



## Meeting Minutes

December 10, 2025

McCook Park District

4911 Riverside Avenue

Chief Buckley called the meeting to order at 9:00am.

**Roll Call:**

X	Brookfield	X	Lyons	X	Western Springs
X	Clarendon Hills	X	McCook		Westmont
X	Hinsdale	X	Pleasantview		
	LaGrange	X	Riverside		
X	LaGrange Park	X	Tri-State		
<b>Associate Members/Departments</b>					
X	AC/DC	X	Darien- Woodridge		
	Argonne	X	Downers Grove		Oak Brook
	Citgo Refinery		DuComm	X	Romeoville

The pledge of allegiance was said.

Chief Buckley asked for a moment of silence for the [74] firefighter fatalities reported in 2025 by the USFA.

**Presentation/Adoption of Previous Meeting Minutes:**

Chief Buckley presented the meeting minutes from the November 12, 2025, meeting.

Lyons made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Seconded by Brookfield. All were in favor. The motion carried.

**Public Comment:**

None.

**President's Report:**

Chief Buckley thanked everyone for attending the annual breakfast and recognized the following retired chiefs who were in attendance: Carl Churulo (Romeoville), Mark Duffek (Brookfield), Sam Molinaro (Tri-State), Pat Kenny (Western Springs), and Dan Niemeyer (Tri-State). Chief Buckley thanked the McCook Fire Department and Chief DeLeshe, the McCook Park District and McCook Mayor Terry Carr for hosting the retiree breakfast. A special thank you to Mayor Carr for supplying the food for breakfast.

**Treasurer's Report:**

The November 2025 Treasurer's Report was not available due to Chief Riley being absent.

Chief Buckley and Chief Brenn presented the 2026 budget. The Operational Budget is \$89,560.00 and the Capital Expense Budget is \$7,228.00 for a total budget of \$96,788.00.

Western Springs made a motion to approve the 2026 budget as presented. Seconded by Clarendon Hills. Discussion: Chief Scott asked that if there is funding available later in the year that the Board consider bringing in FDNY speaker Leahy for an approximate cost of \$3,000-\$4,000. With no further discussion by voice vote, the motion carried.

**Vice President's Report:**

No report at this time.

**Reports of Standing Committees:****DuPage Fire Chiefs – [Riley, -]:**

No report at this time.

**Emergency Medical Services – [K. Adams, Donatucci]**

Chief Kent Adams advised of a concern regarding Prime Healthcare, a for-profit company, acquiring hospitals in Illinois and closing units within a hospital they have acquired which in turn has jeopardized the Trauma Level status of several hospitals. Examples within Region 7 are Morris Hospital and St. Joes in Joliet. The concern is that this practice will continue and affect other EMS Systems in our area.

Chief Adams also reported that relationships seem to be improving between the Illinois Fire Chiefs and IDPH which will hopefully improve dialogue between the two agencies.

**Finance & Auditing – [Riley, Kelly, J. Adams]**

No report at this time.

**Hazardous Materials - [Maggos, -]:**

Chief Maggos reported that this month's HazMat drill will be December 17/18 at Pleasantview and that all future drills will be at 8:30am.

**Illinois Fire Chiefs/Legislative – [Donatucci]:**

No report at this time.

**Inventory – [DeLeshe, -]:**

Chief DeLeshe reported that all but one or two pieces of equipment are accounted for and that work continues to wrap up that project.

**Logistics & Communications – [Buckley, DeLeshe]:**

No report at this time.

**Nominating & Rules – [Nord, Brenn]:**

Chief Nord reviewed the following nominations that were made at the November meeting:

- President – Chief Brenn
- Vice-President – Chief DeLeshe
- Secretary – Deputy Chief Donatucci
- Treasurer – Chief Riley

Riverside made a motion to approve the 2026 slate of Division Officers as presented by acclamation. Seconded by LaGrange Park. All were in favor. The motion carried.

**Origin & Cause – [Krupp, Buckley, DeLeshe]:**

Chief Buckley reported that the Origin & Cause Team has their annual holiday meeting tomorrow, December 11<sup>th</sup> at Papa Passero's in Westmont. No other items to report.

**SOGs & Policies – [Argast, Brenn, Reda]:**

No report at this time.

**Technical Rescue – [Argast, Jansen]:**

Chief Argast reported that TRT drill this month will be at Pleasantview 153 tomorrow December 11<sup>th</sup> and will be a review of equipment on TRT 153 and to plan 2026 training.

Chief Brenn reported on the purchase of a TRT trailer. TRT Team Coordinator Armentano initially received quotes on the trailer this past Summer. He contacted the vendors recently to confirm pricing. Quotes were received as follows:

Morris Trailer Sales, Morris, IL - \$9,564.00  
A&W Trailer, Darien, IL - \$9,147.00

Lyons made a motion to approve the purchase of the Haul-About Panther 7X16TA3 trailer from A&W Auto Truck & Trailer for \$9,147.00. Seconded by Brookfield. All were in favor. The motion carried.

**Training – [Scott, Maggos, Grachan]:**

Chief Scott reported the following:

- The Fall RITO and skill stations were well attended and 27 RITO's were certified.
- The RTF drill in Hinsdale and live burns in LaGrange were also well attended. Thank you to those agencies for hosting.
- Argonne is hosting a Traffic Incident Management class on January 5, 6 & 7 from 0900-1300.

- Training Officers will ensure that IMAT training has been completed by each department for the upcoming 2026 IMAT team roster.
- The training group is working with the property managers of Oakbrook Terrace Tower located at One Tower Lane, Oakbrook Terrace, to conduct high-rise training in 2026 on consecutive Saturdays. The property managers will require a hold-harmless agreement from the Division. Chief Buckley advised that Illinois MABAS has a standard hold-harmless agreement that we have utilized before. More information to follow.

**Water Rescue – [Buckley, Fleege]:**

No report at this time.

**Information Technology – [Brenn, Riley]:**

No report at this time.

**Intelligence – [Buckley, DeLeshe]:**

No report at this time.

**Rescue Task Force – [Buckley, Mulligan, DeLeshe, Donatucci]:**

No report at this time.

**Grants – [-]:**

ACDC mentioned that the 100 Club has grants available that could possibly be used for the FDNY speaker mentioned during the 2026 budget discussions.

**Reports of Special Committees:**

**DuPage OEM:**

Nothing to report at this time.

**DuComm & ACDC:**

ACDC reports that the Division 10 High-Rise policy has been implemented.

No report from DuComm.

**Unfinished Business:**

None.

**New Business:**

None.

**Review of Extra Alarms / Incidents of Interest:**

No report at this time.

**Adjournment:**

Prior to asking for adjournment, Chief Buckley stated it was a pleasure to serve on the Executive Board and thanked everyone for their support and hard work in advancing our Division.

Brookfield made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by McCook. All were in favor. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 10:05 am.

**Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting:**

January 14, 2026 ~ Pleasantview Fire Protection District ~ Station 151 at 9:00am.