

Tuesday, March 4

Opening Address from MPSCS - An update on the progress and challenges of the MPSCS over the past year. Speaker: Mr. Brad Stoddard

Opening Address from EMHSD - An update on the progress and challenges of the EMHSD over the past year. Speaker: Capt. Kevin Sweeney

CISA: An overview of CISA Region 5 and National Special Security Events (NSSE) activities within the region.

FEMA Region 5-Regional Emergency Communications Coordination Working Group – Updates on activities in FEMA Region 5. Speaker: Dr. Karl Arriola

Conversations That Count: Establishing Lifelines for Better Response - This session highlights the importance of building strong connections to enhance job performance and public safety. Participants will engage in conversations that foster relationships, strengthen networks, and improve responses for better community outcomes. Speakers: Mr. Brad Stoddard and Ms. Jaclyn Barcroft

Work Group Updates

• **AUXCOMM Work Group** - An update on the progress and challenges of the AUXCOMM Work Group over the past year. Speakers: Ms. Jaclyn Barcroft and Mr. Max Schneider

• **Building RF and Paging Work Group** - An update on the progress and challenges of the Building RF and Paging Work Group over the past year. Speakers: Mr. Greg Farrer and Chief Greg Janik

• **Communications Unit Work Group** - An update on the progress and challenges of the COMU Work Group over the past year. Speakers: Mr. Ray Hasil and Mr. Nick Carpenter

• **Encryption Work Group** - An update on the progress and challenges of the Encryption Work Group over the past year. Speaker: Mr. Chris Kuhl

• **Public Alerting Work Group** - An update on the progress and challenges of the Public Alerting Work Group over the past year. Speaker: Ms. Jaclyn Barcroft

• **Security Work Group** - An update on the progress and challenges of the Security Work Group over the past year. Speakers: Capt. Kevin Sweeney and Mr. Brad Stoddard

• **State 911 Office** - An update on the progress and challenges of the State 911 Office over the past year. Speaker: Ms. Cindy Homant

Wednesday, March 5

Executing a National Special Security Event: 2024 Republican National Convention - A discussion about preparations, execution and last-minute changes in communications and operations of the 2024 Republican National Convention in Milwaukee, WI. Speakers: Mr. James Westover and Mr. Ryan Schilder

Communications Success: Lessons from a Total Solar Eclipse - April 8, 2024, saw the culmination of months and years of communications preparation. The stars literally aligned, and the state of Indiana saw great communications success. We will discuss what that success looked like and borrow lessons to ensure we continue to make progress for the public safety community as well as those we serve. Speaker: Mr. Adam Philpott

Michigan AUXCOMM Recognition Updates - This session provides AUXCOMM updates, particularly on the recognition and renewal processes. There will be an opportunity for Q&A. Speaker: Mr. Max Schneider

Don't Pay the Price: Ransomware Attack Recovery and Defense - In June of 2023, Grand Traverse County was hit by a ransomware attack. The attack was first noticed by Central Dispatch, who was also the most acutely affected department of the county. They developed new systems and managed to overcome an extremely difficult time. Speakers: Mr. Corey LeCureux and Mr. Nick Carpenter

FirstNet Program Progress Updates and Solutions Review - This session will review and provide updates on the FirstNet Program in Michigan, and Public Safety products and solutions. Speakers: Mr. Robert Jabkowski and Mr. Paul Ebel

Alerts, Warnings, and Notifications. Oh My! - This presentation will provide an overview of items to consider when planning for alerting, warning, and notifying the public during an emergency. We will discuss the importance of cross-border memorandums of understanding (MOUs) and how to leverage them to alert on behalf of another jurisdiction, the importance of monthly proficiency demonstrations, as well as tips on using the Message Design Dashboard to create effective message templates. We will also run through a short tabletop exercise to put what was learned during the session into practice. Speakers: Ms. Jaclyn Barcroft, Mr. Rob Dale and Mr. Ryan Wilkinson

What Really is the Railroad? - This session will dive into what the railroad really is – how they are designed, how they operate, who are all the different positions and what are they responsible for. We will look at how to communicate with the railroad and different emergencies that can and do occur involving the railroad. Speaker: Mr. Ron Tennant

Encryption 101 for 911- PSAPs are feeling the pressure to begin moving toward encrypting any information obtained through LEIN that is transmitted via radio (voice). Encryption 101 for 911 presents the path and many challenges associated with implementing encrypted radio traffic for 911 centers and the agencies they serve. This session will present the fundamentals of encryption types and then deep dive into careful considerations that may not be readily apparent, as was experienced by Mason-Oceana 911 on their multi-year journey toward encryption. Speaker: Mr. Ray Hasil

Priority & Emergency Response: Enhancing Safety with 5G - How First Responders Use 5G to Improve

1. Real-Time Data & AI Insights - 5G-enabled body cams, drones and sensors provide instant situational awareness.
2. Faster & Smarter Dispatching - AI-driven 5G networks optimize response times and resource allocation.
3. Wearable Tech & Biometric Monitoring - Smart PPE tracks responder vitals, preventing injuries in hazardous environments.
4. Seamless Communications & Coordination - High-speed, low-latency connections ensure uninterrupted cross-agency collaboration.
5. Remote-Controlled Robotics & Drones - 5G-powered devices assist in search & rescue and emergency response.

