

Illinois Valley Regional Dispatch
Fire & EMS Committee Meeting
Peru, LaSalle, Oglesby & Mendota
Meeting Minutes
July 19, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

A meeting of the IVRD Fire & EMS Committee was held Wednesday, July 19, 2023 at the Oglesby Fire Department, 500 S. Columbia Ave., Oglesby, IL 61348. Chief King called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Voting & Quorum Members Present:

Peru Fire Chief Jeff King, Utica Fire Chief Ben Brown, Oglesby Assistant Fire Chief Steve Maltas, LaSalle Fire Chief Jerry Janick, Peru Ambulance Director Brent Hanson

Not Present: Oglesby Fire Chief Ron Popurella, Peru Assistant Fire Chief Jim Duncan Earlville Fire Chief Larry Todd, Earlville Ambulance Director Jen Copes, Mendota Fire Chief Dennis Rutishauser, Spring Valley Fire Chief Todd Bogatitus, Utica Assistant Fire Chief Drew Partain, Oglesby Ambulance Director Cathie Edens, Kelly Wasilewski, Greg Lauf, Earlville EMS Director AJ Wold, LaSalle Assistant Fire Chief Dale Tieman, Utica Deputy Fire Chief Gary Gbur, Utica Assistant Fire Chief Mark Bierbom

Also Present:

Executive Director Brandon Miller-Guss

MINUTES

Motion to approve the minutes of June 14, 2023 by Ben Brown; second by Jerry Janick. All in favor; motion carries.

PUBLIC FORUM (Citizen Comment)

None

COMMUNICATIONS

None

New business:

Operational Matters:

1. Discussed Oglesby Water Rescue Calls – Need to ask if they are above or below the wildcat rapids.
2. Discussed the Rope Call and paging the “All Call Page” for the rope call.
3. Discussed the “Peru Structure Fire Page” not having the tone at the end indicating structure fire.
4. Discussed the radio issues Utica was having.
5. Discussed WTH and the vehicles showing up on the map. Request to have Ottawa’s stuff show up on our map has been made.
6. Discussed Lifeflight and having members call on the phone instead of dispatch.
7. Update the interstate mile-markers on I-80

8. Discussed IAR and the need to allow the tracking after respond so that dispatch can see the vehicles on the map. IAR has been purchased by Rapid SOS and there are more functions becoming available.
9. Discussion on IAR and the items that we would like to remove from the initial notification.

Director's Report

1. Discussed Pro QA and the progress that is being made.
2. In the process of ramping up the quality control program.
3. Discussed applications and part time/full time positions that are available.

Priority Dispatch System Response Configuration Review/Changes

1. No update as of now.

Priority Dispatch System Policy Review/Changes.

1. No update as of now.

Election of new Fire/EMS Committee chairperson:

1. Jerry Janick will be the new president of the Fire & EMS Committee.

PUBLIC FORUM (Citizen Comment)

None

NEXT MEETING

6:00 p.m., Wednesday, September 20, 2023, at the LaSalle Fire Department

ADJOURNMENT

Ben Brown made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Steve Maltas seconded the motion. All in favor; motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.