



Polk County Joint 911 Service Board

Metro Interoperability Committee Meeting January 2026 Minutes

Meeting Date/Time:

Thursday, January 22, 2026
11:00

Location:

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

Virtual Option:

[Webex Link](#)

Meeting Password: sDxePEa8M98

In-Person Attendance Preferred

I. Roll Call & Introductions – * indicates 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	☐ Brian Burke	☐ 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 – [November 20, 2025](#)

III. Old Business

A. Expanding Interoperability Repeaters in the Metro

1. Smaller group met in December to work on determining viability of a metro-wide interoperable repeater project. The group is currently tasked with collecting quotes and will reconvene in February. If the quoted costs are reasonable, the group will bring the information back to this larger group for recommendation to the Executive Committee.

B. Development of a Standardized PSAP Operating Guide for Radio Outages

1. On hold pending further development of III.A.



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IV. Program/Project Updates & Reports

A. CAD Improvement Project

1. The Authority Working Group

- a. The Authority met at the beginning of the month and focused on a plan for implementation of the CAD-to-CAD Hub, including the pilot testing that will begin on the west side on March 23 and run for two weeks, and preparing for a longer-term goal of Common CAD. The group is going to work on drafting a 28E agreement that will help make this possible.

B. Alert Iowa

1. Continuing to work with surrounding counties on cross-jurisdictional issues. A meeting is scheduled with Dallas County on February 12.
2. Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA) are available to send without issues between bordering counties.

C. ISICS

1. Committees are working on a couple new policies: Radio over IP (RoIP) devices gatewaying onto the system and a National Weather Service talkgroup policy.
2. The state is going through a website review for ADA compliance. Up through April 1 at the latest, the ISICS Board is unable to post any new PDF documents. Because of that, there will not be any 30-day comment periods until after.
3. The iMED project funds were released. The government shutdown did cause some delays, but the process to complete the grant is still ongoing. The grant was given a 6-month extension through March 28. Installers are continuing to work on installing radios that we already had. The project to install Wave at the core is starting.

V. Interoperability Incidents & Opportunities

- A. The State Fair 2026 ICS 205 draft was shared with the group. There are minimal changes from 2025. There were no comments or suggestions.

VI. Upcoming Training Opportunities

- A. American Emergency Preparedness Dispatch Training – [Attachment #1](#)

1. February 23-25, Mason City Public Library



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B. [NENA CTO](#)

1. March 31 - April 2, Western Iowa Tech Community College

VII. Open Discussion

- A. UnityPoint Public Safety is working on a solution to go directly with PD on incidents rather than having public safety dispatch call over with limited information. It was suggested, for ease of fire operations, that fire incidents remain on the talkgroup assigned on the initial dispatch.

VIII. 2026 Meetings

~~Thursday, January 22, 2026 at 11:00~~

Thursday, February 26, 2026 at 11:00

Thursday, March 26, 2026 at 11:00

Thursday, April 23, 2026 at 11:00

Thursday, May 28, 2026 at 11:00

Thursday, June 25, 2026 at 11:00

Thursday, July 23, 2026 at 11:00

Thursday, August 27, 2026 at 11:00

Thursday, September 24, 2026 at 11:00

Thursday, October 22, 2026 at 11:00

Thursday, November 26, 2026 at 11:00*

Thursday, December 24, 2026 at 11:00*

IX. Adjourn – meeting adjourned at 11:21