



Work Group Update

Communications Unit Work Group





Role of the Work Group

- The Communications Unit Work Group (COMU WG) is a diverse group of over 60 public safety and related personnel with extensive experience in public safety communications.
- The group serves as subject-matter experts to the Michigan Public Safety Communications Interoperability Board (MPSCIB).





Members

- Co-Chair Ray Hasil
Director, Mason-Oceana 911
- Co-Chair Nick Carpenter
System Support Specialist, Grand Traverse 911
- 63 members
 - Local, county, regional, state and federal agency membership
 - Diverse mix of personnel with varying expertise in many types of radio, data and cybersecure public safety and related communications





Tasks, Activities & Deliverables

- 14 different objectives in the current Statewide Communications Interoperability Plan (SCIP)
- The COMU met 11 of 14 SCIP objectives in 2024
- There is much crossover with other Work Groups and the COMU receives monthly updates from most of the other MPSCIB Work Groups





Meeting/Schedule

- The COMU meets online 9 months of each year
 - January through April
 - June through October
- The COMU meets in-person once each year for a full-day meeting on the Monday before the Great Lakes Homeland Security Training Conference and Expo at Devos Place in Grand Rapids
- Our 2025 annual in-person, May meeting will be on Monday, May 5, 2025 at Devos Place in Grand Rapids





2025 Strategic Efforts

- MI eFOG update
- Conduct at least 2 state-sponsored INTD courses in 2025
- Identify alternative sources for funding COMU courses, especially AUXCOMM and INTD
- Work with Michigan stakeholders to recommend “priority” Technical Assistance (TA) requests to Michigan’s Statewide Interoperability Coordinator each April and October
- Work to provide opportunities for:
 - Trainees to complete Position Task Books
 - State-recognized personnel to re-certify every 3 years





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