



DU PAGE COUNTY

ETSB - Policy Advisory Committee

Draft Summary

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Monday, January 5, 2026

2:00 PM

Room 3500A

Join Zoom Meeting

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1. CALL TO ORDER

2:00 PM meeting was called to order by Chair Selvik at 2:00 PM.

2. ROLL CALL

Attendees:

Linda Zerwin, DuPage Emergency Telephone System Board, non-voting Member

Eve Kraus, DuPage Emergency Telephone System Board (Remote)

Gregg Taormina, DuPage Emergency Telephone System Board (Remote)

Andres Gonzalez, DuPage Emergency Telephone System Board

Jan Barbeau, State's Attorney's Office (Remote)

Jim Connolly, Village of Addison (Remote)

Marilu Hernandez, ACDC (Remote)

Jennifer Jager, Motorola

Nick Kottmeyer, County Board Office

James McGreal, Downers Grove PD (Remote)

Bob Murr, College of DuPage (Remote)

On roll call, Members Benjamin, Burmeister, Clark, Fleury, Jansen and Selvik were present, which constituted a quorum.

PRESENT Selvik, Benjamin, Burmeister, Clark, Fleury, and Jansen
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3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

4. CHAIR'S REMARKS - CHAIR SELVIK

Chair Selvik said Happy New Year to everyone and said he hoped everyone had a great Christmas and new year. He said he wanted to welcome and introduce the new ETSB Deputy Director of Operations, Mr. Nate Krause and invited Mr. Krause to say a few words. Mr. Krause said it was a pleasure to be there, said it was his first day, and said he was excited to help in any way he could and hit the ground running.

5. MEMBERS' REMARKS

There were no Members' remarks.

6. CONSENT ITEMS**6.A. [26-0131](#)**

DEDIR System December Maintainer Report

On voice vote, all Members voted “Aye”, motion carried.

Attachments: [Motorola System Manager Report December](#)

RESULT: ACCEPTED AND PLACED ON FILE

MOVER: Chris Clark

SECONDER: Tyler Benjamin

6.B. [26-0133](#)

January DEDIR System Update

On voice vote, all Members voted “Aye”, motion carried.

Attachments: [DEDIR System Update - 1 2026](#)

RESULT: ACCEPTED AND PLACED ON FILE

MOVER: Eric Burmeister

SECONDER: Chris Clark

6.C. [26-0132](#)

ETSB PAC Minutes - Regular Meeting - Monday, December 1, 2025

On voice vote, all Members voted “Aye”, motion carried.

Attachments: [12-1-2025 PAC Minutes Summary](#)

RESULT: ETSB RECEIVED AND PLACED ON FILE

MOVER: Craig Jansen

SECONDER: Eric Burmeister

**7. DISCUSSION ON ACCESS TO NON DEDIR SYSTEM MEMBERS FOR
“DU STWD TAC1” and “DU STWD TAC2”****7.A. [26-0158](#)**

MEMORANDUM re DU STWD TAC 1 and TAC2 January 5 2026

Executive Director Zerwin said this was a request from the Village of Elk Grove Police Department for access to two statewide tactical channels, and that Elk Grove is a MERIT member and a member of Northwest Central Dispatch, so they already had the talkgroups Northwest Central had negotiated for access. Executive Director Zerwin said the two tactical channels were currently red tagged for DEDIRS use only and that there was some

miscommunication related to saturation patrols. Executive Director Zerwin said Elk Grove wants to be able to communicate when DuPage agencies during saturation patrols, especially if they were on a tactical channel, and he said Mr. Nebl indicated those saturation patrol talkgroups were patched so there was no communication issue.

Executive Director Zerwin said the request originally came through MERIT, and Chief McLean indicated MERIT does not use these talkgroups for MERIT deployments, and said the question was whether the Committee wanted to release internal talkgroups to an outside agency. Chair Selvik said he wanted to know whether Elk Grove was still requesting the channels and whether the original intent had changed, and Executive Director Zerwin said they were still requesting them because the commander said it would be helpful for patrol to be able to scan the channels to know what was coming into town when they could not always get to a priority channel.

Chair Selvik said Elk Grove touched a small portion of DuPage County and asked if there was a downside to releasing the channels. Executive Director Zerwin said a downside could be that other agencies would request the same access, as these channels are intended for internal operations and could create congestion if many agencies wanted tactical channels, especially if there were covert operations. She said it might be a training issue about what channels saturation patrols should be using.

Member Burmeister said DU FLASH might be a more appropriate resource for patrol monitoring, and Executive Director Zerwin said DU FLASH did not appear to be on Elk Grove's Northwest Central list. Member Benjamin said DU FLASH might not accomplish what Elk Grove wanted if they were trying to monitor saturation operations, and Member Burmeister said the saturation plan already included patches to Cook County talkgroups so Elk Grove would have access that way. Member Fleury questioned what Elk Grove gained if DuPage was not running the saturation, and he said it seemed like there should be a better place for those saturations to go if the ETSB was holding limited channels for investigations.

