



Public Alerting Work Group

November 29, 2022

Time: 10 - 11 a.m.

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

10:00 Welcome and Roll Call

10:05

- Strategic Priorities of the Workgroup
 - Update on CodeRED Implementation
 - Have region representatives reached out to counties that are not yet IPAWS Alerting Authorities?
 - Tuscola and Macomb Counties are currently coming on board.
 - [Statewide Communications Interoperability Plan \(SCIP\)](#) Update – 11/2/22
 - Public Alerting WG goals accepted as is, no discussion.
 - Final version due out in December
 - WI Public Alerting Training (8 hr) – WI Emergency Management, SECC Chair, FEMA IPAWS staff. Recommend separate beginner and advanced sessions.
 - Considering creating two 4-hour training courses – beginner and experienced to run in different areas of the state. Any volunteers to help develop and present materials?
 - Brian Kahn – commented he sees confusion from public officials on when it is appropriate vs other means of notification – would be good to address what is WEA used for compared to other social media/notification platforms. State rules on what it can and cannot be used for so they locals have a decision to fall back on when explaining.
 - Ryan Wilkinson volunteered to assist
 - Donna Northern – noticed a comment in FEMA newsletter that they do not police what WEA can be used for exactly. That type of comment adds confusion. FEMA IPAWS office can give recommendations on how it has successfully been used.
 - Message Design Dashboard – University of Albany project
 - Expected rollout date of Fall 2023
 - Rob Dale – has been working on this with the University of Albany. Quick demo at IAEM. Templates for many types of scenarios, tracks number of characters used, uses best practices, shows you the reading level when you are done. Early in development. Webinar in spring with FEMA to showcase what is coming.
- State and Federal Updates
 - Regional Emergency Communications Coordination Working Group (RECCWG) – no update
 - Michigan Association of Broadcasters
 - FCC State EAS Plan – have passed first review of plan, FCC is happy with the suggested changes that have been made in the plan. FCC most concerned about

ability of LPs to receive national alerts from at least 2 sources (daisy chain or NPR). MAB agreed to fund 20 XM receivers for certain LPs across the state to be able to get the satellite NPR feed – waiting to hear from FCC if plan will be accepted.

- MI EAS State Plan – Dan Kelley to review by Christmas, then to share with SECC work group to review. Once State Plan has been updated would like to get regional meetings going in 2023. Dan looking to visit UP stations to provide assistance.
- 2023 RMT Schedules – LP1's pulling together schedules for 2023. Once all compiled will be posted on MAB website.
- State Emergency Communications Committee – Waiting on State plan to be reviewed, then will meet.
- National Weather Service – No Report
- FEMA IPAWS Office
 - Live and Test Certificate Updates continue – Check dates!
 - Alert and Warning Community of Practice Webinar – 10/25/22
 - 2022 IPAWS User Conference – [Info on web](#)
 - [IPAWS Strategic Plan – 2022-2026](#)
 - IPAWS User Portal – Goes Live 12/1/22
 - FEMA IPAWS Newsletter – Fall 2022
- Region Updates – Primary Region Representative
 - Reporting Template is an outline of things to think about when providing an update to the work group. Can ask counties within your region the same questions before the meeting.
 - Region 1 – Only remaining PA 390 is Delhi Twp – would like to see if they would enter into an MOU with the county.
 - Drill creating IPAWS messages as an exercise with dispatch director and deputy director. Create an AAR/IP afterwards to get exercise credit. Short but useful exercise.
 - Region 2 – All counties are alerting authority or working on it (Macomb County in process).
 - Region 3 – Tuscola is nearly complete, no more counties using EMnet in Region 3 – Lapeer, Midland and Gladwin are all Nixle. Alcona Co is working on getting IPAWS thru their existing RAVE contract.
 - Region 5 – Battle Creek working with County to get MOU in place.
 - Berrien Co did WEA test around jail. No issues
 - Branch Co still is not an IPAWS alerting authority.
- Other Business
 - Al Melon - MPSCS has approved a siren controller for use on the MPSCS network. The current version of the controller is compatible with talkgroup paging as used in the G4/G5 pagers. We are requiring that backup planning include MPSCS staff.
 - Vendor worked with Unication
 - Radio receiver that receives the signals to trigger the sirens. Building out a siren board – new technology. Siren board is able to receive MPSCS signal to turn sirens on, and then another signal to turn sirens off. Being tested in other states.
 - Install circuit board in parallel with existing systems as a back up or main pathway to trigger sirens.
 - Working with FirstNet on data connectivity to be able to gather info such as – sirens up and running, microphone to report siren audio.
 - Encourages counties to work with MPSCS to install, to have contingency plans for functionality.
 - Gaps with hospital alerting for staff, patients, and visitors. McLaren completed Active Shooter drills at all campuses this summer. Inquired if WEA would be available to the hospital to issue on their own. Let them know that IPAWS is for government entities only.
- Upcoming Meeting Schedule – Jaclyn Barcroft
 - Approximately 3rd Tuesday of the month quarterly (Feb, May, Aug, Nov)
 - Next Meeting – February 14, 2023, 10 a.m.