

**Illinois Valley Regional Dispatch
Fire & EMS Committee Meeting**
Peru, LaSalle, Oglesby & Mendota
Meeting Minutes
February 18, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

A meeting of the IVRD Fire & EMS Committee was held Thursday, February 18, 2021 at the Peru Municipal Building, 1901 4th Street, Peru, IL 61354. Chief Jeff King called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Voting & Quorum Members Present:

LaSalle Fire Chief Andy Bacidore, Peru Fire Chief Jeff King, Peru Assistant Fire Chief Jim Duncan, Spring Valley Fire Chief Todd Bogatitus, Utica Fire Chief Ben Brown, Utica Assistant Fire Chief Drew Partain, Oglesby Ambulance Director Cathie Edens

Not Present: Oglesby Fire Chief Ron Popurella, Mendota Fire Chief Dennis Rutishauser, Peru Ambulance Director Brent Hansen, Earlville EMS Director Jessica Ramey, Earlville Fire Chief Larry Todd

Also Present:

PSAP Manager JoEllen Fisher, TC Julie Dean

MINUTES

Andy Bacidore made a motion to approve the minutes of the IVRD Fire & EMS Committee meetings of August 13, 2020 and October 15, 2020. Cathie Edens seconded the motion. All in favor; motion carried.

PUBLIC FORUM (Citizen Comment)

None

COMMUNICATIONS

None

OPERATIONAL MATTERS

Jo Ellen Fisher Report:

1. Large Incidents say department name before identifying person and unit, example "LaSalle C-1" not just "C-1"
2. Patching – All TC's have been advised to patch channels until everyone is on scene. You can ask to Patch channels if you do not hear anything.
3. Discussion on switching to fireground channels. Fire Departments should establish staging and if no staging stage away from the scene and send one person up. Departments should not be talking on mobile radios while on fireground channels.
4. Discussion on a training scenario for structure fires.

Discussion on Operational Matters:

1. Talked about going to “general alarm” for all structure fires and taking out “auto-aid.”
2. Discussed Interstate Responses, reminders to all units about construction zones.
3. Discussed not being able to communicate with MABAS 25 in Spring Valley.
4. Discussed Station Alert for Peru Fire and that it is working well.
5. Discussed how everyone likes the “I AM RESPONDING” and that it is working very well.
6. No update on the new building.
7. Chief Bacidore announced he will be retiring on May 3rd, 2021 and that April will be his last fire committee meeting.
8. Discussed paging issue with Oglesby EMS for lift assistance.
9. Discussed what is added to the CAD.
10. Discussed adding different tones to the end of “all call pages for weather, structure fires, accidents.”
11. Discussed UFPD drone and its capabilities.

PUBLIC FORUM (Citizen Comment)

None

NEXT MEETING

6:30 p.m., Thursday, April 22, 2021 at the Oglesby Fire Department

ADJOURNMENT

Andy Bacidore made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Cathie Edens seconded the motion. All in favor; motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.