21, 2026, September 15, 20226, November 17, 2026

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn by King, second by Rutishauser. Meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.