



Northwest Central Dispatch System

1975 E. Davis Street
Arlington Heights, IL 60005

Dispatch Steering Committee Minutes

November 27, 2024

Attendees: Dr. Matthew Jordan (NCH), Pete Dyer (SCF), Giselle Avelar (NWCDS), Michelle Bebe (ACDC), Dan Sacomano (NWCDS)

Meeting was called to order at 10:40 by Dan Sacomano

Old Business

We continue to discuss the upcoming state law change CESSA and the mental health status of the state of Illinois. The proposed date for this to go into effect is 07/01/2025. There are still issues with 988 not having selective routing, which makes locating callers difficult. We still have unanswered questions as to their protocols and questioning and are they able to ping cell phones to get the location of the caller. NWCDS is working on getting telecommunicators trained on Protocol 41 but won't be able to get through the training until early next year. Dr. Jordan requested that NWCDS host a town hall virtual meeting to discuss CESSA with local agencies and rapid response teams. Due to Wheeling being added to NWCDS in January, we are going to look for early February to have the town hall meeting. Dr. Jordan also advised that the state is going to be issuing mandatory mental health training prior to the July 1st go-live.

New Business

NWCDS continues to have quarterly calibration meetings where each Q is issued the same call and then once everyone has reviewed it, we meet as a group a discuss any issues with scoring. The purpose of the calibration meetings it to make sure we are consistent with our call review.



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Wheeling PD and FD are joining NWCDS on January 9th, 2025, at 0900. We have been working on training and CAD programming for the last several months.

Dan went over the continuing education that has been completed in the past month. NWCDS did the IAED online training for Protocol 51: Aircraft Emergency, which was perfect timing as we take on Wheeling and Chicago Executive Airport. Dan also instructed an in-house EMD/EFD refresher course that covered several different protocols that can be difficult to use. We covered cardiac arrest/obvious death, structure fire, allergies/envenomation, drowning, stabbing/gunshot, and team events, which covers ice rescue if someone falls through a frozen lake or pond.

Dan advised that he has started the reaccreditation process at NWCDS and is hoping to have everything submitted by the end of the year.

At the end of the meeting, we talked about getting more involvement in the DSC and possibly moving to a hybrid meeting that would allow us to meet in person, with an option to have members attend virtually. We are going to investigate this and implement it for our January meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for January 22nd, 2025, at 10:30 am.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:41 am