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The Illinois Valley Regional Dispatch Board (IVRD) Fire & EMS Committee met at 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 5, 2025 at the LaSalle Fire Department, 1227 5<sup>th</sup> Street, LaSalle, IL 61301.

**MINUTES****1. CALL TO ORDER BY COMMITTEE**

The committee meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chief Janick.

**2. ROLL CALL:** Utica Fire Chief Ben Brown, Executive Director Brandon Miller, Oglesby Assistant Fire Chief Steve Maltas, Utica Assistant Fire Chief Drew Partain, Spring Valley Fire Chief Todd Bogatitus, Oglesby Fire Chief Ron Popurella, LaSalle Fire Chief Jerry Janick, Mendota Fire Chief Dennis Rutishauser, Utica Assistant Fire Chief Mark Bierbom, Peru Fire Chief Jeff King. Absent: Earlville Fire Chief Ken Roth, Earlville Ambulance Director Jen Coppes, Kelly Wasilewski, Peru Assistant Fire Chief Jim Duncan**3. MINUTES**

- Motion to approve the IVRD Fire & EMS Operations Committee minutes of January 22, 2025. Motion Jef King, Seconded by Dennis Rutishauser. All in favor; Motion carried.

**4. PUBLIC FORUM (CITIZEN COMMENTS)**

No public comment.

**5. COMMUNICATIONS**

No communications.

**6. OLD BUSINESS**

None.

**7. NEW BUSINESS****Director's Report****1. Discussed CESSA**

- Beta testing for the state
- Discussed calls that would meet the requirements for being able to be transferred to 988. Request to start transferring the qualifying calls to 988 starting 4/1/2025. Stats are showing approximately 6 calls a year.
  - Motion to update protocols 25 and 41 Omega and Alpha responses by Popurella, second by King. All in favor; motion carried.
- Dispatch Review Committee met yesterday and they recommended that we update Protocol 23 Omega Level to conference with Poison Control instead of sending ambulances unless directed by poison control.
  - Motion to update Protocol 23 by Brown, second by Popurella. All in favor; motion carried.

**3. MAYDAY Policy being worked on, more to follow**

**Review and approve Fire Priority Dispatch System Version 8 Protocols and Responses**

- None

**Operational Matters**

- Discussed that IVRD will be Storm Ready.

**New CAD procurement update and discussion**

- Servers have been installed and are fired up
- Meeting will be scheduled with chiefs and IT reps to discuss items that need to be done for VPNs and connections for vehicles.
- Discussed Tablets vs Ipads

**Potential radio channel consolidation**

- A proposal for how to consolidate the radio channels was presented. The proposal had 3 transmitters. It was discussed only needing one.

**8. PUBLIC FORUM (CITIZEN COMMENTS)**

No comments

**9. NEXT MEETING**

9:00 a.m., Monday, May 27, 2025

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn by Popurella, second by Rutishauser. Meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.