



Polk County Joint 911 Service Board

METRO INTEROPERABILITY COMMITTEE OCTOBER 2025 AGENDA

Meeting Date/Time:

Thursday, October 23, 2025
11:00

Location:

Polk County EMA
1907 Carpenter Ave.
Des Moines, IA 50314

Virtual Option:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82426449540>

Meeting ID: 824 2644 9540

In-Person Attendance Preferred

I. ROLL CALL & INTRODUCTIONS – * DENOTES VIRTUAL ATTENDEE**A. MEMBERS**

	Des Moines PD	Polk County SO	Westcom
Frontline Dispatcher	☐ Vacant	☐ Vacant	☐ Vacant
PSAP Leadership	☒ Brad Button	☒ Nick Brockman	☒ Rob Dehnert
Operational FD End User	☐ Devon Sadler	☐ Rob Chiappano	☐ Tomme Tysdal
Operational LE End User	☐ Dave Ness	☒ Mark Mohr	☐ Pete Roth
Operational EMS User	☐ Vacant	☐ Lance Routson	☒ Mark McCulloch
Technical Advisor	☒ Alex Begel	☐ Chris Brodeur	☒ Austin Taffae
Member-at-Large	☐ Dani Lisk	☐ Steve Hoffman	☐ Craig Leu

B. ADDITIONAL TECHNICAL EXPERTS/ADVISORS

☒ Haley Nichols, Iowa DPS	☐ Curtis Pion, PCSO	☐ Mike Patras, DMPD
☐ Chad Roberts, Iowa DPS	☐ Kevin Schneider, PCSO	☒ Hannah Short, UnityPoint
☐ Joshua Duden, Iowa DPS	☒ Brandon Bracelin, PCSO	☒ Mark DeRee, UnityPoint
☒ Matt Lehman, WDM Fire *	☐ Dave Lockard, DMPD	☐ Brian Albright, ISF

C. EMA STAFF

☐ AJ Mumm	☐ Cameron Stufflebeam	☐ Laura Kacer
☐ Dutch Geisinger	☒ Brett McIntyre	☒ Lynn Tazzioli *

II. APPROVED AGENDA & PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES – [AUGUST 28, 2025](#)**III. NEW BUSINESS****A. EXPANDING INTEROPERABILITY REPEATERS IN THE METRO**

1. This topic was brought forth by Dave Lockard from the Radio Services Section within the Des Moines Police Department. He was not present, but wanted to make sure that we provide additional backup capabilities for both metro P25 systems, add additional interoperability between local and federal agencies, geo-diversify site locations to strengthen coverage resilience, explore opportunities for shared funding and infrastructure, establish joint maintenance and governance framework, and use both 800 MHz analog and 700 MHz digital conventional repeaters. Tabled until he returns.



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B. DEVELOPMENT OF A STANDARDIZED PSAP OPERATING GUIDE FOR RADIO OUTAGES

1. This topic was also brought forth by Dave Lockard. He suggested the development of a standardized PSAP operating guide for radio outages that includes levels of failure, unplanned outages, planned outages, consolettes and direct channels, locally licensed channels and repeaters, mobile resources, and state STR trailers. This will also be tabled until his return.

IV. PROJECT & PROGRAM UPDATES

A. CAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

1. Testing is continuing weekly. Pilot projects are waiting for all information from the PSAPs to be in and correct across all three.

B. ALERT IOWA

1. Continuing to work with surrounding counties on the ability to send Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA) and Alert Iowa messages across county lines.

C. ISICS

1. Everything is running smoothly. The committees have been active. One major project is broadband push-to-talk over LMR. They are working to create a policy between the Operations, Technology, and User Group Committees.
2. A lot of agencies are looking into mostly or fully encrypting their radio traffic. This is a concern for interoperability. The ISICS SWIC is interested in furthering this conversation and helping to come up with a solution.

V. INTEROPERABILITY INCIDENTS & OPPORTUNITIES – N/A

VI. UPCOMING TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

A. HOSPITAL LIAISON DRILL, OCTOBER 29, 2025, MULTIPLE LOCATIONS

1. Working on the activation and deployment of hospital liaisons, along with the communications portion of an MCI. We will be exercising the deployment of hospital liaisons to emergency departments as well as the effectiveness of the MCI alert text from Polk County Sheriff's Office.

B. [RESILIENT FIRST RESPONDER](#), MULTIPLE DATES, ONLINE, FREE

VII. OPEN DISCUSSION – N/A



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VIII. 2025 MEETINGS

Thursday, November 20, 2025 at 11:00* at the Polk County Sheriff's Office
~~Thursday, December 25, 2025 at 11:00*~~