



Michigan's Public Safety Communications Interoperability Board

Meeting Agenda 9/9/26 at 2:00pm

MSP HQ – 1917 Room

1. **Call to Order & Board Member Roll Call**
2. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes – June 10, 2026 Meeting**
3. **Additions & Approval of Meeting Agenda**
4. **Communications & Correspondence**
5. **1st Public Comment - Open to public comment (limited to 3 Minutes per person)**
6. **Old Business**
7. **New Business**
 - a. **Action Item:** Emergency Alert Policy – NCC Response Protocol (Josh Drazkowski)
 - b. Update: Critical Connect & Smart Device connections to MPSCS (Randy Williams)
 - c. Update: MPSCS Lifecycle Now - 2032 (Kate Jannereth & Stacy Ferguson-Nelligan)
 - d. Update: Governor's Transition Education Information (Kate Jannereth)
8. **Federal Updates**
 - a. CISA Emergency Communications Division (Travis Johnson)
 - b. FEMA Region 5 RECCWG (Jim Cullen)
9. **Statewide Updates**
 - a. Statewide Interoperability Coordinator (SWIC) – Brad Stoddard
 - b. MPSCS System / Budget / Staffing
 - c. Agency/County/Member Additions to MPSCS
 - d. Current MPSCS Snapshot Data

Agencies = 2,655

Radios = 162,315

Dispatch Centers = 135

Dispatch Consoles = 798

Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) consoles = 64

Fire Pagers = 18,805 (Live & pending)

RF Tower Sites = 359

10. **911 in Michigan**
 - a. State 911 Director, Amy Thomas
11. **Workgroup Reports**
 - a. ***Communications Unit Workgroup*** - Co-chairs: Nick Carpenter & Ray Hasil
 - b. ***AUXCOMM Workgroup*** - Co-chairs: Monica McAlister & Max Schneider
 - c. ***Public Alerting Workgroup*** - Co-chairs: Monica McAlister & Rob Dale
 - d. ***Building RF & Paging Workgroup*** - Co-chairs: Al Mellon & Greg Janik
 - e. ***Encryption Workgroup*** – Chair: Tim Jones & Chris Kuhl
 - f. ***Security Workgroup*** - Co-chairs: Capt. Kevin Sweeney & Brad Stoddard
 - g. ***UASI Workgroup*** - Co-chairs: Craig Swenson & Sean McCarthy
12. **2nd Public Comment - Open to public comment (limited to 3 Minutes per person)**
13. **Good of the Order - Board Members Comments**
14. **Adjournment**



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6/10/26 Meeting Minutes

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1. Chair Bryce Tracy called the meeting to order at 2:01 pm. Roll call was taken and is noted below.

Board Member	Present, Absent or Virtual
Ms. Emily Bergquist	Present
Mr. Brad Feister	Present
Mr. Gary Hagler	Present
Fire Marshal Thomas Hughes	Absent
Mr. Sean McCarthy	Present
Chief Edwin Miller	Present
Mr. Matthw Sahr	Absent
Colonel Raymond Stemitz	Present
Mr. Brad Stoddard	Present
Captain Kevin Sweeney	Present
Mr. Art Thompson	Present
Mr. Bryce Tracy	Present
Chief Jon Unruh	Present
Chief Edward Viverette	Absent -with notice

Also in Attendance:

In Person Attendees	Virtual Attendees	Virtual Attendees
Chief Greg Janik	Tara McLeod	Rob Dale
Kate Jannereth	Chris Kuhl	Nick Carpenter
Anastasia Ferguson-Nelligan	Monica McAlister	Matt Bolger
Randy Williams	Jacob Kostrzewski	Dennis Fitzpatrick
Kathryn Hall	Ray Hasil	
Chris Russo	David Rozell	
	Ted Roney	

Bryce Tracy welcomed our new board member, Brad Feister, replacing Mr. Tom Lafave, representing MDOT. Brad Feister said thank you for welcoming him. He is happy to be here and if you need anything from MDOT, let him know. Bryce thanked him for joining the effort and that Brad will be a good fit. He talked to Tom and he will still be involved just not on the Board.

2. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes from Meeting on December 10, 2025

A motion was made by Mr. Art Thomas, seconded by Chief Edwin Miller and carried to approve the December 10, 2025, meeting minutes as presented.

3. Additions and Approval of Meeting Agenda

- a. A motion was made by Chief Jon Unruh seconded by Captain Kevin Sweeney and carried to approve the June 10, 2026, Board Meeting Agenda as presented.**

4. Communications and Correspondence:

- a. Bryce said in May we sent a notice to appointed members about their expired/soon to expire terms. He asks members who intended to re-apply, we're they able to? Sean McCarthy said his application was stuck in limbo since 2024, he couldn't edit it but it has been resolved. Bryce asked Chief Jon Unruh about his application. Chief Unruh applied but he hasn't heard back but shows it was accepted. Bryce said they heard from Governor's office in early May. We asked what to do about member terms that expired. But didn't get a reply so we asked for an application link. Then some had problems. We'll try and engage Governor's office again. Brad: He knows some of your terms expired several years ago, the Governor's office said then to continue until reappointed or replaced. We appreciate your continued patience on this. Governor's last communication was they were making changes on Board to include 3 law enforcement, 3 fire and 3 EMS. We know in past we had challenges to fill EMS position and would have liked input on that change. We appreciate all you that have applied. Some past members applied too. We hoped it would be resolved by this meeting. We hope for resolution by September's meeting.
- b. Bryce: To follow up, at beginning of 2025 we issued Chairman's Directives for members' participation to make sure Board still has engaged/active members. For our new members, we will get you a copy. It's just basic attendance requirements, so we can be productive. Any discussion from board on this? There was no discussion.

