

**WESCOM**  
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**Chiefs' Operating Committee**

**Attendance for February 17, 2023**

**PRESENT EITHER IN PERSON OR VIA ZOOM:**

Bolingbrook Fire – Lajoie  
Bolingbrook Police – Rompa  
Braidwood Fire – Jude  
Channahon Police – Casey  
Elwood Fire – Locacius  
Lockport Fire – O'Connor  
Lockport Police – Huff  
Northwest Homer Fire – Vrba/Fonfara  
Plainfield Fire – Stratton  
Plainfield Police – Novak  
Shorewood Police – Arnold  
Troy Fire – Hertzmann/Kamp  
Wilmington Fire – Zlomie

**Staff Present:**

Executive Director O'Connor  
Executive Assistant Tooley  
Comptroller Lough  
Managers Sommer and Savage  
Radio Technician Devine  
Communications Tech Kuchar

**ABSENT:**

Braidwood Police  
Channahon Fire  
Crest Hill Police  
Elwood Police  
Homer Fire  
Minooka Fire  
Rockdale Fire  
Wilmington Police

**Public Present:**

Randy Swets – Chicago Communications  
Alex Anklam – Motorola representative  
Kim Seasock – WESCOM TC  
Tyler Countryman – WESCOM TC  
Jessica Murillo – WESCOM TC  
Sheila Kuehni – WESCOM TC

Chairman Arnold called the February 17, 2023 meeting of the Chiefs' Operating Committee to order at 9:00 a.m. Pursuant to the Governor's Executive Order 2020-07, this meeting was also conducted via zoom-telephone conference.

**A roll call was taken as follows:**

**Bolingbrook Fire – aye**  
**Bolingbrook Police – aye**  
**Braidwood Fire – aye**  
**Braidwood Police – absent**  
**Channahon Fire – absent**  
**Channahon Police – aye**  
**Crest Hill Police – absent**  
**Elwood Fire – aye**  
**Elwood Police – absent**  
**Homer Fire – absent**  
**Lockport Fire – aye**  
**Lockport Police – aye**

**Minooka Fire – absent**  
**Northwest Homer Fire – aye**  
**Plainfield Fire – aye**  
**Plainfield Police – aye**  
**Rockdale Fire – absent**  
**Shorewood Police – aye**  
**Troy Fire – aye**  
**Wilmington Fire – aye**  
**Wilmington Police – absent**

**Quorum established.**

Matters of the public – none

**A motion was made by Chief Hertzmann, Troy Fire to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, seconded by Chief Casey, Channahon Police.**

**A roll call vote was taken as follows:**

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

**Motion passed.**

Staff Reports –

Executive Director O'Connor: Collection's project for alarm fees RFP for an issue date of May 1, 2023.

Staff attending MABAS conference next week.

ETSB installing new console furniture at WESCOM for long-range planning, economically feasible to buy the furniture for the consoles this year in a bulk order with Joliet.

At the February 9, 2023 Executive Board Meeting, Executive Board Chairman, Mayor DeBold shared with the Board that other centers have recently settled their contracts and stated that Laraway PSAP's salary has gone up considerably.

Comptroller Lough: Executive Board passed the 2023-24 Budget.

Executive Assistant Tooley: Telecommunicator Week coming up in April.

Manager Sommer: Upgrading lights on operations floor, getting quotes.  
Callworks phone system training will be in March and going live March 23<sup>rd</sup>.  
Romeoville officially a part of MABAS Division 15.

Manager Savage: Overview given on current trainees and hiring. Five applicants given conditional offers with psychological examinations and medicals still to be completed.

Supervisor Mike Chuffo working on cross-training.

WESCOM helpdesk is being utilized amongst staff at the moment. To be complete and ready by May 1, 2023.

WESCOM hosting a CTO APCO class first week of March.

Old Business - Phase 5 Emergency Declarations still in effect.

New Business – Employee Handbook revisions – in conjunction with CBA, reviewed by Personnel Committee. **A motion was made by Chief Rompa, Bolingbrook Police to approve the recommended changes to the Employee Handbook seconded by Chief Vrba, Northwest Homer Fire.**

**A roll call vote was taken as follows:**

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

**Motion passed.**

Intergovernmental Agreement with the Will County ETSB annual surcharge grant. **A motion was made by Chief Hertzmann, Troy Fire to authorize the Executive Director to execute the Intergovernmental Agreement with Will County 911 regarding the surcharge grant seconded by Chief Rompa, Bolingbrook Police.**

**A roll call vote was taken as follows:**

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

**Motion passed.**

School SRO access to WESCOM radio talkgroups.

Minooka school district employing retired officers as SRO's. School district buying STARCOM radios. To be discussed further at Police ops for more research.


Other Business/Sub-Committees:

- Membership Committee – Chief Miller – status quo
- Building Committee – Chief Stratton – status quo
- Technology Committee – Deputy Chief Fonfara – meeting February 28, 2023.
- By-Laws & Rules Committee – none (need new Chair)
- Finance Committee – Chief Hayes – none
- Personnel & Negotiations Committee – Chief Rompa – none

No need for closed session.

**A motion was made to adjourn at 9:32 am by Chief Casey, Channahon Police seconded by Chief Vrba, Northwest Homer Fire, all in favor.**

Respectfully submitted,



Signature  
03/17/2023

Date

Chief Shane Casey, Secretary  
Channahon Police