Speaker: Mr. Keeth Williams

Special Events at Michigan International Speedway - This session covers two special events hosted annually at Michigan International Speedway (MIS). The Faster Horses Country Music Festival is a weekend long event attracting 30,000-40,000 patrons, with the majority camping onsite. The NASCAR Race brings approximately 50,000 patrons, with the majority also camping onsite. Lead Boldly: Growing Strong Teams for Lasting Impact- During this presentation, Jon and Katrina will discuss tips for creating and leading a successful team using time tested leadership theories. Michigan AUXCOMM Recognition Updates - This session provides AUXCOMM updates, particularly on the recognition and renewal processes. There will be an opportunity for Q&A. Speaker: Mr. Craig Tanis

Searching for Mr. Moffett - This session explores the weeklong endeavor of searching for Mr. Moffett. We will discuss planning for the coordination of civilian volunteers, working with several different search and rescue groups as well as government agencies. Speaker: Mr. Chuck Brew

A Mapping Application for Michigan State Police Search and Rescue - A presentation on the Michigan State Police (MSP) Special Operations Division (SOD) Aviation, K9, and Marine services. The session will cover single person search and rescue (SAR) in rural landscape and solutions for tracking teams in real time during SAR missions. Learned other organizations were using SAR Common Operating Platform (COP) and wanted to modernize efforts. Speaker: Mr. Walter Chomentowski

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Expect the Unimaginable - North Carolina's Communications Response to Tropical Storm Helene - Tropical System Helene impacted Western North Carolina beginning of September 26, 2024 and became the disaster of record for the state. This presentation will provide insight and lessons learned by North Carolina's Emergency Support Function 2 functional leadership. You may expect the unexpected, but you cannot expect the unimaginable. Speakers: Mr. Greg Hauser and Ms. Brandy Osborne

Thursday, March 6

Mi-TIME (Michigan Traffic Incident Management Effort) for Saving Lives, Money, and Time - Every minute of every day, incident responders put their lives at risk responding to traffic incidents. The longer a traffic incident takes to clear, the greater the risk of responders and motorists being involved in a secondary crash, which can be more severe than the initial incident. A planned and coordinated effort from responding agencies including interoperable communications is key to improving safety, reducing congestion delays and reducing the likelihood of secondary crashes. Learn about Mi-TIME training and how the efforts in Michigan and nationwide to train responders in effective traffic Incident management (TIM) can save lives, money and time. Speaker: Ms. Dawn Miller

The State of Winlink in the State of Michigan - A look at what is going on with Winlink in Michigan and elsewhere, and how to find amateur radio operators in your area. Speaker: Mr. Tom Bosscher

Intelligence Sharing During the 2024 Elections - This presentation will outline the tools and systems utilized to facilitate the flow of information and intelligence during the November 2024 elections. Speaker: Mr. Ryan Rich

Strengthening the Ways Communities Recover from Incidents Through Innovation - This session provides a Verizon Frontline CRT overview of 2024 responses in Michigan. In addition, we will showcase our Innovation Team, new tech, and how our solutions will assist first responders during and after an incident. Speaker: Ms. Danielle Warner

Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) 101 - Representatives of the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) Michigan team will provide an overview of who CISA is and the services it provides to state, local, and tribal entities. Speakers: Mr. James Stromberg, Mr. Andy Bush and Mr. Mike Baker

Frontline Strong Together: Introducing FST5 and the Effects of Trauma on First Responders - FST5 is a program that addresses work-related stress and trauma among first responders and their families. This program developed a comprehensive behavioral and mental health education program with access to treatment from culturally competent therapists and resources throughout the state. It provides training to strengthen and improve work-life resiliency, career longevity and peer support teams within agencies. Participants will leave with a greater understanding of the causes of PTSD and SUD. They will learn how to address them with a focus on building stronger relationships and creating a better work-life balance. Links to research will be available. Speaker: Dr. Arash Javanbakht

Michigan Task Force 1's EMAC Deployment - TX Floods 2024 - This session provides a high-level overview of MI-TF1's EMAC deployment of a Type I Swiftwater/Floodwater team for the horrific flooding in May 2024. We will share lessons learned and best practices for communications and technology that synced over 35 teams, covering 112 counties, split into two operational divisions. The communication and information sharing challenges, solutions, and lessons learned during the team's 17-day deployment. Speakers: Mr. Shadd Whitehead and Mr. Mike Evans