5. 1st Public Comment: None

6. Old Business: None

7. New Business

- a. Unanswered False Emergency Alerts – NCC Response Protocol

Josh Drazkowski, NCC Manager said: appreciated opportunity to address the board. He's asking for some support for a change their policy on how the NCC works with PSAPs in response to emergency alerts. If you're not familiar, emergency alerts are the orange button. Handheld radios has more accidental alerts due to quick reaction. In 2025, we had over 30,000 alerts and we don't reply to all unless they go unanswered. NCC is charged to contact dispatch that the talkgroup was assigned, to see if its ok. The alerts don't show on some consoles. They do have a system to check alerts but they don't actively monitor that. NCC has same application listed by zones. If an

emergency alert happens and is false, dispatcher can stop them on console. We allow 2 min for dispatch to answer. If it's not followed up, NCC contacts dispatch. Sometimes they say it's not their talkgroup/radio ID. So NCC tries to track it down, but it's very cumbersome. When we contact these centers, I don't know that we're adding value in tracking these. Certain dispatch centers get exasperated when NCC calls on this. Some is because a radio is programmed for alerts, but an agency, say 2 years later, signs MOU and now they have talkgroup that never intended to have alerts. So their dispatch don't see the alerts we are calling them on. But NCC sees every alert. We want board support to change policy for how NCC responds to them. We want to retain ability to watch for these but not required to track them down. It's a large amount of time spent. NCC will always help if a center is offline and needs help to track these. We have about 130 different accounts in Michigan that have RCM alerts and some in multiple zones. We have been talking about it with user groups and others to get their feedback, would they see this change as a detriment or are agreeable. Does anyone have any questions?

Bryce asked will you put together a comparable on what current policy is and what new policy change is? Josh said yes. We would provide that and the changes to the board. Bryce said have you asked for comment from any PSAPs or others involved? Josh said not in an official letter but our outreach dept has talked to groups over the last 4 months at events like Sheriff's Conference and InterOp Conference. It's an informal request for comment.

Bryce said I don't expect a detailed answer but is there a need to limit the number of talkgroups they are monitored on? Maybe its not necessary for some but keep it on dispatch talkgroups or active tactical talkgroups. Josh said that is a great question and decision is probably for our RPU team. Bryce said they are all try to reconfigure their consoles because they are maxing out on resources. It used to be a big user priority when first joining the system and why many switched to 800 system. Maybe talk with RPU and get supporting data. So there is a basis for the proposal to the board and for users on system.

Josh said that's a good point. This was done at beginning due to technical issues and the way the system reacted. Bryce said there's a lot of fire departments using 800 system, has a big push for emergency alerts for them. There is debate with dispatch centers and fire departments over who should be monitoring for that alert -is it incident commander or dispatch center? This relates so it's a good holistic discussion to have.

Josh said he appreciates the input and how to document this for the board. Bryce asked if his intention was to have material for next Board meeting for discussion? Josh said yes. Bryce asked Board if they had any questions.

Sean McCarthy said extremely topical in Macomb, our fire chiefs expressed interest. Our county dispatch center, like the NCC, gets everything that doesn't have an RCM. We put a hold on it since our center couldn't handle all the calls. We are doing a policy right now. He would be interested in a discussion group or some SOP for their centers. Guide them how to do that.

Josh added it also leads to conversation on what that button can do and what it cannot. And how maybe the MPSCS can support agencies by education & outreach. Chris Kuhl has done some and since there have been a few changes over the years, it may be helpful. McCarthy said they hope to tell the primary agency handling the emergency that the onus is on them, to let county and state know they have it covered. Josh said on our event request form its listed: they ask who is the person, RCM account holder, we should contact as MSP is not monitoring the special event group.

Chief Edwin Miller said we should look at root cause, why are we having all of these false button pushes? Maybe programming the radio could add a delay to the button. We did that with our new radios we added the delay. Josh agrees, its good feedback. Maybe that is easy start and then education piece is huge. People who only do training once don't remember.

Gary Hagler said he applauds them for looking at the problem and trying to get an appropriate solution. Anecdotal info at a conference is different than a survey out to Chiefs' Association leaders (Law, Fire) so they can reach out to members and have input and don't feel blindsided. Same with PSAPs, might make us more bulletproof with this action. In last 30 years how many times did this result in life saving resources? Josh said we don't track those, if dispatch says its false or it was real and we got alert. Hagler added it's a good item to work on.

Bryce: thanked Josh for that a great topic to look out for on behalf of all users on the system. We look forward to more information at future meeting.

8. Federal Updates

- a. CISA Emergency Communications Division – Brad Stoddard said Travis Johnson still provides support to us. Though he lives in Louisiana and covers southern states, he offered support to us. His support has been classes thru ECD, supported our MPSCS team and our workgroups to champion those. Highly doubtful someone new will be assigned anytime soon.
- b. FEMA Region 5 RECCWG -Brad said Karl Arriola has recently retired as of last week. Jim Cullen will be taking over though he is out on vacation until late June. He and Brad will connect. Jim asked for guidance on RECCWG and those monthly meetings. Hope is that Jim will pick up the baton like Karl had.

