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The Illinois Valley Regional Dispatch Board (IVRD) Law Enforcement Operations Committee met at 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, September 30, 2025 at the Peru Municipal Building located at 1901 4th Street, Peru, IL 61354.

MINUTES**1. CALL TO ORDER BY COMMITTEE**

The committee meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. by Chairman Bernabei.

2. ROLL CALL:

LaSalle Police Chief Mike Smudzinski - present, Peru Lieutenant of Administrative Services Doug Bernabei - present, Oglesby Police Chief Mike Margis – present, Mendota Police Chief Jason Martin –present, Spring Valley Police Chief Adam Curran – present, Peru Police Chief Sarah Raymond – not present, Dalzell Police Chief Mark Manicki – not present.

Also present: Executive Director Brandon Miller.

3. MINUTES

- Motion to approve IVRD Law Enforcement Operations Committee minutes of July 24, 2025 by Chief Margis, second by Chief Martin

4. PUBLIC FORUM (CITIZEN COMMENTS)

No public comment.

5. COMMUNICATIONS

No communications.

6. NEW BUSINESS

- Field Feedback Reports
 - Brandon reported that we did not have any field feedback reports from Law Enforcement. Fire/EMS use them consistently. Brandon reminded the group of the importance of completing them when there are issues for tracking and because they are discussed at the DRC. Brandon will send the forms again in case folks don't have them.
- Priority Dispatch
 - Response Configuration Review/Changes – there are no response configuration changes.
 - Priority Dispatch System Policy Review/Changes – the group had a lengthy discussion about optional questions in Police ProQA and the length of call processing. Also discussed citizen feedback. Brandon indicated that when ProQA was implemented, they recommended turning on all optional questions. They have since advised to turn them all off and only turn them on when the need is identified. Brandon advised that this could be done immediately and will follow up via email once completed. Unanimous vote to turn off all optional questions in ProQA.

- EPD ACE – as indicated previously, IVRD achieved EPD ACE and is working on Medical and Fire to earn the “triple crown.” Recognition is only achieved by the Bloomington PD in the state. Brandon discussed that ACE pertains to compliance with the protocols. Any other measures, such as call processing times, radio dispatch, etc., are up to us locally. The new CAD has many reporting features that will make us more accountable and improve processes.
- Operational Discussions/Guidance
 - CAD Run Cards/Auto Dispatching Officers into Other Jurisdictions – Sgt Gatzka explained that the new CAD allows us to auto-dispatch squads to other jurisdictions in the event no one is available. After a discussion, the group decided to leave this up to the Sergeant or Officer in charge. We will revisit this at a later time after the CAD has been in place and everyone is comfortable with its capabilities.
 - Draft Swatting Call Policy Review/Discussion – Brandon and Chief Smudzinski outlined multiple swatting events that occurred in La Salle and aimed at a Sergeant personally. The group discussed that there has really been no formal training on this, and it is needed. The group discussed the need to share these regionally and at the state level. Brandon presented a draft policy on swatting. The chiefs unanimously approved the policy as written.
 - ISPERN/Officer Safety Message Rebroadcasting – Brandon discussed a missed broadcast for a priority incident in Sheridan. Brandon dictated that the night shift has our newest TCs, and there is no guidance on broadcasts. Brandon presented a draft policy that was unanimously approved. The group also discussed the need for immediate broadcast of priority incidents in our system. Chief Martin suggested that we implement the broadcast procedures on IREACH in the suburbs. He will seek a copy of this procedure and forward it to Brandon.

7. OLD BUSINESS

No old business.

8. PUBLIC FORUM (CITIZEN COMMENTS)

No comments

9. NEXT MEETING

To be determined

10. ADJOURNMENT

Chief Margis made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Chief Martin seconded the motion. All in favor; motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.