

Minutes of the KenCom Operations Board Meeting
Held, Wednesday, January 14th, 2026
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; Bonnie Walters, KenCom Executive Assistant.

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

Mikolasek called for approval of the agenda. Morton made a motion to approve the agenda as submitted, seconded by Gallup. 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: Annual shift change for dispatch occurred Saturday, January 10th, 2026. We no longer have any regularly scheduled overtime, so we have put part-time dispatch staffing on hold. Hiring continues for six telecommunicators; we have 12 candidates in the background phase. Shift meetings will be held on January 29th, 2026. KenCom’s Public Ed Committee has been getting more involved in our community. They most recently gave presentations with OPD for the Oswego Pathways Transition Program and fourth-grade students at Yorkville Intermediate School for “Community Helpers Day”. Training as follows: Our Lead Trainer will be completing skills training with all employees, focusing on recent policy updates and new features in Rapid SOS. Dispatch will also complete the Southern Fox Valley EMS Q1 training and 9-1-1 Liability in PowerPhone. TC Freeland and Pryor will be attending the MABAS 2026 Summit in Bloomington-Normal on February 18th-20th. Project Updates as follows: DFSI – Overall project complete, waiting on the recording solution to install control

stations for each P25 encrypted channel. A temporary solution is in place using two of our backup control stations. CESSA – Nothing new to report, pending Cohort date with the state for initial implementation information. HipLink – New receivers and users added, IPAWS implementation still pending. Phoenix G2 – System audits continue, and audit discovery conversations with the vendor and agencies are pending. Session Border Controller – AT&T contract was signed, pending new cutover date. CommsCoach – Weekly meetings continue while working on building out evaluations. NIU (Strategic Plan Project) – Last month, the results of the final action planning meeting, which took place on December 3rd, were reviewed with the Strategic Planning Committee. The management team will continue to fill in the mid- and long-term goals on the spreadsheet provided by NIU and then send it to the Board Chairs for their input. Space Analysis – Study is ongoing. Our consultant hopes to complete the study near end of January. RapidSOS – Onboarding meeting was on December 31st, and the Communicator software is up and running. Test to 9-1-1 totals for December were 10.

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 December 2025 Operation Treasurer Report; December 2025 Surcharge Treasurer Reports.
- Approval of the December 17th, 2025 Operations Board Minutes.

All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Mikolasek called for the Standing Committee Reports:
Strategic Planning Committee – None.

Finance Committee Report:

Operation Fund Bills – Morton made a motion to approve the January 2026 Operation bills, in the amount of \$201,225.17, seconded by McCarty. Discussion. A roll call was taken with all five members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Surcharge Fund Bills – Gallup made a motion to approve the January 2026 Surcharge bills, in the amount of \$258,183.06, seconded by Morton. Discussion. A roll call was taken with all five members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Anticipated Expenses – None.

Mikolasek called for Old Business:

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

Other Old Business – None.

Mikolasek called for New Business:

Closed Session Audio Destruction – None

Policies – None

Other New Business – None

Closed Session – None

Action After Closed Session – None

Mikolasek stated the next Operations Board Meeting is Wednesday, February 18th, 2026; at The Yorkville Police Department, 650 Prairie Pointe, Yorkville at 2:00 p.m. McCarty made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Gallup. All members present voting aye. The meeting adjourned at 2:11 p.m.

Respectively Submitted,

Bonnie Walters
Recording Secretary