9. Statewide Updates

a. Statewide Interoperability Coordinator (SWIC) – Brad Stoddard

Brad said NCSWIC continues to meet twice a month & each meeting over 50% of SWICs participate. We might be able to partner with private sector and building relationships is the root of that. One of his peers in Maryland is facilitating talks with an organization. That has been helpful for large emergencies and in planning. Michigan is taking lead with Secret Service on how they work with SWICs around the nation with focus on interoperability. CISA & ECD facilitated early conversations and the NCSWIC group has helped. MPSCS team has put together an action plan with Secret Service and they have implemented that in other states. Lot of discussions around FIFA it's a significant impact to some states, not us though. Not just interoperability with different public safety but federal partners and security coming in from other countries. They provided some info to some of those states and some have multiple events at same time. Not just FIFA but sub events happening around those communities. People from other countries coming and looking at how it impacts other states. About 18 months ago FIFA lead and FCC had concerns. FIFA wanted to block a number of frequencies inside stadiums but some were public safety. Fortunately a number of very skilled ex-public safety experts are now working with FIFA. We don't have anything in Michigan but may see some go through here to Toronto. This time of year significant weather events is other area where SWICs are providing support. Some is resources from other states emergency ops centers. Or providing contacts in private sector space. Its really opening the door for new relationships that didn't exist on interop side.

b. **MPSCS System/Budget/Staffing**

Brad said UP weather events delayed us starting lifecycle effort for UP. Like MDOT, weather affects us. Generator replacements also paused due to flooding & snow. Anastasia Ferguson-Nelligan added we are in full swing right now for the UP. We are doing 2 sites per week for ASTRO, then in July we start 3 per week. We expect our partner Motorola to be completed in Sept/Oct for the entire UP. That is with funding we have already. The other lifecycle is generators; some are 30 years old. We are looking at funding needs to complete the rest of the state. As we move downstate its more complex unlike UP, they have Simulcast. We can do some lifecycle now but we don't have funding for doing the rest. One of our top priorities over next 3-5 years.

Kate said there was not a lot to report. We are in limbo right now for what next year brings. At the State, we are approaching purchasing year-end deadlines. We are looking at funds to encumber for lifecycle. All of our current work projects are spent or encumbered. Hoping to wrap up with FEMA soon, we submitted \$3 Million for reimbursement from ice storm in 2025. For staffing, we have 132 people, 3 vacancies in process, and 2 limited-term staff. For projects, we are currently working on Livingston, Hillsdale, and Huron Co.

Brad added that we have had conversations with 2 legislators. One around lifecycle funds and the other about using drones for our sites. Legislation paused in House. But our policy makers want to know more. In August, the State Budget Office requested a meeting with him and State CIO, to talk about lifecycle. He explained that we are a wireless highway for public safety. The challenge is we can't see the pavement to connect all counties. When system was built it had support of lawmakers but there wasn't an effort about funding for lifecycle and if there was adequate staffing. The MPSCS hasn't had the type of issues that policy makers look at. Ice storm is latest example, that system worked as expected. He is hopeful by next meeting we'll be able to share about discussion on lifecycle. He doesn't anticipate any funds in FY2027 to address lifecycle.

c. **Agency/County/Member Additions to MPSCS** -there was no discussion.

d. **Current MPSCS Snapshot Data**

- i. *Agencies = 2,651*
- ii. *Radios = 160,861*
- iii. *Dispatch Centers = 134*
- iv. *Dispatch Consoles = 793*
- v. *Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) consoles =64*
- vi. *Fire Pagers = 18,634 (live and pending)*

10. 911 in Michigan

Amy Magirl was not in attendance. Bryce will reach out to see if there is anything of importance.

11. Workgroup Reports

- a. **Communications Unit Workgroup** - Co-chairs Ray Hasil and Nick Carpenter. Ray Hasil reviewed his report as submitted to the board ahead of time. He added they have made good strides with reimburse instructors and additional costs when they do a class. AUXCOMM funding was removed

in October 2024. So since then if you wanted to do a course, you were paying out of pocket for hotel and meals. Its critical we have those courses & working with MPSCS on this.

