

**WESCOM**  
**Western Will County Communication Center**  
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**Chiefs' Operating Committee**

**Attendance for March 17, 2023**

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

Bolingbrook Fire – Lajoie  
Bolingbrook Police – Rompa  
Channahon Police – Casey  
Crest Hill Police - Clark  
Elwood Fire – Locacius  
Elwood Police - Hayes  
Homer Fire – Doyle/Bricker  
Lockport Fire – O'Connor/Blaskey  
Lockport Police – Huff  
Northwest Homer Fire – Vrba/Fonfara  
Plainfield Fire – Stratton  
Plainfield Police – Miller  
Shorewood Police – Arnold  
Troy Fire – Hertzmann  
Wilmington Police – Zink

**Staff Present:**

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

**ABSENT:**

Braidwood Fire  
Braidwood Police  
Channahon Fire  
Minooka Fire  
Rockdale Fire  
Wilmington Fire

**Public Present:**

Chairman Arnold called the March 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 – absent**  
**Braidwood Police – absent**  
**Channahon Fire – absent**  
**Channahon Police – aye**  
**Crest Hill Police – aye**  
**Elwood Fire – aye**  
**Elwood Police – aye**  
**Homer Fire – aye**  
**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 – absent**  
**Wilmington Police – aye**

**Quorum established.**

Matters of the public – none

**A motion was made by Chief Hayes, Elwood Police to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, seconded by Chief Miller, Plainfield Police.**

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

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

**Motion passed.**

Staff Reports –

Executive Director O'Connor:

Will County ETSB installed new console furniture at WESCOM, this was part of their long-range planning.

Help Desk is being utilized amongst admin staff thus far.

Brief discussion regarding Shorewood school district reference Bluepoint.

Manager Sommer:

CallWorks implementation on March 21, 2023 at WESCOM.

Grant projects update – lighting was assessed and waiting on quotes to then apply for a Com Ed grant.

Manager Savage:

Overview given on current trainees and hiring. One TC in training doing well. Three new hires starting March 27, 2023. Next orientation/testing date tbd but within the next month.

Administration staff attended the IPELRA conference in Oakbrook.

Staff attended the Will County Users Conference.

Received multiple nominations for Telecommunicator of The Year; WESCOM opted to have two winners for 2023 - one Fire Telecommunicator and one Police Telecommunicator of the Year.

Working on mental health accessibility for WESCOM employees.

Executive Assistant Tooley:

Telecommunicator Week April 9<sup>th</sup>.

Working on grant project quotes.

Comptroller Lough:

Agency assessment fees will be different on next monthly invoice.

Old Business - Phase 5 Emergency Declarations still in effect for approximately one more month.

Discussion held regarding Minooka School District radio channel access.

New Business – Microwave link replacement project.

**A motion was made by Chief Hertzmann, Troy Fire to approve the microwave link project as presented, and authorize the Executive Director to execute any agreements or expenses seconded by Chief Vrba, Northwest Homer Fire.**

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

**Bolingbrook Fire – aye**

**Bolingbrook Police – aye**

**Braidwood Fire – absent**

**Braidwood Police – absent**

**Channahon Fire – absent**

**Channahon Police – aye**

**Crest Hill Police – aye**

**Elwood Fire – aye**

**Elwood Police – aye**

**Homer Fire – aye**

**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 – absent**

**Wilmington Police – aye**

**Motion passed.**

Staff compensation – To be discussed in closed meeting.

Other Business/Sub-Committees:

- Membership Committee – Chief Miller – status quo
- Building Committee – Chief Stratton – roof inspected, minor work/repairs \$1,945.00.
- Technology Committee – Deputy Chief Fonfara – meeting March 28, 2023, may need to reschedule.
- By-Laws & Rules Committee – none (need new Chair)
- Finance Committee – Chief Hayes – no report
- Personnel & Negotiations Committee – Chief Rompa – one item for closed meeting.

**A motion was made by Chief Stratton, Plainfield Fire to enter a closed meeting at 9:30 am per ILCS 5 ILCS 120 Section 2 C 1 for the purposes of discussing the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees; labor negotiations; and currently pending litigation seconded by Chief Miller, Plainfield Police.**

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

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

**Motion passed.**

**A motion was made by Chief Casey, Channahon Police to reconvene to open meeting at 9:55 am seconded by Chief Hertzmann, Troy Fire.**

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

**Bolingbrook Fire – aye  
Bolingbrook Police – aye  
Braidwood Fire – absent  
Braidwood Police – absent**

**Channahon Fire – absent**  
**Channahon Police – aye**  
**Crest Hill Police – aye**  
**Elwood Fire – aye**  
**Elwood Police – aye**  
**Homer Fire – aye**  
**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 – absent**  
**Wilmington Police – aye**

**Motion passed.**

**As a result of closed meeting, a motion was made by Chief Rompa, Bolingbrook Police to approve a one-time equity adjustment of \$11,425.00 to Executive Director O'Connor's salary retroactive to January 1, 2023 seconded by Chief Hayes, Elwood Police.**

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

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

**Motion passed.**

**A motion was made to adjourn at 9:57 am by Chief Stratton, Plainfield Fire seconded by Chief Hertzmann, Troy Fire all in favor.**

Respectfully submitted,



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Signature

May 19, 2023

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Date

Chief Shane Casey, Secretary  
Channahon Police