State of Michigan
Communications Unit Work Group
(COMU WG)

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Who Are We?

The Communications Unit Work Group (COMU WG) is a designated group of public safety and related personnel with extensive experience in public safety communications.
Who Are We?

**Federal, State and Local participants:**
- 911
- Emergency management
- MPSCS
- MSP
- EMS
- Law enforcement
- FIRE
- FEMA Region V
- AUXCOMM
- MABAS
- OEC
Who Are We?

The group serves as subject-matter experts to the Michigan Public Safety Communications Interoperability Board (MPSCIB). We also oversee/manage COMU databases, training programs, and support the promotion of best practice initiatives in communications.
MPSCIB Work Groups

- Communications Unit Work Group
- AUXCOMM Work Group
- Public Safety Broadband Work Group
- Emergency Alert System (EAS) & Integrated Public Alert and Warning System (IPAWS) Workgroup

Michigan Public Safety Communications Interoperability Board
The Communications Unit

National Incident Management System/Incident Command System

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Finance Section
Planning Section
Operations Section
Logistics Section
Services
Support
Communications Unit

We are Here
The Communications Unit

At Incident

- Incident Commander
- Communications Unit Leader (COML)
  - Technical Specialist (THSP)
    - Gateway
    - Cache Radio
    - IT
    - Auxiliary Communications
- Incident Communications Center Manager (INCM)
- Incident Communications Technician (COMT)
  - Radio Operator (RADO)
  - Tactical Dispatcher
  - Incident Dispatcher

Line of communications
Check-in for assignment
State of Michigan Recognized COML/COMT

- Established Michigan COMU recognition procedure
- Procedure approved by the MPSCIB

Procedure Overview
1. Take a qualifying COML or COMT class
2. After class, complete all necessary tasks and obtain all signatures to complete the Position Task Book (PTB)
3. Complete and submit the COMU Recognition Application with all supporting documentation
4. Listing in CASM database and Michigan certificate issued upon approval by MPSCIB
Michigan “Recognized” COMU Personnel

Current Michigan COMU Position Numbers:

- COML = 29
- COMT = 17
- AUXCOMM = 64
- Pending Approval = 0
For three days during August 2016, over 40 people participated in the first Michigan COMMEX. 8 Communication Unit Leaders (COML’s) and 7 Communication Unit Technicians (COMT’s) were exercised in addition to 4 Radio Operators (RADO’s).

COMT Practical Workshop

COML / RADO Operations within ICS
Michigan COMU Training Classes

Training held previously:

- COML Class – April 2017 @ Dimondale (24 participants)
- COML Class – June 2017 @ Gaylord (13 participants)
- COMT Class – June 2017 @ Eaton County (9 participants)
- AUXCOMM – October 2017 @ Muskegon County (28 participants)
- AUXCOMM – January 2018 @ Oakland County (30 participants)
Michigan COMU Training Classes

Upcoming Training:
- COML Class – March 20-22 2018 @ Ann Arbor area
- COMMEX – September 19-20 @ TBD Location
- COMT Class – Possible consideration in 2018
Michigan CASM Data
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- Cleanup of mutual aid channels/talk-groups/tower data/system data
- CASM mobile app (via Public Safety Tools)
- Ongoing updates of communications resource information

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COMU Workgroup Meetings

• Two (2) face to face meetings a year
• Monthly conference call meetings
• Special / planning meetings as needed
• Task work and collaboration done online via Michigan's COMU WG SharePoint site
Things to come...

- Working with MSP/EMHSD adding communications resource typing and information to MI-CIMS (WebEOC®)
- Collaboration with AUXCOMM Work Group and MSP/EMHSD on “credentialing” solutions
- Collaboration with the MPSCIB/SWIC on strategy updates to the Michigan Statewide Communications Interoperability Plan (SCIP). To be completed in 2018.
- MIFOG App development
Things to come...

- Additional Training Opportunities
- Planning for/hosting COMMEX Exercise September 2018
- Working on establishing COMT Training Classes
- Updating/Adding more/useful communications resource information into CASM (living database)
- Participation/input related to interoperability practices w/encryption

Ongoing outreach and education efforts

- Meeting with Regional Committees/Boards
- Meeting with Local Communications Leaders
- Online and Handout media information distribution
Acronyms

AUXCOMM WG- Auxiliary Communications Work Group (Michigan)
CASM- Communication Assets Survey & Mapping
COML- All-Hazard Communications Unit Leader
COMMEX- Communications Unit Exercise
COMT- All-Hazard Communications Unit Technician
COMU WG- Communications Unit Work Group (Michigan)
EAS/IPAAWS – Emergency Alerting System / Integrated Public Alert and Warning System
ICS- Incident Command System
MPSCIB- Michigan Public Safety Communications Interoperability Board
## Acronyms

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