- b. **AUXCOMM Workgroup** - Co-chairs Max Schneider and Monica McAlister. Max reviewed his report as submitted to the board ahead of time. He added a shout out to Randy Williams who has been helping with that instructor reimbursement.
- c. **Public Alerting Workgroup** - Co-chairs Monica and Rob Dale. Rob Dale reviewed their report as submitted ahead of time to the board. Monica added the missing endangered person code is live and when first one went out it was great, it was to capture those that don't fall in Amber alert. FEMA updated 105 program now so she is teaching a class up north on it.
- d. **Building RF & Fire Paging Workgroup** - Co-chairs: Greg Farrer, Al Mellon & Greg Janik –
Al Mellon reviewed the report as submitted to the board ahead of time. He added that in conversation with federal partners, they say MPSCS is miles ahead and they are talking about activating radios online, encryption we're using, its fantastic feedback. Greg Janik added that we are a resource for some issues. For example, a BDA installed but they won't register it. Greg Farrer worked through the situation with them. Also, a large dept on eastside, wanted a different code for the system. They're now in compliance with state code. All we want to know is the location so if we have life safety systems problem we know where they are. Greg [Farrer] and Al are working on solutions. One idea we had is a UL certification for installation. Is it something Board would be interested in? We don't feel factory training is enough. Bryce: would there be a potential for a location registration policy from that? Janik: Greg is working on website to update with content for registration process. Farrer said the form was built years ago and installer and maintenance fields were optional. There are those that avoid telling us where the BDAs are. The UL presentation for certification of installer, makes sure that installers get permission from licensee to turn on BDAs. Bryce: do you track these as interference versus an intrusion impeding the system? Greg Farrer: we have work orders that we have found if they cause interference, we haven't tied them to BDA records. Bryce: if we want teeth in that, we need a way to measure this to see what is interference vs. intrusion. Part of success of interoperability is the security of it. A wi-fi site, especially the vendors who work for other providers use tie ins to our system. I understand your approach but make its measurable. Farrer: We do have the registration and are looking at ways to improve that process and get info to vendors that they need to get consent for install. Certification would force better installation too. Janik: we are trying to raise the standards of the installers. What can we do to help with certification. Farrer: Some fire suppression companies are installing BDAs and they don't know what they are doing, its plugging in a box to them. Chief Edwin Miller: do UL and other certifications address the concerns you have? Janik: Yes, they go to site to see install. Miller: seems like good fix; we want to have competent people installing them.
- e. **Encryption Workgroup** - Co-chairs: Tim Jones & Chris Kuhl – Tim Jones reviewed the report as presented to the board ahead of time. He added we are starting seeing a move to AES. With our group talking and spreading work. Monroe, Gratiot, Iosco, Kalamazoo & Kent County all in some phase of going to AES. We are seeing change like Genesee we bought our radios in 2017 and we are trying to make that change.
- f. **Security Workgroup** - Co-chairs: Capt. Kevin Sweeney & Brad Stoddard –

Captain Sweeney reviewed the report as presented to the board ahead of time. He added a thank you to Board members who assisted with 4 state-level disasters we've had since March 6.

g. UASI Workgroup - Co-chairs: Craig Swenson & Sean McCarthy. –

Sean McCarthy said trying to get a workgroup, essentially in District 2, with representatives in each county to discuss interoperability procedures as they manifest in our area. And once established they'll move forward with recommendations. Randy Williams asked if they are including state agencies like MSP & DNR as they have seen recent struggles in that area. Craig replied they would make sure they do.

12. 2nd Public Comment: None

13. Good of the Order:

Bryce said the next meeting is Wednesday, September 9 at 2:00pm in Lansing. A notice will be sent out & he thanked the Board Clerk for keeping them in line on that.

14. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 3:13pm



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STATUS/UPDATE OF CURRENT ACTIONS REPORT TO THE MPSCIB – COMMUNICATIONS UNIT WORKGROUP

September 2026 Update

Interop Board Action Items

Identify actions or decisions the workgroup is requiring of the board

No actions requested of the board.

New Items

List items for update and awareness for the board's knowledge since the last quarterly report – Mission Statement

July 2026 AUXCOMM course in Macomb County was the first for instructor reimbursement for time and expense. Overall, the process went very well for submitting invoice and receiving payment. This is an important development for future courses, especially AUXCOMM since instructors are volunteers and not full-time public safety employees. Special thanks to Randy Williams and Kate Jannereth for behind-the-scene efforts, and to Brad Stoddard for supporting. Also thanks to Tara McLeod for assisting with facilitating the first-run of the process.

What's on the Horizon

Identify any work efforts, meetings, or information for upcoming activities the board should be aware of. – Goals

Co-Chair of the COMU workgroup Mr. Ray Hasil will be retiring from Mason-Oceana 911 at the end of this year. At the time of this report, he believes he would like to continue training efforts with the COMU but will need to re-assess the feasibility of this on January 1 of next year.

Training and Exercises

Identify any training or exercises the workgroup has or will be participating in

INTD class scheduled for September 21-25 at the Ingham County Sheriff's Office.



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STATUS OF CURRENT ACTIONS REPORT TO THE MPSCIB SEPTEMBER 2026—AUXCOMM WORK GROUP

Interop Board Action Items

None

New Items

Three volunteers became state recognized AUXCs:

- Kaylee Jung—Kent
- Gordon McLellan—Manistee
- Michael Koster—Ottawa

This brings the total number of state-recognized AUXCs to 63.

What's on the Horizon

Next AUXCOMM Work Group Meeting – Thursday, September 10, 2026 at 8:00 PM

Training and Exercises

Fifteen students attended the AUXCOMM course conducted in Macomb County July 18–19. Special thanks to Bob Sterner, Ray Hasil, and Jim Norton for leading the session.

Position task book sign-off opportunities will be available at the Bridge Walk on Labor Day.

An AUXCOMM COMMEX is planned to operate alongside the Ironman competition in Frankfort on September 20.

AUXCOMM will conduct its Fall statewide exercise the morning of October 3. Planning is in progress, and the exercise plan will be made available to district and county emergency coordinators by September 5.



