

## Michigan Mutual Aid Communication Guidelines

Michigan Public Safety officials strongly recommend the programming of preplanned mutual aid communication channels, frequencies and talkgroups in each radio, so that in the event that interoperable or mutual aid communications is required, the user's radio will be ready. This has to be done in correlation with Incident Command System best practices to help ensure the proper span of control, safety and communications between all resources that may be involved at an incident or special event. Go to link below under "COMU documents".

<https://www.michigan.gov/comuwg>

### *Technical Assistance*

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Office of Emergency Communications, Interoperable Communications Technical Assistance Program (OEC/ICTAP) supports and promotes the capabilities of emergency responders and government officials to continue to communicate in the event of natural disasters, acts of terrorism, or other man-made disasters, and works to ensure, accelerate, and attain operable and interoperable emergency communications nationwide. COMU WG coordinates bringing these opportunities to Michigan's first responders.



### *Michigan's Public Safety Communications Interoperability Board*

Provides statewide interoperability in digital clarity to its members throughout the state and adopts procedures governing the organization and operations of the Michigan Public Safety Communications System.

[www.michigan.gov/miinterop](http://www.michigan.gov/miinterop)

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## Michigan's Communication Unit Work Group



*Serving as subject-  
matter experts to the  
Michigan's Public  
Safety  
Communications  
Interoperability Board*



## Who We Are

The Communications Unit Working Group (COMU WG) is a designated group of public safety and related personnel with extensive experience in public safety communications. The group serves as subject-matter experts to the Michigan Public Safety Communications Interoperability Board (MPSCIB).

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The COMU WG has undertaken several projects to enhance communications operability and interoperability for public safety personnel within Michigan. This spot would be perfect for a mission statement. You might use the right side of the page to summarize how you stand out from the crowd and use the center for a brief success story.

## Michigan COMU Personnel Recognition Procedure

Identified the process to be followed by personnel seeking recognition as a Communications Unit Leader (COML) or Communications Unit Technician (COMT). This procedure was approved by the Michigan Public Safety Communications Interoperability Board (MPSCIB). Also pursuing the addition of “continuing education” requirements to maintain COML or COMT proficiency.

For certification steps and more information visit the COMU WG website:  
[www.michigan.gov/comuwg](http://www.michigan.gov/comuwg)

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*Cover page of Michigan Field Operations Guide.*

## Michigan’s Field Operations Guide

The Michigan Communications Field Operations Guide (MIFOG) is a collection of technical reference material to aid Communications Unit personnel in establishing solutions to support communications during emergency incidents and planned events. The MIFOG includes information from the National Interoperability Field Operations Guide (NIFOG), material from each of the seven Michigan Regional Tactical Interoperable Communications Plans (TICP), and data from other Michigan communications documents formatted as a pocket-sized guide.

The most current version of this guide is always available at:

[www.michigan.gov/comuwg](http://www.michigan.gov/comuwg)

To purchase a physical copy of the MIFOG visit:

<https://www.thepayplace.com/mi/dtmb/mifog>