

Minutes of the KenCom Operations Board Meeting
Held, Wednesday, February 19th, 2025
2:00 p.m.
Yorkville Police Department
3rd Floor, East Conference Room, Rm 337
651 Prairie Pointe Dr. Yorkville, IL 60560

Member	Agency	Present	Absent
Joe Johnson	OFD	X	
Ismel Diaz	MPD	X	
Bobby Richardson	KCSO	X	
Scott McCarty	BKFD	X	
Gene Morton	PPD	X	
Ray Mikolasek	YPD	X	
Cliff Fox	Village of Newark	X	
Jeff Mathre	NFD		X
Derek Forseth	LRFFD	X	
Patrick Pope	LSFD		X
Derek Hagerty	SFD	X	
Drew Santa	OPD	X	
Tom Meyers	MFD		X
	ATFD		X

Others Present: Lynette Bergeron, KenCom Director; Pamela Hurtig, KenCom Deputy Director; Jenny Haske, KenCom Assistant Director.

Ray Mikolasek called the meeting to order and requested a roll call of the membership. Ten of the thirteen members were present, resulting in having a quorum for voting purposes.

Mikolasek called for approval of the agenda. Morton made a motion to approve the agenda as submitted, seconded by Forseth. Discussion. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Mikolasek called for Public Comment – None

Mikolasek called for Correspondence – Bergeron received an email from the Newark Fire Department, and they are looking to purchase new pagers and wanted a timeline when KenCom was going to go digital. They are debating if they should invest in digital capable pagers or stay with minitors. Bergeron read her response to Newark Fire that KenCom purchased all fire agencies' digital portable radios knowing we were adding a digital channel. Fire agencies should now only buy equipment supporting digital radio channels. Fire 3 was tested before the purchase of digital radios to ensure no issues and did not receive any negative feedback. After the discussion, the timetable for moving to all digital will be taken to the MABAS 14 members.

Staff Report – Hurtig gave a Personnel Report as follows: Cheryl Kemp resigned on February 10th and had been with KenCom for over 21 years. She will be greatly missed. KenCom is down two TC positions and hiring four, which includes the allotted plus two. KenCom also seeks to promote our third supervisor and new LEADS trainer. Jennifer Powel was selected Telecommunicator of the Year by the Illinois Sheriff's Association! The ISA Winter Conference and Awards Banquet will be held on Monday, February 10th in Springfield. This is the second year in a row a KenCom telecommunicator has been

awarded TC of the Year for the Sheriff's Association. Training as follows: In-house training for February is PowerPhone Active Listening Skills. LEADS as follows: On February 11th Hurtig received notice that they did pass the LEADS audit. Project updates as follows: Staff met with the Motorola team and ABeep on February 5th to discuss the project timeline of the Digital Fixed Station Interface. Motorola will be ordering the equipment in March/April. Motorola's tentative timeframe would be the end of summer to complete the project. KenCom has decided to pass on being a pilot for the CESSA program. CESSA meetings continue. KenCom Employee Handbook will be discussed further at the Personnel Committee Meeting. The second onboarding meeting for PACE Scheduler was on Tuesday, January 14th. Kendall County will be providing us with the payroll codes to input into the system so we can move forward. Text to 9-1-1 totals for January was 2.

Closed Session Minutes but do not release – None

Consent Agenda – Mikolasek called for approval of the consent agenda. Morton made a motion, seconded by McCarty to approve the consent agenda, which includes the following:

- Approval of the January 2025 Treasurer's Reports
- Approval of the January 15th, 2024 Operations Board Minutes.

All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Mikolasek called for the Standing Committee Reports:
Strategic Planning Committee – No meeting.

Finance Committee Report:

Operation Fund Bills – Richardson made a motion to approve the February 2025 Operation bills, in the amount of \$200,941.21, seconded by Forseth. Discussion. A roll call was taken with all ten members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Surcharge Fund Bills – Richardson made a motion to approve the February 2025 Surcharge bills, in the amount of \$52,055.34 seconded by Santa. Discussion. A roll call was taken with all ten members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Anticipated Expenses – None

Mikolasek called for Old Business:
Other Old Business – None

Tyler New World Fire RMS – McCarty stated they are going back and forth because Emergency Networking is not willing to waive the \$22,500 set-up fee. They are also looking at ESO, which they currently use for their EMS reporting. They are looking to get a demo with ESO and have not seen any pricing, which Chief Flanders is currently working on. Bergeron stated KenCom signed a contract with Tyler/New World in 2017 with a fee locked in until 2027. With the change of Fire RMS, Tyler confirmed in a meeting with Tyler/New World and KenCom that they would not increase during the contract period to go with Tyler's fire product. Now, it is said to build it out would cost \$22,500.

Mikolasek called for New Business:
Closed Session Audio Destruction – None

Policy and Procedures – None

Other New Business – None

Other Business – None.

Closed Session – None

Action After Closed Session – None

Mikolasek stated the next Operations Board Meeting is Wednesday, March 19th, 2025; at Yorkville Police Department, 3rd Floor East Conference Room 337, 651 Prairie Pointe, Yorkville at 2:00 p.m. Morton made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Forseth. All members present voting aye. The meeting adjourned at 2:17 p.m.

Respectively Submitted,

Bonnie Walters
Recording Secretary