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STATUS/UPDATE OF CURRENT ACTIONS REPORT TO THE MPSCIB – PUBLIC ALERTING WORKGROUP

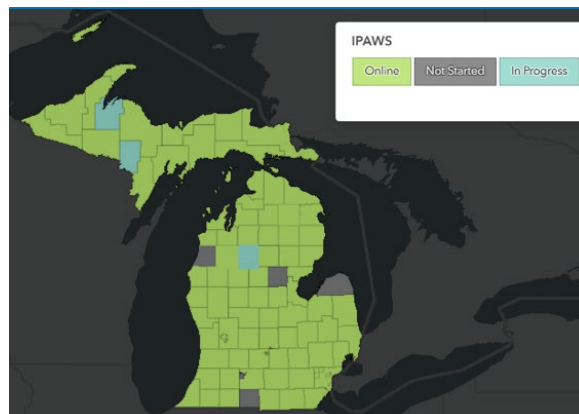
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Interop Board Action Items

None

New Items

- Randy Williams from DTMB/MPSCS and Ms. Monica McAlister from MSP/EMHSD coordinated with Gregg Hansen from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) on the 2026 Michigan Emergency Communication Annex.
 - Finalized August 6, 2026.
- Integrated Public Alert and Warning System (IPAWS) Alerting Authority Numbers.
 - This time last year, Pre-CodeRED cyberattack, there were 83 total IPAWS Alerting Authorities (AA) in Michigan.
 - As of August 28, 2026:
 - 87 total IPAWS AAs.
 - 79 out of 83 counties (95%) are IPAWS AA or in progress to become IPAWS AA
 - All 15 counties in Region 8 are either IPAWS AA or in the process of completing Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) IPAWS office to become one.
 - Missaukee County reached out in August to work on developing a plan for becoming an AA.
 - There are only 4 counties that have not started an IPAWS MOA process.
 - Branch County
 - Gladwin County
 - Huron County
 - Manistee County

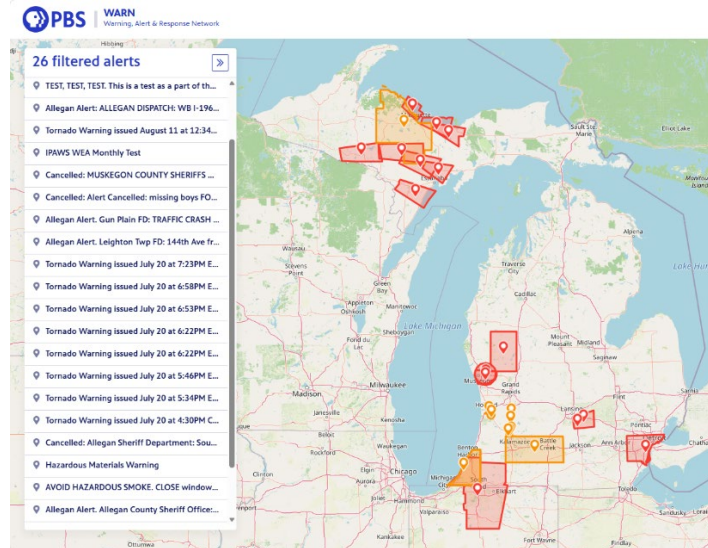


- IPAWS usage statewide July 7, 2026 – August 28, 2026.

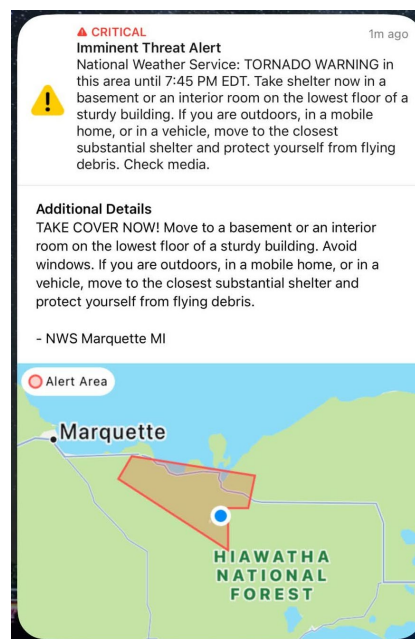


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- 26 Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA) total; includes Tornado Warnings and Required Weekly Test messages.



- WEA Technology Changes
 - iPhones are starting to pull more Common Alert Protocol (CAP) information to display on screens.
 - Included screenshot is from the Tornado Warning issued in Alger County by the National Weather Service out of Marquette.



- Legislative Impacts
 - House Bill 4517 & 4518 signed into law.
 - The Rowan Act, these bills expand Michigan's AMBER Alert system.
 - Senate Bill 456 signed into law.



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- Updates the Mozelle Senior or Vulnerable Adult Medical Act established by Act 176 of 2012, to create a statewide Silver Alert system.
 - MSP is working on developing plans, policies, and procedures.
 - An update to the Michigan Alert, Warning, and Notification (AWN) Plan will follow.
 - IPAWS Quick Reference Guide
 - Focused on three main topics
 - IPAWS Tests:
 - Monthly Proficiency Demonstration (MPD) Test,
 - Required Weekly Test (RWT), and
 - Required Monthly Test (RMT)
 - Effective Alert Message Writing
 - IPAWS Alert Escalation Process (AEP)
 - Reviewed at the Public Alerting Work Group Meeting in August 2026.
 - Shared with local alerting authorities
 - Next Generation Warning System (NGWS) Grant Program
 - FY2026 was announced by IPAWS on July 17, 2026.
 - Deadline to submit was August 7, 2026.
 - Locals encouraged to submit projects; however, IPAWS NGWS Grant Program submissions must be submitted as one state-wide project by the state.
 - MSP/EMHSD was able to submit a statewide proposal with 7 projects submitted by locals for the FY 2026 NGWS Grant Program.
 - Public Alerting Work Group working to establish NGWS Grant Program subgroup to promote locals to look at their current capabilities and start developing projects for a FY 2027 NGWS Grant Program announcement.
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What's on the Horizon

