

**Illinois Valley Regional Dispatch
Fire & EMS Committee Meeting**
Peru, LaSalle, Oglesby & Mendota
Meeting Minutes
January 18, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

A meeting of the IVRD Fire & EMS Committee was held Wednesday, January 18, 2023 at the Oglesby Fire Department, 500 S. Columbia Ave., Oglesby, IL 61348. Chief Popurella called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Voting & Quorum Members Present:

Oglesby Fire Chief Ron Popurella, Oglesby Assistant Fire Chief Steve Maltas, Spring Valley Fire Chief Todd Bogatitus, Utica Fire Chief Ben Brown, Utica Assistant Fire Chief Drew Partain, Utica Deputy Fire Chief Gary Gbur, Utica Assistant Fire Chief Mark Bierbom, LaSalle Fire Chief Jerry Janick, Peru Assistant Fire Chief Jim Duncan, Mendota Fire Chief Dennis Rutishauser

Not Present: Peru Fire Chief Jeff King, Peru Ambulance Director Brent Hanson, Earlville EMS Director AJ Wold, Earlville Fire Chief Larry Todd, Oglesby Ambulance Director Cathie Edens, LaSalle Assistant Fire Chief Dale Tieman

Also Present:

Executive Director Brandon Miller-Guss

MINUTES

Minutes to be approved at the next meeting.

PUBLIC FORUM (Citizen Comment)

None

COMMUNICATIONS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Operational Matters:

1. Discussion on members needing to be clean shaven and prepared to go into an IDLH atmosphere when responding mutual aid.
2. Discussed terminology on the fireground to use "Command", "Ops", start practicing on all incidents.
3. Box Cards Review and to make sure that you have all the proper departments
4. Discussed IAR and how it automatically sends a message when a department is added to the CAD. Example Peru Fire received an IAR message when they went and did training at LP High School.
5. Discussed not doing pager tests during large events or when multiple calls are going on.
6. Discussed the multi pages – Mendota and Oglesby Fire did not receive any voice but did get alerted.

7. Thank You's from Mendota and LaSalle Chief to all departments responding to their large-scale incidents.

Director's Report

1. Brandon discussed the significant amount of 911 calls that were coming into the dispatch center on the day of the Carus Fire.
2. Discussed how switching to a fire ground channel significantly reduced the traffic into the dispatch center.
3. Discussion on Priority Dispatch and the definitions required to get it all up and running.
4. Approved Brandon to sign for everyone on the authorization forms for Priority Dispatch. This is meant to assist with accreditation. Motion to approve by Rutishauser, Second by Janick. All in Favor. Motion Carries.
5. Approved to have Sarah Stuepefert come to the meetings for the EMS Coordinator to meet the accreditation goal.
6. Approved the use of Still and Full still for Fire responses. Still = Single Department, Full Still = Auto Aid/AHJ's Definition. EMS Still = Single Ambulance, EMS Full Still = Ambulance and additional help/AHJ Response
7. Motion by Rutishauser, Second by Duncan. All in Favor. Motion carries.

PUBLIC FORUM (Citizen Comment)

None

NEXT MEETING

6:00 p.m., Thursday, March 15, 2023, at the Oglesby Fire Department

ADJOURNMENT

Dennis Rutishauser made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jim Duncan seconded the motion. All in favor; motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.