



Polk County Joint 911 Service Board

Metro Interoperability Committee Meeting June 2026 Minutes

Meeting Date/Time:

Thursday, June 25, 2026
10:30

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
☐ Troy Cory, Ankeny Fire		

C. EMA Staff

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

II. Approved Agenda & Previous Meeting Minutes – [May 28, 2026](#)

III. Old Business

A. Metro Repeater Project

1. There are no updates on this. The group declined to meet in July, but reaffirmed the desire to explore options for this.



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B. Outdoor Warning Siren Policy

1. The Emergency Management Executive Committee declines to support the formal request for consideration of considerable and destructive tags on severe thunderstorm warnings triggering outdoor warning sirens, citing limited benefits and possible complications it may create for telecommunicators having to monitor additional details of warnings to search for the tags. The change to the testing day and time is moving forward as discussed in prior meetings.

C. Expanding Encryption at the Subregional Level

1. A need has been identified; the next step is to take a proposal to the ISICS Operations Committee. The proposal should include any after action reports that show examples of when we ran out of encrypted talkgroups and whether there is a plan or procedure for which types of interoperable events would happen on the clear versus encrypted talkgroups. The group nominated Dave Lockard to be the presenter of this topic to the ISICS Operations Committee.

IV. New Business & Action Items

A. ICS-205s

1. Iowa State Fair
 - a. The draft ICS-205 was shared with the group for input. The only comment was in regard to number 11 – if this is a talkaround, the frequency should be listed.
2. USA Triathlon
 - a. Work has not started on this communications plan yet.
3. 2027 Air Show
 - a. Work has yet to start on this communications plan. A meeting beyond the larger airshow JEAP workgroup may be taking place soon to begin these discussions and to view the facilities available at the Guard site.

V. Program/Project Updates & Reports

A. CAD Improvement Project

1. The Authority Working Group
 - a. Full Authority meeting 6/18 focused on impact of property tax reform.



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b. Operations Subcommittee

- i. Hexagon users are making progress with closest unit response collaboration and continuing to meet biweekly. Testing has resumed between Hexagon and CentralSquare in the Hub.

c. Technical Subcommittee

- i. No updates.

d. Policy & Budget Subcommittee

- i. Original proposal from 2021 has been refreshed with current projected costs.

B. Alert Iowa

- 1. A reminder was shared that WEAs can be used during a 9-1-1 outage.

C. ISICS

- 1. An INTD course will be coming to Carroll County. No dates have been decided yet.
- 2. A request will be made at the next ISICS Board meeting for a TA from CISA for a COML course to be held in the Des Moines area.
- 3. A typo in standard 1.5.5, related to the new medical interop talkgroups, has been corrected. The updated standard is available on the website.

VI. Interoperability Incidents & Opportunities – N/A

VII. Upcoming Training Opportunities

- A. [HSEM PSAP Leadership Training](#) – November 18, 2026, JFHQ
- B. [ICS 300](#) – September 23-25, 2026, Polk County EOC
- C. [ICS 400](#) – November 4-5, 2026, Polk County EOC



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VIII. Open Discussion

A. SR1 Talkgroup Rules

1. Discussion was had on whether there are rules in place that would cover who can use the SR1 talkgroups and in what order talkgroups should be reserved for planned events. Polk County recently needed an SR talkgroup and found three of them had been reserved by Warren County for a pre-planned event starting with the top going down rather than bottom up. Current ISICS policy does not specify who is on SR1, but current policy should cover how to reserve talkgroups. It can be expanded to officially spell out to say SR talkgroups should be reserved in the same manner as statewide and regional talkgroups. SR is not memorialized in policy yet after the pilot, but can be officially adopted.

IX. 2026 Meetings

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 – the meeting was adjourned at 10:50.

Attested by:

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

Lynn Tazzioli, 911 Coordinator

June 29, 2026