

Michigan Public Safety Communications Interoperability Board

Meeting Minutes

June 14, 2016, 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

MSP HQ, Centennial Room, 7150 Harris Drive, Dimondale, MI 48821

- I. Call to Order
 - A. 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, June 14, 2016 at 2:01 p.m.

- II. Roll Call
Vice Chair Brad Stoddard did the roll call. The following Board Members were present: Michelle LaJoye-Young, Bryce Tracey, Eileen Phifer, Chair Col. Kriste Etue, Gary Hagler, Julie Secontine, and Jerry Ellsworth for Dr. Jacqueline Scott
Absent were: Dale Gribler, Adam Carroll, Capt. Chris Kelenske, and MSG Jeromie Golab.
Guests were: Paul Harmon and John McDonough

- III. Approval of Meeting Minutes
 - A. December 8, 2015 meeting
*It was moved by Michelle LaJoye-Young and seconded by Eileen Phifer to approve the December 8, 2015, meeting minutes. **Motion was carried.***

- IV. Approval of Meeting Agenda
*It was moved by Michelle LaJoye-Young and seconded by Eileen Phifer to approve the agenda. **Motion was carried.***

- V. Public Comment
There was no public comment.

- VI. Communications
Brad reported there are three board vacancies they are trying to fill hopefully from the public safety community. Jeff Friedland reached his term limit but provided names he would recommend. Mark will be reappointed. Working with the Governor's office to finalize.

- VII. Workgroup Reports
 - A. Communications Workgroup
 - a. Communications Unit Program Status
 - i. COML & COMT Peer Reviews
 1. Board support for proposed candidates
Moved by Michelle LaJoye-Young, seconded by Col. Kriste Etue. No objections.
 - ii. Michigan Field Operations Guide (MiFOG) Development – Final Draft
There is an online version that will hopefully get posted to the Public Safety Portal and print version.
 - iii. Program update
Met May 2nd face-to-face. Conference call scheduled for June 15th. Michigan Mutual Aid Standard Operating Guidelines was updated and reposted to the website.
Created a COMU WG brochure to help with outreach.
Sent a letter package to Captain Kelenske to get the word out through their communications path to District Coordinators and Emergency Managers.
Package included the MIFOG, Mutual Aid Communications SOG, COMU WG Brochure and information on an OPEXDESIGN class in August.
Currently looking into future TA offerings.

2016 Meeting Dates: February 22, June 14, September 13, and December 13

Admiral with OEC is highlighting what Michigan is doing with the peer approach.

SafeCom is building a government piece that we are looking into incorporating. Brad mentioned that in the May meeting we discussed how to recruit more people into the COMU WG, asked the board for possible resources and suggestions.

Bill Nelson stepped down as co-chair. Ray Hasil Mason-Oceana 911 Director is new vice-chair.

COMU WG sent a letter to "old" list of COML/COMTs out of CASM notifying them of a deadline January 1, 2017 for the new board process of being vetted.

Trying to ensure Emergency Managers get good resources.

B. Public Safety Broadband Workgroup – Paul Harmon

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

Finished eight workshops with the districts.

Final stages of data collection formatting.

FirstNet has September 2016 deadline for data submittal.

Reaching out to Tribal this fall at their conference and with webinars.

Presenting at MIAPCO and IT Directors Conference.

i. FirstNet Governance Review

September MIPS KIB pushed to January 2017 because RFP winner announcement until November.

FirstNet requested a meeting with executive leadership about grant and who they will present final plan to.

Technical advisory team on hold.

Kicking off consultation task teams.

ii. Surrounding FEMA 5 state activities/consultations/RFI

Paul: Meet almost monthly. IL has done an RFI.

Brad: FirstNet execs want to meet with chair, homeland security advisor, David Spock and governor's team may be a meeting before an award. Another group is exec team at FirstNet wants to meet with interop board. Push to next year.

Maybe meet at interop conference. First Net can address our audience there.

Eileen Phifer: First Net is creeping into MDOT discussions. Other people in MDOT may be interested in future FirstNet Meetings. Paul offered to go to MDOT meeting to give high level overview/update.

