

About Us

The Public Safety Communications Interoperability Board, is focused on all aspects of interoperable emergency communications. The defined areas of the emergency communications space from the citizen to the first responder. The Board also is responsible for overseeing the Michigan's Public Safety Communications System (MPSCS) a 800/700 MHz radio system and telecommunications network that also provides public safety specific mobile technology and applications integrated into the network.

Michigan's Annual Statewide Interoperable Communications Conference

The Michigan's State Police, Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division in partnership with the Department of Technology Management and Budget, Michigan's Public Safety Communications System host an annual training conference designed for federal, state and local communication experts and emergency response personnel. The conference provides education and information about the advantages of statewide interoperable communications.

Date: February 11-14, 2020
Location: Great Wolf Lodge in Traverse City, MI

2019-2020 Board Meeting Dates

- December 10, 2019
- February 11, 2020 (Special Meeting)
Held at Great Wolf Lodge in Traverse City
- March 10, 2020
- June 9, 2020
- September 15, 2020
- December 8, 2020



Michigan Public Safety Communications Interoperability Board

Meeting Location and Times

Michigan State Police Headquarters
7150 Harris Drive
Dimondale, MI 48821

All meetings begin promptly at 2:00 p.m. located in the Centennial Room on the first floor of MSP HQ.

Workgroups Reporting to the Board

Public Alerting Workgroup

Works to develop and expand cross-border alerting and messaging. Goals include expanding number of PA 390 programs with access to IPAWS as well as number with Emergency Alert System (EAS) plans. Development of a First Informer Program as well as updates of regional and state EAS plans.

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Public Safety Broadband Workgroup

The Public Safety Broadband Workgroup was established in an advisory role under the MPSCIB to gather, analyze, and disseminate information relevant to the key aspects, processes, and activities of the First Responders Network Authority (FirstNet) and the Nationwide Public Safety Broadband Network (NPSBN). The Workgroup is comprised of a geographically diverse and multi-discipline team appointed by their respective government entities and/or public safety fraternal organizations.

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Auxcomm Workgroup

Established in 2012, the Auxcomm workgroup is made up of radio communications volunteers who serve as a resource to first responders during planned events and emergencies. They exercise with state and local agencies, expanding communications resources across Michigan.

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Communications Unit Workgroup (COMU WG)

The COMU WG Established and maintains the State's COMU personnel position recognition and renewal process. They currently support COML and COMT positions and are looking forward to expanding to tactical dispatchers and beyond. Communications exercises and the Michigan Field Operations Guide are just a few other initiatives the group supports for the board.

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Fire Paging Workgroup

The Fire Paging Workgroup educates and informs the Interoperability Board on pager implementation plans to guide agencies in transitions from analog to P25 paging. They work to develop user training guidelines and pre-deployment testing, address in-building coverage issues, and develop mitigation techniques to facilitate in-building public safety communications.

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BOARD MEMBERS

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Co-Chair: Mr. Brad Stoddard

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