



Polk County Joint 911 Service Board

Metro Interoperability Committee Meeting May 2026 Minutes

Meeting Date/Time:

Thursday, May 28, 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

D. Guests / Public

☒ Troy Cory*, Ankeny FD	☒ Lucas Grundmeyer*	☒ Reid Stevens, EMA
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II. Approved Agenda & Previous Meeting Minutes – [April 23, 2026](#)

III. Old Business

A. Metro Repeater Project

1. The May meeting was canceled; the group is still waiting on a quote on equipment for Des Moines. The group canceled June's meeting as well and will try to reconvene again in July.



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B. Outdoor Warning Siren Policy

1. The Outdoor Warning Siren policy is open for comment now and will be voted on at the August Emergency Management Commission meeting. Changes were made to the criteria for canceling siren testing. It also proposes changing the testing day and time to the first Wednesday at 11:00 to coincide with the National Weather Service test. The 911 Service Board recommended the Emergency Management Commission also add the use of considerable and/or destructive tags on a severe thunderstorm warning to the criteria for siren activation.

C. Expanding Encryption at the Subregional Level

1. The need for expansion of encrypted channels is agreed upon. Currently only 9 talkgroups are available. Discussion was had on whether it'd be prudent to encrypt the entire subregional zone. The concern would be agencies from outside the immediate area with access to the subregional zone not upgrading their radios to be encrypted, the encryption would then be broken. There's also a legitimate reason to keep some talkgroups in the clear, like when public works agencies are working together. For these reasons, adding more talkgroups may make more sense – potentially as its own subregional encrypted zone. A downside to this option is the cost associated with it, especially for users on the SARA system.

IV. New Business & Action Items

A. 2027 Air Show ICS-205

1. The first meeting on the air show was in April. There will be a large ICS-205 associated with the event.
- B. Other ICS-205s we're working on include Pridefest, Arts Fest, the Iowa State Fair, and the USA Triathlon. The first two are focused in Des Moines, but the rest will have ICS-205s that will be brought to this group for approval.

V. Program/Project Updates & Reports

A. CAD Improvement Project

1. The Authority Working Group

- a. The May Authority meeting was canceled while we sort through the impacts of the new property tax laws.



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b. Operations Subcommittee

- i. East side Hexagon user group is still meeting to work on aligning event types and closest unit response plans biweekly. The most recent meeting centered on which event types should be the focus in the beginning and what the response to those should be.
- ii. Central Square notified us that the Hub is connected to the Westcom test CAD, but we're still working on confirming this connection. Testing on May 29 is still scheduled to occur.

c. Technical Subcommittee

- i. The Technical Subcommittee has not been meeting.

d. Policy & Budget Subcommittee

- i. This subcommittee has been meeting and is updating the budget to bring to the next Authority meeting. The group will be meeting again on June 1 to finalize it.

B. Alert Iowa

1. The Alert Iowa Operations and Procedures Plan (OPP) was approved at the Dallas County Emergency Management Commission meeting. It will be brought to the next Polk County Commission meeting for approval. 911 Coordinator is working on developing internal policy based on the OPP, including sub-agreements for those with access beyond emergency management. Wireless Emergency Alert (WEA) capabilities are available in the meantime.

C. ISICS

1. The Juniper upgrade is happening at some sites. The communications exercise was held in western Iowa with fire partners. There was overwhelming support for the COMX COMU continuing the partnership, so the plan is to hold it again next year. The event was beneficial for those working on their task books. An INTD class will be held later this year in Carroll County, likely in October.

VI. Interoperability Incidents & Opportunities

A. None identified.



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VII. Upcoming Training Opportunities

A. THRIVE 201 Leadership and Peer Support Training (pre-requisite: THRIVE 101)

1. [May 29](#), Polk County Sheriff's Office

VIII. Open Discussion

A. Meeting time

1. A request was made for this meeting to be moved to 10:30 rather than 11:00. There were no objections. Future Metro Interoperability Committee meetings will be held monthly on the fourth Thursday at 10:30.

IX. 2026 Meetings

Thursday, May 28, 2026 at 11:00

Thursday, June 25, 2026 at 10:30

Thursday, July 23, 2026 at 10:30

Thursday, August 27, 2026 at 10:30

Thursday, September 24, 2026 at 10:30

Thursday, October 22, 2026 at 10:30

Thursday, November 26, 2026 at 10:30*

Thursday, December 24, 2026 at 10:30*

X. **Adjourn** – meeting was adjourned at 11:21.

Attested by:

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

Lynn Tazzioli, 911 Coordinator

June 4, 2026