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The Illinois Valley Regional Dispatch Board (IVRD) Law Enforcement Operations Committee met at 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, September 9, 2026 at the Peru Police Department located at 2650 N. Peoria St, Peru, IL 61354.

MINUTES

1. **CALL TO ORDER BY COMMITTEE**
   The committee meeting was called to order at 11:04 a.m. by Chairman Bernabei.

2. **ROLL CALL:**
   Present: Peru Police Chief Sarah Raymond, LaSalle Police Chief Jason Stubler, Oglesby Police Chief Mike Margis, Mendota Police Chief Jason Martin, Peru Police Lieutenant Art Smith

   Also present: Executive Director Doug Bernabei, IVRD Lead TC Jen Hunter, Oglesby Commissioner Gregory McDermott

   Not Present: Spring Valley Police Chief Adam Curran, Dalzell Police Chief Mark Manicki.

3. **MINUTES**
   Motion to approve IVRD Law Enforcement Operations Committee minutes of July 7, 2026 by Chief Raymond, second by Chief Margis. All in favor; motion carried.

4. **COMMUNICATIONS**
   None

5. **PUBLIC FORUM (CITIZEN COMMENTS)**
   No public comments.

6. **NEW BUSINESS**
   a) Select committee chairman: Peru Police Chief Raymond volunteered. Motion made to accept by Chief Stubler and 2nd by Chief Margis. All in favor; motion carried.
   b) Step Grant Discussion: There are no dispatcher complaints. Continue to let IVRD know of any upcoming details to ensure adequate staffing to handle the extra workload. The grants allow for a 15% indirect personnel cost, that can be banked if needed, to reimburse the city's TC overtime. Chiefs might want to consider asking their city TC to work these details. IVRD Director Bernabei suggested to either have the city TC's do these details or IVRD continue and bill the city (after a certain amount of time) possibly $25.00 an hour to accommodate IVRD staffing/overtime, using that 15% for payment. The Halloween Campaign would be the start.
   -Chief Stubler advised as of now LaSalle is suspending their grants for approximately 6 months.
   -IVRD Director passed on that ValCom TC's have been advised to go Signal 100 when inundated with call volume. He also stated to circle back to his grant suggestion.

c) Signal 100 and storm coverage protocol: Everyone was provided with a copy of IVRD Severe Weather policy to review. It states in the policy, dispatchers in LaSalle, Peru, Spring Valley, Oglesby, and Mendota shall be staffed until call volume has decreased to a manageable call volume.

-Discussion: Is the above practical? IVRD will make every attempt to staff up for incoming weather. If inclement weather is approaching when the town TC's are due to leave for the day, ask them to stay, if possible, to help. Everyone was asked to go over the policy and see what is practical to discuss at next meeting. IVRD Director Bernabei is also taking the policy to the next fire chiefs' meeting. The goal is to clean up this policy for everyone. One last note, advise all the patrol officers to have ValCom activate the weather sirens if needed. Sometimes with rapidly developing storm systems, weather messages can be missed or delayed due to incoming calls/volume.

d) Officers entering and maintaining trespass files: It is the officers' job to enter trespass warnings into the CAD. All the chiefs were asked to send out a reminder of this. Chief Stubler and IVRD Lead TC Jen Hunter will work on a draft for the trespass warning for all patrol officers.

e) Status time extensions: When ValCom does a status check and the officer just advises to extend it, extend it to what? Pass on to patrol; if they want extended status then to say for how long. Example: Extend 10, 20, 30 and so forth.

f) North Central Behavioral Health (added per Brandon)- Brandon was not at attendance, so not sure what he needed to discuss. IVRD Lead TC Jen Hunter added at the last fire chiefs' meeting there was a representative from NCBH there talking about their mobile crisis unit. Chief Raymond added Arukah is pretty much done for this area.

7. **PRIORITY DISPATCH**

a) The Determinates are still being worked on. If anyone comes across one that needs split up, please pass it on.

8. **OPERATIONAL DISCUSSIONS/GUIDANCE:**

a) When the city dispatchers go 1-42, advise ValCom of any open calls or pending calls. ValCom will do the same when city dispatchers come on duty.

-Livescan is connected.

9. **OLD BUSINESS**

a) Lead TC Hunter asked about ER transports. The ER calls a lot to give patients a ride home. If the patient lives in a town other than Peru, who are we supposed to be asking, Peru since the hospital is in Peru or the town in which the patient lives? Chief Stubler suggested having a conversation with OSF. Chief Raymond suggested contacting the town in which the patient lives first. If they are not available, then call the ER back and advise them there is nobody available. Chief Raymond is going to make some calls in reference to this situation.

-Hunter also passed on from the fire chiefs meeting about crash notifications. If there is a notification in town then ValCom is going to send just an officer to check the area. If it's outside of city limits, then the full response will be sent.

-Director Bernabei talked about LEADS entry forms. ValCom is going to come up with a unified form for all leads entries to be circulated and if approved, implemented.

-Lastly, Director Bernabei stated the need to raise ValCom shift minimum. We need more people as it is overwhelming for 2 people. He will be speaking to the board about solutions.

10. **PUBLIC FORUM (CITIZEN COMMENTS)**

No public comments.

11. **NEXT MEETING**

Thursday, November 12, 2026

12. **ADJOURNMENT**

Chief Margis made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Chief Martin seconded the motion. All in favor; motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 12:02 p.m.