Executive Director Zerwin said John Nebl had said Elk Grove did not need TAC 1 and TAC 2 because they already had access to Cook County interops and the patches for saturation patrols. She said the better solution might be adding Elk Grove to notifications so they knew when a saturation patrol was happening and could patch as needed. Executive Director Zerwin was concerned about whether expanding access could impact investigations. She asked the committee if they needed more information and they agreed. She suggested that the item could be tabled for more information and additional discussion. Chair Selvik said he would call Elk Grove Police Commander, and said the Committee would table the discussion topics 7.A., 7.B. and 7.C. until February.

Attachments: [MEMORANDUM re DU STWD TAC 1 and TAC2 January 5 2026](#)

- 7.B. Allowing Non-DEDIR System Saturation Patrol members assigned to Task Force
- 7.C. Allowing access to non DEDIR System Saturation Patrol member agencies (All radios)

8. DEDIR SYSTEM

8.A. [25-2332](#)

Discussion of Policy 911-005.6: DuPage Emergency Dispatch Interoperable Radio System (DEDIR System) Use of Emergency Button

Member Benjamin said the draft showed his edits in purple and the Assistant State's Attorney (ASA) edits in green, and that he tried to keep flexibility for unusual situations. He said the added bullet on page four was intended to allow an agency to change emergency button response steps during a unique local threat, but the ASA language on page two limited any change that conflicted with the ETSB policy, which made his flexibility bullet meaningless. Chair Selvik asked how the ASA recommendations were negating what Member Benjamin wanted.

Executive Director Zerwin said the draft already allowed the telecommunicator to accelerate or skip steps if the activation appeared valid, and said the goal was to avoid many different procedures while still allowing exigent circumstances. Member Benjamin said the remaining concern was a broader directive, such as a town requiring immediate dispatch for every activation until further notice and said it was unclear if that would conflict with the policy's contact attempts before dispatch.

Executive Director Zerwin said the solution could be adding similar "accelerate or skip" authority for agency command staff in exigent circumstances, because events move too fast to create a new policy on the fly. Chair Selvik and Member Burmeister said the bullet could be revised to include agency command staff along with the telecommunicator. Chair Selvik said the group would revisit the draft after revisions. Executive Director Zerwin said she would discuss the tweak with the ASA and circulate an updated version.

Member Benjamin said he wanted PSAP counsel involved and expressed concerns about the ASA language stating a PSAP policy would be "null and void as if never enacted," and said he wanted PSAP general counsel review before any vote. Chair Selvik said he read that language as applying only when a PSAP policy deviated from the ETSB Policy and said they would come back to it next month.

Member Fleury asked about holding the air during emergency button activations. Member Benjamin said they did not automatically close channels on initial activation and said holding the air was telecommunicator discretion based on the totality of circumstances. Member Benjamin said they typically held the air on major incidents, but an activation with no known incident would not automatically trigger holding the air.

Attachments: [911-005.6 DEDIRS Use of Emergency Button executed 11.9.22 Redacted](#)
[911-005.6 DuPage Emergency Dispatch Interoperable Radio System \(DEDIRS\) Emergency Button redline draft TB_SAO](#)
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9. OLD BUSINESS

Executive Director Zerwin said she would provide her updates and said the police encryption hardware updates were about one third complete. She said the team would be out again this week and said staffing was limited, with only one technician available, but additional support would be used for a major cutover. Executive Director Zerwin said work continued with Motorola on the internal cutover steps, and said Motorola could not fully move forward until the hardware updates were completed. She said the goal was to have all police agencies updated by the end of the month, and progress was steady but slower that day because one technician was working two KVLs. Executive Director Zerwin said Bloomingdale was completed in about 45 minutes and Itasca was completed in about 25 minutes, and said another third of agencies should be completed by the middle of next week. She said there was still no delivery update on mobile radios, but she said ETSB staff were working with Abeeep to prepare.

Vice Chair Clark asked whether a DU-COMM access agreement application was moving through the process. Executive Director Zerwin said the State's Attorney's Office believed an additional form was needed. Member Benjamin said Mr. John Kelly had been trying to reach ASA Winistorfer and said they had trouble making contact. Vice Chair Clark said many chiefs had signed off and questioned why nothing had happened yet.

10. NEW BUSINESS**11. ADJOURNMENT****11.A. Next Meeting: Monday, February 2 at 2:00pm in Room 3-500A**

Member Burmeister made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:25 pm, seconded by Member Fleury. On voice vote, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Andres Gonzalez