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The Illinois Valley Regional Dispatch Board (IVRD) Fire & EMS Committee met at 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, July 21, 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 6:07 p.m. by Chief Maltas.

2. **ROLL CALL:** Utica Fire Chief Ben Brown, Oglesby Fire Chief Steve Maltas, LaSalle Fire Chief Jerry Janick, Spring Valley Fire Chief Todd Bogatitus, Earlville Ambulance Director Jen Coppes, Oglesby Ambulance Director Pete Ragaczincy

   Also Present: IVRD Executive Director Brandon Miller

   Absent: Peru Fire Chief Jeff King, Mendota Fire Chief Dennis Rutishauser, Earlville Fire Chief Ken Roth, Kelly Wasilewski, Peru Assistant Fire Chief Jim Duncan, Peru EMS Director Brent Hanson, Utica Assistant Fire Chief Drew Partain

3. **MINUTES**
   Motion to approve the IVRD Fire & EMS Operations Committee minutes of May 19, 2026. Motion by Ben Brown, 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. Annual Review was performed of response determinants. Ongoing requests to make it more granular.

   Priority Dispatch System Policy Review/Changes
   1. None

   Field Feedback Reports
   1. Only one has been submitted and it was determined that it was a mapping issue and that the caller was very difficult to understand.

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

   Operational Matters
   1. Discussed the need for one radio channel when multiple departments are responding.
   2. Spring Valley – mapping issue in Bureau County. A new mapping layer has been received from Bureau County and is in the que for the upload to Central Square.
   3. Mapping Discussion and the issues that have been found and received.

4. A uniform cancel policy needs to be created. – Discussion was held; it was determined that an all-call page will be done advising of the cancellation.
5. Address for Matthiessen Park and getting county road numbers assigned.
6. I-pads should have passcodes for the multi factor authentication
7. Oglesby Fire – Officer Change – Jon Lemur – Lieutenant, Alex Quesse – Hose Foreman
8. Discussed more granulated options for Transportation and Alarm Incidents

CAD Discussion

1. CAD Update
   i. Station Maps & Access
      1. Discussed the major issues in the mapping.
   ii. Run Cards
      1. No update.
   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**

1. North Central Behavioral Health:
Angie Hughes – Clinical Director – North Central is a 590 Provider - Aruka is not providing mobile crisis on the state level, they do handle everything for kids under 21. IVRD can contact North Central or you can call 815-224-1610. 590 is mobile crisis response – 60-minute max response window. A 2-person team is the response protocol. 2 urgent care locations – LaSalle Location 8-530pm M-F, Urgent Care in Ottawa as well.

2. Storm Mode – Discussion was held regarding storm mode and when do we send members to the station. It was decided that a committee would be formed to review the policy. Jen Hunter, Jerry Janick and Ben Brown

Director's Report

1. None

9. **PUBLIC FORUM (CITIZEN COMMENTS)**
No comments

10. **NEXT MEETING**
6:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 15 at the Oglesby Fire Department. Tentative meetings will be held the 3rd Tuesday of odd months – November 17th.

11. **ADJOURNMENT**
Motion to adjourn by Brown, second by Janick. Meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.