

Michigan Public Safety Communications Interoperability Board Minutes

FINAL

September 15, 2015, 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM
Presentation Room, 4000 Collins Rd, Lansing, MI 48910

- I. Call to Order
Welcome - Board Chair Colonel Etue
The regular scheduled meeting of the Michigan Public Safety Communications Interoperability Board was called to order by Chair Col. Kriste Etue on Tuesday, September 15, 2015, at 2:06 p.m.
- II. Roll Call
Chair Col. Kriste Etue called upon Sue Mote to do the roll call. The following Board Members were present: Col. Kriste Etue, Julie Secontine, Bryce Tracy, Col. Eddie Washington, Ret., MSG Jeromie Golab, Gary Hagler, Eileen Phifer, Capt. Chris Kelenske, Dr. Jacqueline Scott, and Brad Stoddard. Also present via teleconference was Lt. Steve Chanter for Michelle LaJoye-Young, Jeff Friedland, Dale Gribler, Robert Marchand, and Mark Meijer. Absent were: Adam Carroll, and Richard Miller. Guests were: Gerard Lamerton, Al Mellon, Victor Jensen, Kirk Allard, Scott Neal, Lt. Col. Gary Gorski and Capt. Dave Kelly.
- III. Approval of the Meeting Minutes
*It was moved by Bryce Tracy and seconded by Eileen Phifer to approve the June 9, 2015, meeting minutes. **Motion was carried***
- IV. Approval of Meeting Agenda
*It was moved by Julie Secontine and seconded by Gary Hagler to approve the agenda. **Motion was carried.***
- V. Public Comment
Guests introduced themselves. There were no public comments.
- VI. Communications
There were no communications to report.
- VII. Workgroup Reports
A. Communications Workgroup
a. Communications Unit Program Status
Bryce reported Chief Bill Nelson from Troy Fire Department announced his retirement after 40 years in the fire service. He will remain as an active partner on the Communications Workgroup and maintain his co-chair status.
i. COML & COMT Peer Reviews
1. Board support for proposed candidates
First applications for the Board's approval. Met the criteria and the standards:
1. Bill Nelson from Troy
2. Ron Bush from Benton Harbor
3. Ray Hasil from Pentwater
4. Jerry Becker from Clare
*These are our first applicants for Board approval. We are asking the Board to approve them and recognize them as COMLs. Julie Sectontine made a motion to approve these four individuals as our very first COML's. Captain Kelenske seconded the motion. **Motion was carried.***
ii. Michigan Field Operations Guide (MiFOG) Development
Still working with a draft form of the MiFOG. We did get technical assistance

from Office of Emergency Communications. We had a draft copy given back to us as part of the feedback of that project. However, the document was about 225-pages big. We are slowly working to cut the fluff out of the document.

iii. Program update

B. Public Safety Broadband Workgroup

a. National Telecommunications and Information Agency (NTIA), State and Local Implementation Grant Program (SLIGP)

i. FirstNet Consultation – Michigan

Brad provided update of the Consultation

- *110 in attendance*
- *Level of Government*
 - *31 state*
 - *29 County*
 - *7 Local*
 - *12 Federal*
 - *7Tribal*
 - *24 Other*
- *Discipline*
 - *8 911*
 - *8 Fire*
 - *15 Law Enforcement*
 - *8 EMS*
 - *14 IT*
 - *7 EM Management*
- *Well Represented including 50% of Tribal communities*
- *Based on this success: 1st week in October Laura will participate in a Panel discussing our success in Tribal engagement*
- *Positive Feedback from FirstNet*
 - *DNR Presentation on needs of remote LE in communications*
 - *Ice storm impact of Public service on first response*
 - *Bluewater Bridge Community*
- *Regional Meetings around the state beginning this fall*
- *Laura's presentation will be part of semiannual FirstNet single point of contact national meeting*

ii. Michigan's FirstNet consultation – next steps

Brad handed off the discussion of Data Collection to Scott Neal.

On Track with Data Collection activities for September 30th deliverable

- *For Initial Surveys, 111 agencies have responded*
- *Conducted a follow-up to agencies that hadn't responded*
 - *Total of 168 agencies have now responded*
 - *32 additional agencies responded to a supplementary survey*
 - *Diverse representation included*
 - *Calls for service*
 - *47 agencies mapped*
 - *Additional 7 needed additional explanation*
 - *FirstNet needs input as to what we see a phased deployment to look like*
- *Capacity is a gap in urban areas*
 - *Have made requests for current Data Usage*
 - *Haven't received responses yet*
 - *A major difficulty is that users need to dig through phone records*
 - *We need to collect relevant data without it being too onerous*

- *Scott Plans to provide a draft of our responses by first of next week (9/21/15).*
 - *Any questions?*
 - *Capt. Gary Hagler expressed that he is not comfortable that FirstNet understand our real need/concerns?*
 - *Their strategy is to first deploy in areas where the existing deployments have already been done, addressing underserved areas later.*
 - *He feels that we need to have resources deployed where we won't have resources.*

We can provide a plan that meets our public safety needs.

Brad indicated that Michigan will decide our plan not FirstNet.

