



Public Alerting Work Group Meeting Notes

May 17, 2022

Time: 10 - 11 a.m.
Location: Microsoft Teams

Microsoft Teams Meeting Information in Appointment

Vision Statement: To ensure Michigan emergency management programs and broadcast partners are prepared to alert the public effectively and efficiently during crisis situations.

Mission Statement: To provide, promote, and coordinate public alerting awareness and education in support of local and state government agencies in conjunction with broadcast partners.

AGENDA

Attendance: Jaclyn Barcroft, Jen Boyer, Ryan Wilkinson, Prentis Mercer, Claude Milhouse, Sgt. Ron Bush, Rob Dale, Dave Mann, Dan Kelley, Lt. Jeff Yonker, Lt. Josh Collins, Lt. Chuck Barker, Allison Farole, Matt Zika, Thom Hardesty, Jerry Becker, Lt. Nate McQueen, Mike Bowers, Scott Corbin

- Strategic Priorities of the Workgroup
 - Update on CodeRED Implementation – Jaclyn Barcroft
 1. Not too many new jurisdictions jumping on board, but it looks like Region 8 has several counties that have decided to switch over to CodeRED.
 2. Suggestion – Share info about the CodeRED opportunity out with the local Emergency managers again as there has been a lot of turn over, also share information on local webinar, correspondence through the District Coordinators.
 3. Best ways to share information – email, post meeting notes on Work Group (WG) webpage. Keep sharing the information as new Emergency Managers (EM's) come on board there is always more to learn. Region 5 talks about Public Alerting at regional board meetings and communications.
 - Strategic Goals –Updates-Jaclyn Barcroft
 1. Statewide Communications Interoperability Plan (SCIP) to be updated soon – will use our goals as part of our update from the WG.
 2. All Public Act 390 programs become Integrated Public Alert and Warning System (IPAWS) alerting authorities by December 31, 2022.
 - Iosco Co is In Progress
 - Local programs – Delta Twp, Delhi Twp do not plan to have their own Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), but have a plan with county to have the county issue IPAWS alerts on their behalf. Create new status on IPAWS board for this situation.
 3. All Public Act 390 programs incorporate IPAWS messaging into their Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) or as a standalone annex to the EOP.
 4. Augment public alerting education for local emergency managers.
 - J. Barcroft spoke as part of a panel at the PIO and the Right to Know symposium regarding public alerting.

5. Promote State and Local Emergency Communications Committees (LECC)/Emergency Alert System (EAS) Area meeting participation.
6. Develop and implement a process and procedure to review and update the Area and State EAS/IPAWS plans on a regular basis.

- State and Federal Updates

- Regional Emergency Communications Coordination Working Group (RECCWG)
 1. Region V Functional Exercise – Operation High Water rescheduled 7/27 & 7/28
 2. RECCWG Plenary and MSEL Writing meeting 5/23/22-5/25/22
- Michigan Association of Broadcasters
 1. State EAS Plan Update – on target to get completed by July 2022 FCC deadline. Dan Kelley working on getting all Local Primary (LP) monitoring assignments entered into the plan. In process of confirming all assignments with every station in the state – over the years monitoring variations have been granted. 4 regions left for confirmation process.
 2. Thursday – Dan Kelley, Jaclyn Barcroft, Gary Blievernecht – meeting to review the rest of the plan and come up with a plan to complete it. May be asking for some assistance from WG.
 3. Only 6 states have completed plans at this point.
 4. Question – once state plan is done, will we work with LECCs to get local plans done. Yes – Dan plans to get meetings going around the state again and discuss updates with the local plan.
- State Emergency Communications Committee – status quo, Gary B may stay as chair.
- National Weather Service – no specific updates at this point.
- FEMA IPAWS Office News
 1. Webinar 5/5/22 – How to Minimize Alerting Delays – 3rd webinar in series. Many new IPAWS users since 2020 – 3-fold increase in IPAWS usage. COVID fueled a lot of this use. Importance of minimizing alerting delays – templates for WEA messages to get messages out in a timely fashion. Promoted IPAWS toolkit – by developing own SOPs, templates, etc.
 2. FCC Seeks Partners to Help with WEA Performance Testing – deadline is 5/22/22 - <https://www.fcc.gov/document/fcc-seeks-partners-local-wireless-emergency-alert-tests>
 - Noted that Eaton, Ingham, Berrien, Arenac, Ogemaw, Oscoda counties have signed up to participate in the testing.

- Region Updates – Primary Region Representative

- Region 1 – Eaton, Ingham Counties – FCC test
- Region 2S – City of Detroit used CodeRED for public messaging during the Ambassador bridge shut down.
- Region 3 – Arenac, Ogemaw, Oscoda participate in FCC test. Continue to work on getting dispatchers trained on IPAWS system and work with counties that are not currently alerting authorities.
- Region 5 – Use EMnet throughout region 5 – terminals starting to fail, going thru process to replace terminals at the counties. One county that does not have IPAWS MOA (part time) – helping them get online. Region exercise end of Sept – specialty teams doing 1 large exercise in Battle Creek – public alerting is one component – sending message to IPAWS lab. Berrien Co – has volunteered to participate in FCC test, Berrien Co still doing live WEA tests for nuclear power plant test. Test audio on RWT with broadcaster so they know they are good for RMT.
- Region 6: Grand Rapids used IPAWS in April for a water boil advisory. Ionia County EM is currently going through IPAWS training.
- Region 7: No report
- Region 8: No report

- Other Business

- Discussed that the EMnet contract for Local Primaries was not renewed by MSP last fall, so most LPs most likely only access messaging through the IPAWS feed.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Sgt. Ron Bush's upcoming retirement at the end of June 2022 -Congratulations and thank you to Ron for the many years of co-chairing this work group and your dedication to sharing information about and improving public alerting across the state and the country!<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Will be soliciting for a new co-chair for this work group. Email Jaclyn Barcroft if you are interested in helping out!● Upcoming Meeting Schedule – Jaclyn Barcroft<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ 3rd Tuesday of the month quarterly (Feb, May, Aug, Nov)○ Next Meeting – August 16, 2022, 10 a.m.	
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