Brad: ITS and autonomous vehicle conversations Paul Simon used to be MDOT contact. Randy is chief engineer and now co-chair of that team. Eileen and Randy went to a meeting about connected vehicle component and Randy represented that special committee.

iii. Quality of Service, Priority & Preemption (QPP) Consultation Task Teams (CTT) Region 5 meeting – July 12

Task teams taking over advisory teams. Should have in place after July 12 meeting.

- *Brad had call with national congressional hearing. Jeff is familiar with Michigan. Rob Blackwell in Governor's office. Talked through priorities and unknowns that want to get brought up in hearings:*

- *What is the cost to the state as a whole? Not user base, but financial impact.*
- *Address State's prioritization. Urban areas with carriers already providing support. Challenge is we have rural areas with nothing and that should be the priority of FirstNet.*

- *Last week there was a Public Safety Communications Research event. Addressed play with agencies outside public safety like MDOT. Internet of Things and wearables are changing the space. Growing trend of movement*

around public safety adoption. “Buts” RFPs were due 5/31 to FirstNet. Sue Swenson presented. Rivada Mercury made announcement at conference and identified all their partners, a “Super Group” of 20 partners (Intel –cyber area, Harris Corp-Public Safety Devices,) their carrier is most likely Verizon. Erickson and Nokia are competitors in LT equipment but partners in this solution. AT&T – one side they are proposing their LT network as well as Intrado’s for next gen 911. Provided posturing. Rivada Mercury proposing states op out. They will not respond to RFI’s but will respond to RFPs.

- Multi region effort for broadband, Western alliance. All western states and region 5 with info sharing. Competitive or alternatives analysis. FirstNet should drive additional competition reducing cost. Broker two large groups together sharing info will help the entire nation.

C. Auxcomm Workgroup – John McDonough

a. Initial workgroup scope definition/research best practices

First quarter report was shared. USESC work continues. Got guide updated with new SEOC. And got input into MEMP.

Focus on how do we capture our capabilities and communicate to Emergency Managers how they activate services and what can they ask for?

Working on CASM. Varying levels of talent.

RECWG Jarvis mentioned OEC doing capability analysis. Joined last Auxcomm call.

He talked to region 6 homeland security.

7/9 auxcomm conference www.sectionouting.info Tawas/West Branch area.

Struggling with credentialing. Need a more robust RACES card. Governor’s term ending so new cards need to be issued.

Brad: Same credentialing issues with COML’s/COMT’s.

John: challenge is county Ems have to issue RACES cards. Captain Kelenske wants background checks.

VIII. Old Business

A. Department of Homeland Security, Office of Emergency Communications

a. 2015 Technical Assistance (TA) approved offerings

i. TIC-FOG: Tactical Interoperable Communications (TIC) Field Operations Guide (FOG) (see above) *Done.*

ii. OP-COMMEX: Communications Unit Exercise – *scheduled August 9-11 hands on exercise. Not a tabletop. AI in SKIP and Homeland Security strategy to complete a comm exercise by end of 2016. Resources learn how to hold hands on exercises.*

1. Scheduled for 2016 Interoperability Conference work session

iii. BB-BRBNLTE: Broadband Technical Coverage Capability – 2016 –*completed DONE May 25th. Feedback was very technical. LTE RF propagation.*

iv. OP-EXDESIGN: Communications-Focused Exercise Design – 2016 –*scheduled August 24th in GR and 26th in Macomb. Amanda Bresler posted on MI TRAIN. BRYCE – both classes in MITRAIN and reminder was in package to Captain Kelenske. Hoping to work with fire marshals and sheriffs associations, MDOT and DNR.*

CASUE IV was a helper event TA.

b. 2016 Technical Assistance (TA) plans – None submitted *COMU WG look at additional COML/COMT classes. Governance for Region 7. Kate is POC for COMU WG. WG call tomorrow to prioritize TA’s. Look at dispatch center training. In the center and outside the center for incident comm/RADO for large events.*

Colonel Etue asked if Harriet Miller Brown on calls? Bryce on MCDA board to give updates. Ray was at the last one to get info to 911 folks.

Colonel Etue: Dispatchers try to track all training.

Bryce: Tactical Emergency Response Team (TERT) Lisa Hall out of Midland pushing dispatchers to do deployments.

Brad: Talked to Lisa about folding them into COMU WG.

Bryce: 911 centers have had a lot of turnover due to attrition. Both directors and dispatchers.

