

WESCOM

Western Will County Communications Center
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Chief's Operating Committee

Attendance for February 19, 2021

A roll call was taken for attendance as follows:

PRESENT VIA TELEPHONE/ZOOM CONFERENCE:

Bolingbrook Police – Rompa
Channahon Police – Casey
Elwood Police – Hayes
Homer Fire - Bricker
Lockport Fire – O'Connor/F. Blaskey
Lockport Police – Lemming
Minooka Fire - Yancey
Northwest Homer Fire – Vrba/Fonfara
Plainfield Fire – Bonomo
Plainfield Police - Konopek
Rockdale Fire - Sleik
Shorewood Police – Klima
Troy Fire – Doyle
Wilmington Fire - Zlomie
Wilmington Police – Arnold

Staff Present: (via telephone/ZOOM)
Executive Director Steve Rauter
Deputy Director Pam Buzan
Finance Assistant Brittany Lough
Executive Assistant Cindy Tooley
Radio Tech Stan Devine
Supervisor Erich Sommer

ABSENT:

Bolingbrook Fire
Braidwood Fire
Channahon Fire
Crest Hill Police
Elwood Fire

Public Present: (via telephone/ZOOM)
Randy Swets –Miner Electronics

Chairman Klima called the February 19, 2021 meeting of the Chief's Operating Committee to order at 9:02 a.m. Pursuant to the Governor's Executive Order 2020-07 this meeting was conducted via telephone conference for attendees and Facebook Live for the public.

A roll call was taken as follows:

Bolingbrook Fire – absent

Bolingbrook Police – aye
Braidwood Fire – absent
Channahon Fire – absent
Channahon Police – aye
Crest Hill Police – absent
Elwood Fire – absent
Elwood Police – aye
Homer Fire – aye
Lockport Fire – aye
Lockport Police – aye
Minooka Fire – aye
Northwest Homer Fire – aye
Plainfield Fire – aye
Plainfield Police – aye
Rockdale Fire – aye
Shorewood Police – aye
Troy Fire – aye
Wilmington Fire – aye
Wilmington Police – aye

Quorum established.

Guidelines for Teleconference Courtesy and Efficiency - Guidelines sent to committee members. Every vote required to be Roll Call on virtual meeting.

Matters of the public – Randy Swets, current radio promotion.

A motion was made by Chief Casey, Channahon Police to approve the Consent Agenda as presented seconded by Chief Arnold, Wilmington Police.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Bolingbrook Fire – absent
Bolingbrook Police – aye
Braidwood Fire – absent
Channahon Fire – absent
Channahon Police – aye
Crest Hill Police – absent
Elwood Fire – absent
Elwood Police – aye
Homer Fire – aye
Lockport Fire – aye
Lockport Police – aye
Minooka Fire – aye
Northwest Homer Fire – aye
Plainfield Fire – aye
Plainfield Police – aye

Rockdale Fire – aye
Shorewood Police – aye
Troy Fire – aye
Wilmington Fire – aye
Wilmington Police – aye

Motion passed.

Staff Reports –

Executive Director Rauter – WESCOM holding two separate orientations/testing due to 28 applications accepted and social distancing rules.

Deputy Director Buzan – No report

Old Business – COVID-19 planning response – Monthly fogging/disinfecting for the building was done once again and continues to be scheduled once every 30 days. WESCOM personnel is now at 47% vaccinated, continue to have good set of supplies, supplying employees with replacement masks.

FY21-22 Budget has been published “as passed” by the Board, is part of the Chiefs Packet, and includes the Circuit Breakers. The changes in fees will be reflected in the May 2021 member invoices.

No need for closed session.

New Business – Technician Ben Kuchar starts March 1, 2021. From ISP radio, was a tech at A-Beep, familiar with Tait and Motorola product line and Simulcast system.

Other Business/Sub-Committees:

Building Committee – Painting/landscaping come spring. Bills coming up shortly to replace LED light fixtures.

StratPlan – Yancey - No report

By-Laws & Rules Committee – O’Connor - Staff working on employee handbook and drafting rule book for Chiefs Operating Committee.

Finance Committee – no report

Personnel and Negotiations Committee – Rompa - Disciplinary issues ongoing.
Status of Trainees and orientation plan for 3 open positions.
Executive Director Rauter - Personnel evaluations moving forward.

Membership Committee – Klima – Braidwood Police official release date from Laraway Communications Center August 1, 2021 and on track to start to start at WESCOM August 2, 2021.

Technology Committee – DC Fonfara – Zoom meeting February 23, 2021.

Klima - Health Department meeting on February 22, 2021, working with health department on vaccine planning committee, working with WC-EMA for a mass vaccination site, was able to tour former Target center on Weber Road, biggest impediment is getting vaccines.

Rauter – Hoping to do a mixed in-person and virtual meeting for the March Chiefs Ops Meeting limiting crowd size to 24 (50% of EOC capacity).

A motion was made to adjourn at 9:23am by Chief Rompa, Bolingbrook Police seconded by Chief Doyle, Troy Fire all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Signature

Date

Chief Al Yancey, Secretary
Minooka Fire Protection District