



Michigan's Public Safety Communications Interoperability Board and the State 911 Commission Joint Meeting

12/10/25 Meeting Minutes

MSP HQ – 1917 Room

1. Chair Bryce Tracy called the meeting to order at 1:05pm. Roll call was taken and is noted below. There was a quorum.

Note: This was a joint meeting of the Michigan Public Safety Communications Interoperability Board (MPSCIB) and the State 911 Committee (SNC). In order for each board to approve their minutes, separate minutes were produced. For information presented and discussed on the SNC side, please visit their [website](#).

Roll call for State 911 Committee was taken by their Committee clerk.

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

Also in Attendance:

In Person Attendees	Virtual Attendees	
	Jaclyn Barcroft	Pritam Iyer
	Tara McLeod	Ray Stemitz
	Max Schnieder	Leah Edgell
	Dennis Fitzpatrick	Ted Roney
	Lyndsay Keith	

Bryce said welcome to everyone for the joint meeting. This was originally set up due to a prior engagement that was to be this morning. This is great that we get both groups together in the same room. There might be a chance to foster some ideas and discussions. He applauds both boards being here today and working through this meeting.

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

A motion was made by Mr. Gary Hagler seconded by Chief Edwin Miller and carried to approve the September 10, 2025, meeting minutes as presented.

Approval of the SNC minutes was approved.

Approval of State 911 Committee Minutes from last Meeting occurred.

3. Chair/Vice Chair Reports

- a. No reports from Bryce Tracy or Brad Stoddard
- b. Jeff Troyer reported on a meeting with some 911 centers re a wireless service provider.

4. Communications and Correspondence: Nothing from the Interoperability Board. SNC had one item: a statement with no discussion.

5. 1st Joint Public Comment: None

6. Business Items:

MPSCIB Committee Reports

- a. **Communications Unit Workgroup** - Co-chairs Ray Hasil and Nick Carpenter. Neither chair was in attendance.
- b. **AUXCOMM Workgroup** - Co-chairs Max Schneider and Jaclyn Barcroft. Max Schneider reviewed his report as submitted to the board ahead of time. He added a welcome to Monica McAlister and that she will be replacing Jaclyn Barcroft.
- c. **Public Alerting Workgroup** - Co-chairs Jaclyn Barcroft and Rob Dale. Jaclyn reviewed their report as submitted ahead of time to the board. She added her welcome to Monica McAlister who will be replacing her for these workgroups. She apologized for not being in person to introduce her. Bryce asked Monica to introduce herself. She stood up and said hello.
- d. **Building RF & Fire Paging Workgroup** - Co-chairs: Greg Farrer & Greg Janik – Greg Farrer reviewed the report as submitted to the board ahead of time. Bryce asked if we are still seeing BDA interference? Greg said very few. They are still tracking illegal carriers and some of them are BDAs with too much power. Tracking them down. Bryce asked if he was seeing any ghost carriers coming from the wireless carriers? Greg said not that they're aware of. Bryce added to be aware that as T-Mobile is doing a lot of work in their area, there might be focused interference.

- e. **Encryption Workgroup** - Co-chairs: Tim Jones & Chris Kuhl –Chris Kuhl reviewed the report submitted to the board ahead of time. He added Director Tim Jones wanted to publicly acknowledge of Sgt. Korey Rowe and Sgt. Jeremy Cup for their assistance at a tragic event on September 28 at active shooter and mass casualty event in that county. Their assistance with communications at command post was extremely helpful for incoming federal and local resources to communicate. 2026 future map progress is underway, MPSCS Matt McCormick was able to create a map and provide an upload tool.
- 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 that the Interop Conference is set for March 3-5 and Homeland Security Conf is set for May 5-7 and registration has moved from MITrain to Cornerstone for both conferences. Look for InterOp Conference info on how to create account. Bryce asked how did the transition go? It's going well, have some issues they are working through but the management system is going really well. Bryce asked if there were changes for any of the alerting or IPAWS from that Code Red situation. Capt. Sweeney said potentially switching vendors Possibly using Everbridge which the SOM already uses. He asked Jaclyn if she had anything to add. She hasn't heard anything from FEMA. They are wanting to review Code Red's new platform before allowing IPAWS access to that. Bryce wanted to be sure redundancy and resiliencies were in place for that.
- g. **UASI Workgroup** - Co-chairs: Craig Swenson & Sean McCarthy. –Craig Swenson said there was no meeting held so no information to share.

SNC Committee Reports

- h. Certification Subcommittee - see minutes from SNC
- i. 911 Training Subcommittee - see minutes from SNC
- j. Emerging Technology Subcommittee - see minutes from SNC
- k. Legislative Action Subcommittee - see minutes from SNC

7. **Old Business:** None by either group

8. **New Business:** SNC had an officer election for chair and vice chair.