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- Public Alerting Work Group Quarterly Meeting took place 08/12/2026.
 - Next meeting scheduled for 11/04/2026 at 10AM.
 - Legislative Updates: Keeping an eye on several bills that have further impacts on public alerting including
 - Green Alert
 - Brown Alert
 - State Emergency Communications Committee (SECC) meeting to be scheduled for late October or early November.
 - Redundant EAS Project
 - 4 remaining satellite installations at stations.
 - July saw 3 of the LP inspections take place.
 - Request for Proposal (RFP) bidding process for generators has started.
 - Once the UP is complete; will move to northern lower peninsula.
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Training and Exercises

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- When Minutes Matter: Reaching a Broader Audience: Updates and Effective Message Design in WEAs Community of Practice Webinar
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- Wednesday, September 9, 2026, at 2 PM Eastern
 - Rob Dale will be taking part
 - Public Alerting Work Group is open to requests
 - Instruct courses on Emergency Message crafting; especially with the current emerging technology changes to WEA display.
 - To help work public alerting into functional and full-scale exercises rather than having it be an untested inject.
 - FEMA IPAWS Office has three self-paced training courses that are not part of the FEMA Independent Study (IS) program.
 - FEMA Public Information Basics L-105 course
 - Updated version December 2025 – Includes module dedicated to Public Alerts and Warnings
 - Ms. Monica McAlister (MSP/EMHSD) will continue to be a part of the instructor cadre in FY 2027.
 - Michigan Core Emergency Management Knowledge Requirements (MI-CEMKR) course.
 - MSP/EMHSD State Training Officer has announced that MI-CEMKR will be going to in-person instruction starting in 2027.
 - Ms. McAlister is working on a refresh and is updating the Public Alerting portion and will be instructing at least twice a year.
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STATUS/UPDATE OF CURRENT ACTIONS REPORT TO THE MPSCIB – BUILDING RF & FIRE PAGING WORKGROUP

SEPTEMBER 2026 UPDATE

Interop Board Action Items

Identify actions or decisions the workgroup is requiring of the board

- None

New Items

List items for update and awareness for the boards knowledge since the last quarterly report

- Work group continues to discuss and share information regarding the UL Certification for installers and related costs. Informally this has received support from vendors and install shops that work closely with MPSCS. The topic will continue until the work group can elicit broad input and decide, with the Interoperability Boards approval of whether to implement this program in Michigan.
- Chair, Chief Greg Janik summarized some very positive conversations and interactions with a Bureau of Fire Service (BFS) Supervisor and the State Fire Marshal regarding collaborative efforts to explore opportunities for aligning annual emergency responder radio coverage inspection and testing requirements with the Michigan Building Code and referenced provisions of the International Fire Code. The State Fire Marshal has initiated internal discussions and will provide feedback as those conversations progress. The work group continues to focus on strengthening this partnership and expanding stakeholder participation in addressing this issue.
- The work group continues to collect a list of items that MPSCS Engineering can capture for future BDA applications, registrations, and inspections. This would be implemented in whole or in part once MPSCS moves to a new asset management tool or database.

What's on the Horizon

Identify any work efforts, meetings, or information for upcoming activities the board should be aware of. – Goals

- The work group does have a regularly scheduled meeting on September 15th where a discussion will be had about recent school building renovation in Oakland Co that was brought to MPSCS's attention. The BDA system was coordinated and registered by Oakland Co (frequency owner) but other related items (not under MPSCS or Work Group purview) were identified.

Training and Exercises

Identify any training or exercises the workgroup has or will be participating in: N/A



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8/26/2026 ENCRYPTION WORKGROUP UPDATE

Interop Board Action Items

None

New Items

Tim Jones, Chair, Encryption work group, and Chris Kuhl, State of Michigan-DTMB-Center for Shared Solutions Specialist.

What's on the Horizon

August 11th meeting was cancelled due to availability and lack of agenda items. The last regularly scheduled meeting was held virtually on June 9th with thirty-nine (39) attendees. Work group/encryption activities are as follows –

- MPSCS Template Design Unit, Manager Chris Russo and Communications/Outreach Specialist Chris Kuhl met virtually with the City of Grand Rapids in late July to discuss a broad overview of transitioning AES encryption with new and some existing non shared proprietary talkgroups. City of Grand Rapids Police are currently working on obtaining and applying necessary hardware updates to existing devices. This follows closely the path that Kent Co agencies are moving towards on developing and implementing a migration to AES.
- MPSCS continues to share necessary requirements for OTAR implementation, that is all algorithms present in the radios (ADP/ARC4, DES and AES) for seamless KMF operation.
- Kalamazoo Co Dispatch Authority created thirteen (13) new talkgroups, all AES encrypted for future migration. Hardware updates and county wide re-programming will take time along with MOU distribution.
- Lapeer Co is close to or has possibly finalized their final step transition from ADP to AES encryption, target date county wide was 10/1/2026.
 - Lapeer is using a mix of CKR 1667 for Law talkgroups and operations and others with 1668 (Fire EMS Law SW Key).
- Huron Twp (Wayne Co) met with MPSCS in May to discuss and begin implementing plans for a migration to AES encryption based on CJIS requirements and the changing landscape in Wayne Co. Implementation date TBD.

Encryption Map as requested is a work in progress but many of these large encryption migrations need to mature into beneficial use or implementation phase before the map can be updated.

Training and Exercises

Next meeting will be held via Team will be October 20, 2026, at 10:00am.



