



# Public Alerting Workgroup

**August 17, 2021**

**Time: 10 - 11 a.m.**

**Location: Conference Call**

**Microsoft Teams Meeting Information in Appointment**

## AGENDA

As of: 8/17/2021 5:34:36 PM

10:00	Welcome and Roll Call	5 minutes
10:05	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Please mute phones and announce your name when speaking</b></li> <li>• Strategic Priorities of the Workgroup             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Update on CodeRed Implementation                 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Provisional Authority to Operate (ATO) expected by end of August. Got green light to start with training on the system.</li> <li>▪ Started training with MSP Operations staff this week.</li> <li>▪ Working with CodeRed to start scheduling training for locals. 30 jurisdictions are interested in using it as primary or backup system.</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Cross Border Alerting Coordination – Sgt. Ron Bush                 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Berrien Co working with Indiana Co to the south for WEA messaging</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Strategic Goals – Final Approval and Champion Assignment                 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Discussed goals and activities – final version to be shared with these notes.</li> <li>▪ Still need volunteers to champion the activities</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Strategic Mission and Vision                 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Starting Mission and Vision statement shared soon. <b>Please provide feedback.</b></li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>• State and Federal Updates             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Regional Emergency Communications Coordination Working Group (RECCWG)                 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Starting to plan next region wide exercise – early 2022</li> <li>▪ MI Annex Communications Plan is going to be updated in the next few months</li> <li>▪ Alert &amp; Warning Technical Assistance Webinar – Oct 5 &amp; 6 – 47 signed up from MI</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Michigan Association of Broadcasters                 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Nationwide EAS Test – found several issues. FEMA had issues with delivery to PEP stations throughout the country, NPR Squawk channel had audio but level was low, message was heard around the state. WJR didn't get the alert from FEMA. Most of the distribution was from WKAR. Issue with daisy chain distribution – adds on an additional set of alert tones.</li> <li>▪ PEP also received through Premier, but no audio. Also has secure telephone line available.</li> <li>▪ Sirius FM and Premier is available to anyone that wants to buy the equipment for redundancies. Both are free services.</li> <li>▪ First alert path that is received is the station will lock to, regardless of quality.</li> <li>▪ WCMU, WEMU also used NPR feed.</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ State Emergency Communications Committee                 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ State Plan review and update to commence soon.</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ National Weather Service                 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Pipe is operational to get the IPAWS messaging to the NWS as of end of</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>	50 minutes

	<p>July. As long as box is checked in alerting software NWEMS will be sent to the NWS to be reviewed and potentially relayed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Destructive tag to Severe thunderstorm is now active.</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ FEMA IPAWS Office News <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Nationwide EAS and WEA Test took place August 11. Had a survey open to collect information regarding the WEA portion</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Region Updates – Primary Region Representative <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ No significant updates</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Other Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Technical Challenges – Open Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ No significant updates</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Upcoming Meeting Schedule – Jaclyn Barcroft <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month quarterly (Feb, May, Aug, Nov)</li> <li>○ Next Meeting – November 16, 2021, 10 a.m.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify Next Steps/Action Items – Jaclyn Barcroft</li> </ul>	
10:55	Final Review and Comments	5 minutes