

**Illinois Valley Regional Dispatch  
Fire & EMS Committee Meeting**  
Peru, LaSalle, Oglesby & Mendota ETSB's  
Meeting Minutes  
January 16, 2019

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was held Wednesday, January 16, 2019 at the Utica Fire Department, 2945 N. State Route 178, Utica, Illinois. Committee Chairman Andy Bacidore called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

LaSalle Fire Chief Andy Bacidore, Mendota Fire Chief Dennis Rutishauser, Oglesby Ambulance Service Director Cathie Edens, Peru Volunteer Ambulance Service Director Brent Hansen, Utica Fire Drew Partain

Also present was PSAP Manager JoEllen Fisher

**MINUTES**

Committee Chairman Bacidore presented the minutes of the IVRD Fire & EMS Committee meeting of 10/11/18. Committee Chairman Bacidore made a motion that the minutes be received and placed on file. Chief Dennis Rutishauser seconded the motion. All in favor; motion carried.

**PUBLIC FORUM (Citizen Comment)**

None

**COMMUNICATION**

None

**OPERATIONAL MATTERS DISCUSSION:**

**Fire & EMS Meeting**

1. LaSalle Fire has the box cards added to the mapping. Working very well so far if other agencies wish to provide the box card maps, we can get them added as well.
2. Fire & EMS Guidelines, I have been working diligently to get these at a starting point before this meeting. They were emailed to all of you to review the guidelines before this meeting.
3. Remember to go to "talk around" quicker when on calls so there is not excess traffic on the radio. (When possible)
4. Chief Bacidore can I get an update on the one page frequency are you still working on this project and do you need any help? Possibly getting Jim from SRC to attend the next meeting to see what needs done going forward to make this happen.
5. Radio issue with Mendota, Earlville & Leland. It is my understanding IVRD Chairman has put the ball back in your court to get a meeting set up with both Starved Rock Communications & Motorola to get this all ironed out. I believe this is a huge issue not only for fire but for the police also. We need to get a meeting set up ASAP with all parties involved. Mendota Police & Fire/Troy Grove Fire & EMS, Earlville Police, Fire & EMS, Leland Police, Chairman Bernabei & myself.
6. Reminder Self Dispatching is up and running for departments to utilize when going on non-emergency transfers it will help if agencies start utilizing this tool.

7. Command officers should be invited to attend these meetings. First off for fresh ideas and comments. Secondly, I believe it would make things easier for all Command officers to be aware of the changes so they get implemented. It defeats the purpose of having these meetings when an agency isn't represented and the items don't get discussed with your members.
8. CAD-I understand this CAD is very aggravating when it doesn't work. But can you advise if the CAD is running better for you or are you still getting the same errors when trying to get logged into the system.
9. Been working with Brownlee in an attempt to get the location and ESN information to auto spill into the CAD. This is a work in progress and you know how fast Brownlee works on things. I'm hoping to add the ESN information to each address plus the auto aid information.
10. Peru Station Alert is there any way we can eliminate the station alert. Or can we at least get the time it's open shortened. This is annoying when we are busy and all we hear is open air and get no response.
11. Testing of Tornado/Natural Disaster Siren should be tested each month year round. This notification siren is not only for tornado it's for other types of disasters as well. There have been two tornados in November and with the warmer weather lasting longer I believe this should be tested year round for ALL communities.  
  
Earlville is it fixed where ValCom can activate the siren?
12. Peru Ambulance connected to IAR glad to see this for sure you will like the dispatches coming to your members phones. 2<sup>nd</sup> means of connectivity to receive dispatches

#### ADJOURNMENT

Committee Chairman Bacidore made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Chief Rutishauser seconded the motion. All in favor; motion carried.