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The Illinois Valley Regional Dispatch Board (IVRD) Fire & EMS Committee met at 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 17, 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 6:09 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, Spring Valley Fire Chief Todd Bogatitus, Oglesby Ambulance Director Pete Ragaczincy

Also Present: IVRD Executive Director Brandon Miller

Absent: Mendota Fire Chief Dennis Rutishauser, Earlville Fire Chief Ken Roth, Earlville Ambulance Director Jen Coppes, Kelly Wasilewski, Peru Assistant Fire Chief Jim Duncan, Peru EMS Director Brent Hanson

3. MINUTES

Motion to approve the IVRD Fire & EMS Operations Committee minutes of January 20, 2026. Motion Jeff King, Seconded by Jerry Janick. All in favor; motion carried.

4. COMMUNICATIONS

None.

5. PUBLIC FORUM (CITIZEN COMMENTS)

None.

6. PRIORITY DISPATCH SYSTEM

Response Configuration Review/Changes

1. Discussion on the updates to the fire/EMS updates
 - a. Building Instability/Investigation Protocol
 - i. Set Definitions
 - b. Definition of High Rise/Mid-Rise/Low Rise
 - i. Low – 3 or Less
 - ii. Mid – 4-6 floors
 - iii. High – 7 or more floors
 - c. Added Information to Gas Leaks/Gas Odors
 - d. Confirmed the Changes to all the other protocols that need to be updated.

Priority Dispatch System Policy Review/Changes

None

Field Feedback Reports

1. Discussed the Spring Valley issue with Peru Fire not being dispatched on a structure fire that Buecom handled.

7. OLD BUSINESS

1. Still updating the SOP for TIMS
2. Radio Consolidation is still being considered but funding remains the problem.

CAD Discussion

1. CAD Update
 - i. Station Maps & Access
 1. LaSalle & Peru FD want maps
 2. SV needs 1 login for VPN
 - ii. Run Cards
 1. Working on Refining Run Cards to be more granular.
 - iii. Issues
 1. Change of Quarters Status – Research is still being done
 2. Alternating Calls/Units for Calls – PVAS, UFPD – working on ways to recommend the right units.

Field Ops

1. Still 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?

8. NEW BUSINESS

Operational Matters:

1. Outdoor Warning Sirens – Discussion on what the steps were that led up to the sounding of the sirens.
 - a. Sirens will be activated when the warning is issued, AHJ will then request any additional activations for that warning
 - b. Discussed Scripts for answering the public
 - c. Discussed Public Education – IVRD will create a 1 page information sheet
 - d. Discussed role call for Weather Command – make sure agencies understand the definition of weather command.
2. Drew is working on Drone Team Questions for the Call Takers
3. New Box Cards for Peru Fire coming out
4. Discussed more granulated options for Transportation Incidents
5. ISO Scores 9.8/10 points for dispatch
6. Brandon & Chief Maltas attended a police meeting regarding ProQA
7. Telecommunicator Week Oglesby needs patches for a shirt for TCs
8. Brandon believes that we will be Fire Accredited within the next two weeks.
9. TIMS still updating the SOP

Director's Report

None

9. PUBLIC FORUM (CITIZEN COMMENTS)

No comments

10. NEXT MEETING

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

11. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by King, second by Janick. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.