

Minutes of the KenCom Operations Board Meeting
Held, Wednesday, November 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
Dan Gallup	OFD	X	
Ismael Diaz	MPD	X	
Jason Langston	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: Pamela Hurtig, KenCom Director; Jenny Haske, KenCom Deputy Director; Sarah Jenkins, KenCom Operations Manager; Amber Reyes, KenCom Administrative Assistant.

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

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

Mikolasek called for Public Comment – None

Mikolasek called for Correspondence – None

Staff Report – Hurtig gave a Personnel Report as follows: Madison Gunter was promoted to KenCom’s third supervisor position. We are down three telecommunicator positions and will be hiring seven which includes the two new positions approved in the FY 25-26 budget and the plus two allotted by our boards. Last Monday, November 10th we held our brief orientation, speed interviews, and typing test. Additional information was given on the testing and results. Training as follows: November’s monthly skills training will pick back up with the IPAWS that was halted due to the government shutdown, finishing up on the SFVEMSS quarterly training and active shooter training through PowerPhone. Project Updates as follows: DFSI— Overall the move to digital encryption was a success. There was an issue while using the scanning feature causing garbled radio traffic. ABeep has found the fix and is currently in the process of reprogramming all radios again. Motorola has also finished updating the consoles in dispatch. CESSA— SFVEMSS Region 9 has started their sub-committee meetings again due to the recent changes

in the move to CESSA. The last meeting was 10/29 and we should be meeting again in December. AID has been meeting with Kendall agencies looking to form a Kendall sub-committee meetings. HipLink - pending IPAWS implementation after TC training is complete. Phoenix G2—We are still on standby due to testing needed since the cutover to digital is complete. Session Border Controller – Cutover still planned for November 20th. CommsCoach – The project kick-off meeting was held last Friday, November 14th. Next meeting is a tech call this week. NIU- CGS Strategic Plan Project – Final action planning meeting is set for December 3rd with KenCom Leadership to review short-and long-term goals. Space Analysis – In the process of using the Architect Kendall County is utilizing. Text to 9-1-1 totals for October were 7.

Closed Session Minutes but do not release – None

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

- Approval of the October 2025 Treasurer Reports
- Approval of the October 15th, 2025 Operations Board Minutes.

All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Mikolasek called for the Standing Committee Reports:

Strategic Planning Committee – Hurtig stated John Sullivan was at the meeting from ABeep to discuss interoperability of the radios now that KenCom is encrypted with surrounding agencies. Hurtig continued that it was discussed to go with an 800 MHZ channel, which will be patched to channel 5, and other outside agencies can hear KenCom during large incidents. After a lengthy discussion, the Strategic Planning Committee approved to move forward with the 800 MHZ channel to the Operations Board. Discussion. There was a consensus by the Operations Board to move forward to the Finance Committee the Radio Infrastructure & Interoperability. Hurtig will bring more information back next month as received from ABeep.

Finance Committee Report:

Operation Fund Bills – Forseth made a motion to approve the November 2025 Operation bills, in the amount of \$173,246.08, seconded by Santa. Discussion. A roll call was taken with all seven members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Surcharge Fund Bills – Gallup made a motion to approve the November 2025 Surcharge bills, in the amount of \$88,916.14, seconded by McCarty. Discussion. A roll call was taken with all seven members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Anticipated Expenses – Hurtig reviewed the anticipated expenses contained in the packet. Gallup made a motion to approve the invoice from ABeep for a fix on the Nice Recording System due to going digital, in the amount not to exceed \$16,165.90 seconded by Forseth. A roll call was taken with all seven members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Mikolasek called for Old Business:

Other Old Business – None

9-1-1 Goes to Springfield – No Report.

Tyler New World Fire RMS – No Report.

NIU Center for Governmental Studies planning & Goal Identification – Reviewed in staff report.

Police Encryption Update – Hurtig stated since going digital encrypted they need to review some of their police polices. Discussion ensued.

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

Policies – None

Other New Business – Gallup stated Oswego Fire is hosting an Active Shooter Incident Management Class. It is a free (grant-funded), three-day course that will be held at Harvest Church and is open to 30 police, 20 fire, 5 dispatchers, 2 PIOs, and 2 EOAs.

Closed Session – None

Action After Closed Session – None

Mikolasek stated the next Operations Board Meeting is Wednesday, December 17th, 2025; at The Yorkville Police Department, 650 Prairie Pointe, Yorkville at 2:00 p.m. Santa made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Gallup. All members present voting aye. The meeting adjourned at 2:29 p.m.

Respectively Submitted,

Bonnie Walters
Recording Secretary