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STATUS/UPDATE OF CURRENT ACTIONS REPORT TO THE MPSCIB - SECURITY WORKGROUP

September 2026 Update

Interop Board Action Items

Identify actions or decisions the workgroup is requiring of the board

- None at this time

New Items

List items for update and awareness for the boards knowledge since the last quarterly report

Work group members had participated in multiple meetings this quarter related to interoperability and security. Those meetings included:

- Cyber Security Grant
- Election Security Planning
- Environmental Justice Committee

What's on the Horizon

Identify any work efforts, meetings, or information for upcoming activities the board should be aware of. – Goals

- Security Workgroup members continue to be involved with the development and implementation of FY cyber grants and distribution of current awards
- Work group members have participated in Election Security planning meetings/workshops
- Work group members have participated in DTMB Cyber Table Top and Functional exercises

Training and Exercises

Identify any training or exercises the workgroup has or will be participating in

- Next quarterly meeting is set for Sept 28, 2026 at 2pm



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MPSCS-NCC Action Item – MPSCIB Meeting, September 8th, 2026

Summary- The Network Communications Center (NCC) requests approval from MPSCIB during the regularly scheduled September 8, 2026, board meeting to eliminate the need for the MPSCS-NCC to routinely contact dispatch centers for unacknowledged Emergency Alerts (EA's) and statewide EA monitoring. This item was introduced to the board by NCC Manager Josh Draskowski during the June 10, 2026, board meeting as new business.

Purpose- Due to technical improvements and upgrades of the system, the reason for contacting dispatch centers about EA's no longer exists. In the past the NCC would contact a dispatch center if an emergency alert wasn't acknowledged after three minutes. This was done to ensure channels were not reserved for emergency calls long after the emergency was concluded. Today the Emergency Alert/Call feature has a timeout which puts the reserved channel back into rotation after a designated period thus maintaining system health and channel capacity.

Impacts- The MPSCS recorded 30,746 alerts for calendar year 2025. A large portion of those alerts were reported as accidental, but MPSCS has no way to know how many were real vs. accidental. The NCC policy is to contact the responsible dispatch center to confirm they are aware of said emergency alert. This consumes valuable time on the part of the NCC as well as dispatch center staff. Excessive personnel hours are used tracking down alerts when it is not clear what agency is responsible for a particular alert. Changing the NCC policy to no longer monitor and contact dispatch centers for EA's will better allocate limited NCC resources to system necessary tasks. It has been clear that this EA management is far more effective and timelier at a local level.

MPSCS has been socializing this proposal through its Member Communication and Outreach section since April of this year. During onsite meetings direct feedback has been supportive of this policy change, comments typically indicating the NCC contact is not needed as they already know what to do. All dispatch directors echoed very similar responses, they have local policies and procedures in place and often times during a valid emergency the NCC phone call consumes ever finite resources at their 911 center, and the calls are viewed as disruptive.

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1.1.3 Emergency Alert and Emergency Call

I. Subject and Purpose

The MPSCS supports the emergency feature that is available as an option in the MPSCS subscriber radios. For clarity, this feature will be referred to as the “Emergency Mode” option.

II. Procedures and Guidelines

A. Emergency Mode

1. Utilizing the Emergency Mode allows a subscriber to send an Emergency Alert to a predetermined system connected dispatch center on a specified talkgroup and/or a properly configured Radio Control Manager (RCM) terminal. **In order to utilize the Emergency Mode, the requesting member agency must have the ability to monitor the incoming Emergency Alert using RCM or an agreement with another agency that has this ability.** The monitoring responsibility must be prearranged prior to implementing this option. This ensures a proper emergency response as well as facilitates acknowledgment and management of the alarm condition.
2. A subscriber radio configured with the Emergency Mode option can activate this option by pressing the emergency button. This immediately sends an Emergency Alert message into the system on the control channel. To begin an Emergency Call, the radio user must press the radio’s push-to-talk (PTT) button while in Emergency Mode. An Emergency Call is placed at the highest system priority level to gain access to the next available channel resource. The radio system will assign a voice channel dedicated to the emergency caller’s talkgroup for an extended period of time. As with other call types, Emergency Calls can operate across sites and zones as well as within the same site. All other sites needed to handle this emergency are ruthlessly preempted.
3. If no voice channels are available at the time of an Emergency Call, the system will place the Emergency Call at “top of queue” and will acquire

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the next available voice channel at the initiating site. Queuing of calls only occurs when all voice channels are busy at a site. During times of queuing, calls are assigned a priority. Priority level 1 is reserved for system Emergency Calls. Priority level 1 is the highest level and level 10 is the lowest for queue of radios.

B. Emergency Mode Configuration

A radio programmed to use the Emergency Mode must be programmed to use the Tactical Emergency Mode, Revert Emergency Mode of operation or a combination of both. This function is identified in the template within the talkgroup definition

1. Tactical Mode of Operation

The radio will remain on the currently selected talkgroup of the radio when the emergency button is pressed. After pressing the emergency button and pressing the radio's PTT, an Emergency Call will be established on the current talkgroup. The other members on the talkgroup will observe a flashing EMER message on their radio display. The Emergency Call will be conducted on the selected talkgroup.

2. Revert mode of operation

The radio will automatically switch (revert) to a talkgroup pre-defined in the radio template. After pressing the emergency button and pressing the radio's PTT, an Emergency Call will be established on the identified revert talkgroup. While in the Revert mode of operation, only members on the reverted talkgroup will see the EMER message on their radio display. The Emergency Call will be conducted on the revert talkgroup and not on the talkgroup as selected by the knob of the radio.

C. Emergency Alert Monitoring Options

1. A member may elect to install the necessary software, hardware and interconnections to provide a system level RCM. This will permit the member to receive an Emergency Alert on talkgroups associated to the member's RCM login.