Remote areas are a priority

Opportunities in the State of Michigan

- *Looking across Michigan underserved areas, there are Rural Carriers that could really use the Spectrum*
- *NTIA objective is to provide rural BB Service*
 - *Conflicting agendas within the agency between FirstNet and agency objectives*
 - *FirstNet Lawyers holding them strictly to the language of the legislation*
- *FirstNet will provide their plan and we will decide/provide our requirements in response*
- *A real issue is that the sustainability of the network requires that larger populations are needed to generate revenues*
- *Due to limited funding from Fed, funds need to do rural first*
- *Scott agrees that we should use our GIS tools to help demonstrate our needs based on the data*
- *Will develop the draft documents*
- *It was responded that we will get less coverage for the buck if we do rural first*
- *We need to look at the coverage map in a multiple dimensional view. Focus need to consider how we can make our public*
- *Major population area have many more options for service*

Brad noted that 911 service calls for EMS need to be captured in addition to other call for service data.

FEMA5 Region discussion of business plan proposed in the spring, brought out that FirstNet was the driver rather than NTIA.

- iii. *FirstNet data survey – September 30, 2015*
- iv. *Surrounding FEMA 5 state activities/consultations*

VIII. Old Business

- A. Department of Homeland Security, Office of Emergency Communications (DHS,OEC)
 - a. 2015 Technical Assistance (TA) approved offerings – *annual offering from DHS, OEC*
 - i. TIC-FOG: Tactical Interoperable Communications (TIC) Field Operations Guide (FOG) (see above) *When we see completion of this we will roll into the TIC-FOG. We have let OEC know to push this off to a future year.*
 - ii. OP-COMMEX: Communications Unit Exercise – *some of the Communications Workgroup members are participating in the planning of this. What we have decided to do is move this into a conference session during the Interoperability Conference.*

- iii. BB-BRBNLTE: Broadband Technical Coverage Capability – *Mark Sandberg is leading this along with Jim Jarvis with OEC. Very technical discussion.*
 - iv. OP-EXDESIGN: Communications-Focused Exercise Design – *Conversation with the OEC lead through the summer. Brad still owns this as a follow up with Captain Kelenske’s staff person. We did share with OEC that we will most likely not going to have this done by October 1st of this year.*
 - b. 2015 Technical Assistance (TA) pending offerings - None
 - c. 2016 Technical Assistance (TA) plans – *Now is the time to put something together.*
- B. Michigan Statewide Interoperable Communications Training Conference
 - a. Combined Interoperability Conference and Auxcomm Conference
Save the date has been sent out for February 22-25, 2016.
 - i. Workgroup Committee for 2016 planning conference
 - a. Input/ideas from MPSCIB members – *Point of contact is Jennyl Simon.*

IX. New Business

- A. Auxcomm/Amateur Radio Workgroup Creation – Motion
*Brad proposed a thought and subsequently look to see if anyone is interested in a motion to create an Auxcomm Workgroup very much like our Communications Unit Workgroup that would report to the Board on Auxcomm activities. We would align that in the Statewide Communications Interoperability Plan much as we have done with the Communications Unit Workgroup. We would now be able to do the same things with Auxcomm and put some structure to some of those activities as well. A motion was made by Julie Secontine, seconded by Bryce Tracy. No further discussion. **Motion was carried.** Brad will begin to work on this. Frame in with this group on what their responsibilities are. Hopefully, by the December meeting Brad will have the chair of this workgroup identified.*
- B. Department of Homeland Security, Office of Emergency Communications & FEMA Update
 - a. Status from DHS, OEC and FEMA – *No OEC representative or FEMA representative today, both had conflicts in other states. As a heads up for future meetings, we will allocate a segment of time our Board for anything from Mr. Jarvis of OEC or Alan from FEMA would like to provide here around interoperability.*

X. Technology Update - Director, MPSCS

- A. MPSCS System
 - a. MPSCS Lifecycle Remediation Project Status – *Our lifecycle project has been underway for several months.*
 - b. 800 MHz Fire Paging – Pilot beginning June 2015
 - Presentation by Unication

XI. Good of the Order

- A. Comments by Board Members – *Bryce made the following comment “on Monday September 21st the entire UP is going to turn on text to and text from 911 with Phase One Location Technology at all eight 911 dispatch centers across the UP.” It will be the largest turn on of text to and text from 911 geographically in the State of Michigan. Would like an update at our December meeting.*

XII. Proposed 2016 dates:

- A. February 22, June 14, September 13, and December 13
- B. 2016 Interoperability Conference is *February 22-25, 2016 at the Great Wolf Lodge in Traverse City.*

XIII. Adjournment – Next meeting date is proposed for **Tuesday, December 8, 2015**

- Presentation Room, 4000 Collins Rd, Lansing, MI at 2:00 p.m.
- It was moved by Julie Sectontine, seconded by Gary Hagler to adjourn the meeting. **Motion was carried.** The meeting was adjourned at 3:49 p.m.*

Date	Future Agenda Topics
TBD	Review and recommendation to the Governor on the State Plan for FirstNet
TBD	Identification and Implementation of Best Practices (governance, policy, strategic vision, technology)
TBD	Border Interoperability Demonstration Project (BIDP) – Wayne County