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Chief's Operating Committee

Attendance for November 19, 2021

PRESENT EITHER IN PERSON OR VIA ZOOM:

Bolingbrook Fire – Lajoie
Bolingbrook Police – Rompa
Braidwood Fire - Jude
Channahon Police – Casey
Crest Hill Police - Clark
Homer Fire – Locacius/Bricker
Lockport Fire – O'Connor/F. Blaskey
Lockport Police – Harang
Northwest Homer Fire – Vrba/Fonfara
Plainfield Fire – Stratton
Plainfield Police - Konopek
Shorewood Police – Klima
Troy Fire – Hoffman/Hertzmann
Wilmington Fire - Zlomie
Wilmington Police - Arnold

Staff Present:

Executive Director Mike O'Connor
Executive Assistant Cindy Tooley
Radio Technician Stan Devine
Communications Tech Ben Kuchar
Supervisor Janice Savage
Finance Assistant Brittany Lough

ABSENT:

Braidwood Police
Channahon Fire
Elwood Fire
Elwood Police
Minooka Fire
Rockdale Fire

Public Present: (via ZOOM)

Vice Chairman Arnold called the November 19, 2021 meeting of the Chief's Operating Committee to order at 9:00 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 – aye
Bolingbrook Police – aye

Braidwood Fire – aye
Braidwood Police – absent
Channahon Fire – absent
Channahon Police – aye
Crest Hill Police – aye
Elwood Fire – absent
Elwood Police – absent
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 – 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 – none

A motion was made by Chief Stratton, Plainfield 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 – aye
Elwood Fire – absent
Elwood Police – absent
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 – aye
Wilmington Police – aye

Motion passed.

Staff Reports – Executive Director O’Connor:

Painting of building/gate repair in progress, three trainees are now on their own, hiring process underway. LEADS 3.0 issues still being looked into. Finance meeting to be rescheduled. Evaluation program for telecommunicators still ongoing.

Old Business – Phase 5, Emergency Declarations still in effect.

New Business – Request for new chairs for the center. **A motion was made by Chief O’Connor, Lockport Fire to approve the purchase of twelve (12) dispatch chairs from Seatworks LLC., in the amount not to exceed \$25,250.00 with the purchase to be charged to the capital asset account seconded by Chief Locacius, 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 – aye
Elwood Fire – absent
Elwood Police – absent
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 – aye
Wilmington Police – aye

Motion passed.

Other Business/Sub-Committees:

Membership Committee – Chief Klima - Status quo.

Building Committee – Chief Stratton – Maintenance mode.

By-Laws & Rules Committee – O’Connor – Status quo.

Finance Committee – Hayes – Joint finance/Personnel workshop November 19, 2021.
(Rescheduled)

Personnel and Negotiations Committee – Rompa - Discussion on re-organization/promotion plan.

Technology Committee – DC Fonfara – Meeting November 23, 2021, 9:00am.

A motion was made at 9:20am by Chief Klima, Shorewood Police to enter a closed meeting 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 current pending litigation seconded by Chief Locacius, 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 – aye

Elwood Fire – absent

Elwood Police – absent

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 – aye
Wilmington Police – aye**

Motion passed.

A motion was made at 9:33am to reconvene to open meeting by Chief Stratton, Plainfield Fire 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 – aye
Elwood Fire – absent
Elwood Police – absent
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 – aye
Wilmington Police – aye**

Motion passed.

As a result of closed meeting a motion was made by Chief Locacius, Homer Fire to deny Kristin Kirby's Leave of Absence extension request and must provide her intent on or before November 27, 2021 seconded by Chief Stratton, Plainfield 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 – aye
Elwood Fire – absent
Elwood Police – absent
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 – aye
Wilmington Police – aye

Motion passed.

A motion was made to adjourn at 9:36am by Chief Casey, Channahon Police seconded by Chief Stratton, Plainfield Fire all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Signature

Date

Chief Chris Locacius, Secretary
Homer Fire Protection District