



Polk County Joint 911 Service Board

Metro Interoperability Committee Meeting March 2026 Minutes

Meeting Date/Time:

Thursday, March 26, 2026
11:00

Location:

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

Virtual Option:

[Webex Meeting 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	☐ Dan Gilliatt	☐ 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 – [January 22, 2026](#)

III. Old Business

A. Metro Repeater Project

1. Smaller group is working together on solidifying the goals and objectives for the project. The main goal is to have a 700 or 800 plan for when the ISICS and/or SARA radio systems are down.
2. Meetings will pause for the time being as we wait for consistently warmer weather so Des Moines can get a quote.



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IV. New Business & Action Items

A. PCSO ability to hear Westcom after migration to encryption

1. Polk County Sheriff's Office is requesting the ability to have access to Westcom encrypted talkgroups after they encrypt the public safety talkgroups. The project has been pushed back to next month. Westcom will bring the request for permission to their Operations Committee. Westcom is not otherwise planning on rebroadcasting traffic from their talkgroups. AI scraping was the biggest catalyst for the change.

V. Program/Project Updates & Reports

A. CAD Improvement Project

1. CAD to CAD testing continues. A soft go-live is scheduled for March 30, but is dependent on the outcome of testing on March 27.
2. The Authority Operations Subcommittee is continuing to meet. The focus is currently on communications and coordinating training.

B. Alert Iowa

1. The Operational Plan & Procedure document is advancing. Meeting again with Dallas County in early April to finalize the current draft. Dallas and Polk counties are aligning their policy document for consistency across county lines.
2. All surrounding counties have signed a MOU to continue allowing us to send WEAs across county borders if necessary. Alert Iowa still does not have this capability. An application for and update to our IPAWS Public Alerting Authority to include the Missing and Endangered Person event type capability has been approved by the state and is awaiting FEMA processing. The shutdown is affecting turnaround time on this.
3. Alert Iowa Lunch and Learn on Tuesday had over 30 attendees.

C. ISICS

1. There will be an INTD course coming up in Carroll County, no dates yet. It will also be an opportunity for some credentialed INTDs to become instructors.
2. There is a communications exercise in conjunction with the Loess Hills Fire Partners controlled burn week April 27-May 1. Registration is currently full, but there might be some opportunities for interested parties to volunteer/run scenarios or other needed pieces. Reach out to SWIC Nichols if interested. It is a live burn, players/trainee camping spots are available in the park. Breakfast and dinner are provided.



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3. iMED grant was scheduled to come to the end of the period of performance on March 28, however a 6-month extension has been granted. All of the installs were done and the orders are in. We can now work on focusing on implementation of the project with local jurisdictions.

VI. Interoperability Incidents & Opportunities

- A. A motor vehicle versus pedestrian incident in Ankeny resulted in nine pediatric patients. It was not declared an MCI. Ambulances were dispatched individually by closest unit, utilizing all the resources available in other surrounding communities. An activation of an MCI would have triggered the use of TEAMS cards for a more strategic response. UnityPoint Health shared a sincere appreciation for advance notification of the incoming patients on SR1 CALL 111. Polk County reported they believe they'll be able to have Racom program SR1 MED 110E in time for the airport exercise scheduled in April 2027.
- B. The USA Triathlon is coming to the Des Moines/West Des Moines area in 2027. The event is 3 days and attracts approximately 6,600 athletes.

VII. Upcoming Training Opportunities

A. [NENA CTO](#)

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

B. [G 235: Emergency Planning](#)

1. April 22-26, Dallas County Human Services Campus

C. [EMD v14 OUTEC v1.0](#)

1. May 4-6, Hardin County EOC

D. [G 191: Emergency Operations Center/Incident Command System Interface](#)

1. May 22, Polk County EOC

VIII. Open Discussion

- A. A question was posed as to why Polk County does outdoor warning siren testing on Saturday rather than a weekday. Other Iowa communities do them on different days. Best practice recommends a weekday for testing due to the increased availability of resources for tracking and troubleshooting compared to a weekend. A change to the policy was proposed. 911 Coordinator will follow up with Cameron Stufflebeam.



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IX. 2026 Meetings

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*

X. Adjourn – meeting was adjourned at 11:40.

Attested by:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "L. Tazzioli", written over a horizontal line.

Lynn Tazzioli, 911 Coordinator

April 7, 2026