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Polk County Joint
911 Service Board

Metro Interoperability
Committee

Meeting Date/Time:
Thursday, Dec 19, 2024
1100 Hours

Location: PCEMA EOC
1907 Carpenter Ave.
Des Moines, IA 50314

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Polk County Metro Interoperability Committee Meeting – December 2024

I. Welcome

II. Roll Call and Introductions

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	☐ Michele Bischof	☐ Rob Chiappano	☒ Tomme Tysdal
Operational LE End User	☐ Dave Ness	☐ Mark Mohr	☐ Pete Roth
Operational EMS End User	☐ Vacant	☐ Lance Routson	☐ Mark McCulloch
Technical Advisor	☐ Alex Begel	☐ Chris Brodeur	☒ Austin Taffae
Member-At Large	☐ Dani Lisk	☐ Steve Hoffman	☐ Udell Mentola

B. Additional Technical Experts/Advisors

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| ☒ Haley Nichols, Iowa DPS Interop | ☒ Dave Lockard, Des Moines PD |
| ☐ Chad Roberts, Iowa DPS Interop | ☒ Mike Patras, Des Moines PD |
| ☐ Joshua Duden, Iowa DPS Interop | ☒ Johannah Short, UnityPoint Health |
| ☐ Curtis Pion, Polk County SO | ☐ Michael Zweigart, UnityPoint Health |
| ☐ Kevin Schneider, Polk County SO | ☒ Mark Deree, UnityPoint Health |

C. EMA Staff

- ☐ AJ Mumm ☐ Dutch Geisinger ☒ Cameron Stufflebeam ☒ Lynn Tazzioli

III. Approval of Agenda

IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes – [October 24, 2024](#)

V. RINO

- A. Necessary controllers were received 12/19. They all need updated; will need to check capabilities to determine if the backhaul can be on the public-facing internet and, if not, what other options are available.

VI. CAD Improvement Project

A. Operations Subcommittee Update

1. Testing resumed on 12/17 but failed. Westcom needs to upload some files to continue. CentralSquare was supposed to schedule testing for 12/20 but has yet to do so.

VII. Alert Iowa

- A. Working on writing sub-contract to have other agencies who are looking to gain access sign. Started working with Des Moines on cleaning up the system and removing full access from non-public safety users.
- B. Rave Link Virtual demo scheduled for January 8th at 12:30, contact the 911 Coordinator for an invite.
- C. Polk County SO has used it twice within the past week, one for a missing person and another for a shelter-in-place. Polk County also sent the missing person alert to the Westcom and Des Moines PSAP lists so their telecommunicators would have an awareness without having to rely on the media.

VIII. IMED

- A. Haley Nichols provided a status report for the IMED project. They have started radio orders, about 4-month process to get them in. Mark Miller is the contact. The contract for the WAVE portion (the hospital broadband over LMR) has been signed. This part should happen quickly. Recently received the final draft of the EMS communications plan, next step is for it to go through HHS bureau. Final draft follows standard put out by the ISICS Board for the talkgroups created in 1.5.5. Grant runs through September 2025; planning on requesting an extension.
- B. Discussion was had between the group on the most appropriate way to go about implementing the change from CMED to IMED in Polk County. They talked about the chicken and the egg issue of deciding whether to wait for changes to current rules or whether to proceed with the demonstration project before statewide changes. There are challenges due to busy ERs adapting to a new app, coupled with the lack of consistent current system usage.

IX. Sharing Interoperability Incidents & Opportunities

- A. Des Moines did about a dozen search warrants using ISICS on 12/18. There may have been some audio issues, but unsure exactly what it was. Polk County SO suggested doing testing of patching and encryption across ISICS & SARA.

X. Upcoming Training Opportunities

A. Active Threat Group Communications Exercise

- 1. Communications exercise being planned by Brett McIntyre for end of February/beginning of March. UnityPoint Health requested to have their EMS communication center included.

XI. Open Discussion

XII. Next Meetings

- A. Thursday, January 23, 2025 at 1100
- B. Thursday, February 27, 2025 at 1100
- C. Thursday, March 27, 2025 at 1100

XIII. Adjourn