9. Federal and State Updates

- a. Brad Stoddard updated on Federal. With FEMA, the Government shutdown stopped a lot of activities, one positive is that our FEMA RECCWG chair did not retire as planned. FEMA requires each RECCWG to do a plenary and we will do ours virtually this month. We'll look at next year and identify what we are capable of doing since travel for Feds has been paused.
For CISA Brad said they had calls with acting leadership. The exec director of CISA is still waiting for appointment from Senate. Our CISA contact through ECD, those resources are gone. They left in early-out program that Feds initiated this year and no backfill for those. Travis Johnson supports us and has ties to Michigan but lives in Louisiana. IC TAP training is still up in the air. There is a complete unknown across the board about what that looks like. He has heard from ECD Director that for the most part reduction of forces has occurred in many areas but still

occurring in CISA, though nothing with Emergency Communications. Some dialogue in DHS, and some personnel shuffling coming up, some in CISA now may be moved elsewhere. Our level of support from CISA for both groups is lessening. They are at least sharing what they provided to States and territories but may not be able to provide in future.

- b. MPSCS & SWIC** For SWIC, Brad reported that throughout the year reduction of force in CISA, the NCSWIC started up a biweekly later monthly call to bring in all states and territories, has worked very well. The level of information sharing is used as problem solving for our peer SWICs. Chasm support from Navy is gone. Some SWICs had all their info in Chasm and that is creating some issues. SWICs met twice a year but that is now in review. As a reminder the Fed government is in a continuing budget that expires in January. For awareness FIFA are not in Michigan but may be traveling through Michigan on way to games. They and SAFECOMM have met with FIFA and we don't have anything in Region 5. Bryce added they are doing a game on Mackinac Island at Grand Hotel; it was just announced yesterday. Brad added that FIFA shared their fans are different and they get rowdy. They are equating it to a Superbowl in every city. FIFA has their own spectrum and traditional public safety spectrums would not be used.

c. MPSCS staffing, budget

Kate Jannereth said that MPSCS has 131 people hired out of 137 we can hire. All openings are in the process of approval and some have job offers. We requested 10 new positions in the new 2027 budget and \$6.6 Million to support those positions & lifecycle year after year. They also requested a service request of \$7.6 Million to cover the rising costs of Motorola and Nokia maintenance. Brad added the House initially had a multimillion dollar cut to our budget but at the last minute that was retracted for a small decrease \$570,000 cut. For staff we wanted more than 10 resources but got just 10 positions approved.

Anastasia Nelligan Ferguson reported that regarding Ice Storm, we have engaged with FEMA and this year we want to recover \$2.3 Million that came out of our General Fund, so we are working with MSP & FEMA on this. We expect more expenses to be recognized in 2026 so it's closer to \$3 million. Management watching the House Appropriations Subcommittee. We have a work project on the line which is about \$5.5 Million and are hoping that it gets approved.

MPSCS Lifecycle Zone 5 and 6 in UP for generators in each of our sites over 180 in the next few years. The primary component of MSI ASTRO is critical lifecycle phase system, its end of life is in 2030. So we need funding for that. Huron County is moving forward with integration and are working to redeploy a tower from Gladwin County. It is one County that doesn't have a tower but gets coverage from nearby counties. Biannual upgrade will move into Spring before were done with all the dispatch centers. Livingston County has a large integration and is adding 4 new green sites.

Brad concluded that we are continuing to grow even though we just celebrated our 30th anniversary. We are in constant cycle to educate federal groups. While we are getting money for the UP, funding for lower Michigan is not available at this time but we do have a plan.

d. State 911 Administrator

Jeff Troyer said that FIFA has a unique following. He was in Dallas, and they met for 2 hours about different communication devices that are coming in from all over the world. Not all of those devices can access emergency services. More known numbers like France should go through but no guarantee. A member of SNC added that NENA is involved in testing due to FIFA. For the 911 Centers that receive international calls today, the numbers do come in if they have 10 digits. More discussion followed.

Amy Magirl reviewed her report with no additional comments.

10. 2nd Joint Public Comment: None

11. Good of the Order: Bryce said thank you for all the work putting this joint meeting together, he thanked Stacie Hansel and Kathryn Hall for the legwork to put this together for us. Bryce said all this collaboration is good for our ecosystem. He added that this joint meeting would make Jim Jarvis smile if he was here. He always suggested we had a combined meeting.

Brad said that we went through two entire Board meetings in one hour which is shorter than we take for one. The value is he heard things from their space that impact us. He proposed considering doing one of these joint meetings a year. Unfortunately, FirstNet cancelled their meeting, but our meeting plan worked.

SNC comment was about the FCC that passed an order and there was discussion.

12. Next Meeting and 2026 Meeting Schedules

Bryce said the 2026 MPSCIB Board Meetings will be March 11, June 10, September 9 and December 9. He asked if the Board had any problems with the dates. There was none. The takeaway for both boards is to talk about June or September (it won't be March) to have a joint meeting for both groups.

Jeff Troyer said the Joint MPSCIB and SNC Meeting was adjourned at 14:07pm. He added Happy Holidays.