Brad: Jarvis recommends we put in for SCIP workshop. We completed a lot of our action items. Board to schedule SCIP workshop to work on.

B. Michigan Statewide Interoperable Communications Training Conference

a. Combined 2016 Interoperability Conference and Auxcomm Conference

Glowing success. No quorum. Attendance was good. Admiral Hewitt saw and heard presentations and meetings and told entire staff they need to work with MI. He has carried our message forward and intends to be at conference next year.

Meeting with facility in the morning to see how others utilize the space differently.

IX. New Business

A. Department of Homeland Security, Office of Emergency Communications & FEMA Update

Brad presented notes from Jarvis:

1. Supporting FEMA with development of long term power outage in July 28th workshop. Communications and infrastructure impacts when power is out across the region. Alert warnings, 911, etc.

2. Follow up to 2010 DHS event. In MI it was looked at as Frozen 4. 60 sites across the US for Goal 1 assessment. How do you utilize communications plan? Congress asked for a follow up to see if it is working, to see if events are maturing.

3. Republican National Convention in Cleveland. MI is helping along with other states. It will be a communications challenge. Col. Etue suggested including Cleveland join next meeting to discuss lessons learned. The State of Michigan is willing to send communications assets.

B. 2016 DHS OEC TA requests submittals – Collect by July 31, 2016

Kate is point of contact for TA's.

X. Technology Update - Director, MPSCS

A. MPSCS System

a. MPSCS Lifecycle Remediation Project Status

1st phase had a few hiccups. Most were based on process, new technologies. Included lessons learned for next phases. Northern lower continuing through the summer.

b. 800 MHz Pager adoption

July 1 Grand Traverse County will be all on the MPSCS system with pagers. Fire service feedback is battery life on the pager and the antenna. Less around the service more with the pager, put them in touch with Unication. Grand Traverse will help evolve that product piece. Governor stopped in with Colonel Etue. He asked a lot of questions and got to see the collaboration with locals as the NCC was working through some dispatch issues.

XI. Good of the Order

A. Comments by Board Members

Michelle: Where are you with new agencies joining MPSCS?

Brad: Allegan had RFP process with Motorola, meeting today in Allegan with Theron representing MPSCS. Fire service made it clear they want to go to MPSCS.

Muskegon has reached out.

Detailed design plan provided to St. Joseph County.

Cass County has been in the mix.

Some Branch Co activity.

More calls into MPSCS for grant money for interoperability in last two weeks. Brad had discussions about JAG assistance grant but research showed it is a small amount, only \$15,000.

Brad got an e-mail from Ingham County with copies to Eaton and Clinton. Build a 700 system connected in, like an island connected in.
 Met with Oakland County. Positive meeting. They hired a consultant to help ID a P25 system. MPSCS will provide their guidance to anyone that wants to meet.
 Jackson County has had continued discussions. Had a millage pass. Fire radio testing next week. Interest based on lifecycle and NexGen 911 capabilities.
 Michelle: They went through a lot of the testing and meetings. Kent County wants to go because of the educational assistance, testing assistance, etc. Financial issues holding them back. Attempting to get a surcharge.
 Brad: Large Army National Guard exercise. Part of the exercise doesn't include the MPSCS because mindset was it is the "first system that is going to fail"
 Macomb press conference with MPSCS and legislators to celebrate MPSCS 20 year anniversary.
 Col: Michelle you added surcharge to 911?
 Michelle: Trying to get 50% of what they need surcharge to ballot in November. Motorola has a December deadline to get \$6 million discount if sign by 12/31. Quick turnaround from November ballot. \$1.15 surcharge vs. current \$.45. Tried for millage to avoid audit with surcharge fees.
 Bryce: COMU WG Brochure was handed out. We will e-mail Captain Kelenske package to the board as FYI. Thanks to board for support of COMU WG and their activities.

XII. 2016 meeting dates

A. September 13, and December 13 BOTH IN CENTENNIAL ROOM.

XIII. Adjournment – Next meeting date is proposed for **Tuesday, September 13, 2016**

*It was moved by Bryce Tracy, seconded by Gary Hagler to adjourn the meeting. **Motion was carried.***
 Michigan State Police HQ, Centennial Room, 7150 Harris Drive, Dimondale MI at 2:00 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)