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- a. The RCM can operate on a standalone client or integrated into a console directly connected to the MPSCS.
 - b. The member must identify the talkgroups that their subscriber devices will have the ability to activate emergencies on. These talkgroups must be assigned to the member's RCM account.
 - c. The member may program their radios to use the Tactical, Revert or both modes of operation within the radio.
 - d. The RCM must remain logged in at all times to ensure reception of an Emergency Alert.
 - e. An Emergency Alert will be received at the RCM as soon as the emergency button is pressed on the radio and prior to the PTT of the initiating radio.
 - f. An RCM license is required in each zone where a member plans to utilize the emergency alert function.
 - g. The member will be responsible for acknowledging and deleting the alarms in the RCM.
 - h. The NCC will not be monitoring emergency alerts in the RCM application and will not be routinely contacting members about unacknowledged emergency alerts.
2. A member may negotiate an agreement with another agency to monitor and respond to their emergency alerts.
 - a. The agency responsible to monitor and respond must provide the MPSCS with a written Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), signed by the appropriate appointed authority.
 - b. The MOU should outline the specific talkgroups that they have agreed to monitor for the member.
 - c. The agency responsible must have the functionality to support this agreement by means of an RCM.

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III. Responsible Party

- A. Contact for Questions
NCC Manager
- B. Contact Information
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IV. Termination or Review Responsibility
MPSCS Director

V. Available Links
<http://www.michigan.gov/mpscs>

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2. A subscriber radio configured with the Emergency Mode option can enable this option by pressing the emergency button. This immediately sends an Emergency Alert message into the system on the control channel. To begin an Emergency Call, the radio user must press the radio’s push-to-talk (PTT) button while in Emergency Mode. An Emergency Call is placed at the highest system priority level to gain access to the next available channel resource. The radio system will assign a voice channel dedicated to the emergency caller’s talkgroup for an extended period of time. As with other call types, Emergency Calls can operate across sites and zones as well as within the same site. All other sites needed to handle this emergency are ruthlessly preempted.
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- a. The RCM can operate on a standalone system connected terminal or integrated into a console directly connected to the MPSCS.
 - b. The member must identify the talkgroups they wish to monitor on the RCM for Emergency Alert.
 - c. The RCM profile must include as a minimum the proprietary talkgroups that are used by the member.
 - d. The member may program their radios to use the Tactical, Revert or both modes of operation within the radio.
 - e. The RCM must remain logged in at all times to ensure reception of an Emergency Alert.
 - f. An Emergency Alert will be received at the RCM as soon as the emergency button is pressed on the radio and prior to the PTT of the initiating radio.
 - g. An RCM license may be required in each zone where a member plans to utilize the emergency alert function.
 - h. The member will be responsible for acknowledging and deleting the alarms in the RCM.
 - i. The member must contact the NCC within 2 minutes to acknowledge the reception of the Emergency Alert.
 2. A member may elect to install an MPSCS connected Dispatch console to receive Emergency Alerts.
 - a. The member's Emergency Alert talkgroup(s) must be present in the console's open configuration file.
 - b. The console must remain logged in at all times to ensure reception of the Emergency Alert.
 - c. If the console is logged out or Emergency Alert talkgroup(s) deleted from the active configuration file, an Emergency Alert will not be indicated on the console.
 - d. An Emergency Alert will be observed at the Dispatch console as soon as the emergency button is pressed on the radio and prior to the PTT of the initiating radio.
 - e. The Emergency Alert will automatically cross zone boundaries.
 - f. The member may program their radios to use the Tactical or Revert function within the radio.
 - g. When a member elects to use the Revert mode, the talkgroup(s) selected for reverting is required to be monitored at all times by a system console.

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- h. There is a limitation on the number of talkgroups a console can monitor within the console's open configuration file.
 - i. The member must contact the NCC within 2 minutes to acknowledge the reception of the Emergency Alert.
 - j. The NCC will be responsible for final cancellation of the alarm in the RCM.
 - 3. A member may negotiate an agreement with another agency to monitor and respond to their emergency alerts.
 - a. The agency responsible to monitor and respond must provide the MPSCS with a written Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), signed by the appropriate appointed authority.
 - b. The MOU should outline the specific talkgroups that they have agreed to monitor for the member.
 - c. The agency responsible must have the functionality to support this agreement by means of an RCM or MPSCS connected Dispatch console.
 - 4. A member can request an Event Talkgroups located primarily in Zones G, H and I.
 - a. The Michigan State Police, East Lansing Operations (ELOP) shall monitor and respond to all Emergency Alerts activated on any Event talkgroup.
 - b. An event talkgroup can be activated by contacting the NCC at (888) 554-4622.
 - c. NCC will fax the Event Request form to ELOP whenever an event talkgroup is requested. The form should contain the requestor's contact information and the associated 24 hours Emergency response Center contact information should an emergency occur.
 - d. ELOP personnel shall follow the MSP procedures for responding to an Emergency Alert.
 - e. ELOP shall notify the NCC within 2 minutes to acknowledge the reception of the Emergency Alert.

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III. Responsible Party

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IV. Applicable Forms
MPSCS Event Request Form

V. Termination or Review Responsibility
MPSCS Director

VI. Available Links
http://www.michigan.gov/documents/Public_Forms_Index_159235_7.html
<http://www.michigan.gov/mpscs>
http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mpscs/EventRequestForm_234381_7.pdf