



Polk County Joint 911 Service Board

METRO INTEROPERABILITY COMMITTEE

JANUARY 2025 MINUTES

Meeting Date/Time:

Thursday, January 23, 2025
11:00

Location:

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

Virtual Option:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82426449540>

Meeting ID: 824 2644 9540

In-Person Attendance Preferred

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

C. EMA STAFF

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| ☐ AJ Mumm | ☐ Dutch Geisinger | ☒ Brett McIntyre | ☒ Lynn Tazzioli |
| ☒ Cameron Stufflebeam | | | |

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA & PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES – [DECEMBER 19, 2024](#) – APPROVED AS DISTRIBUTED

IV. PROJECT & PROGRAM UPDATES

A. RINO 2.0

1. Activation hinges on updating the necessary devices. They will then need reconfigured before IT can address the public-facing connectivity between the three PSAPs.

B. CAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

1. CAD to CAD testing failed last week. Work will continue through this week and resume next Friday.
2. Operations Subcommittee Update
 - a. This committee still hasn't been meeting due to the ongoing testing.

C. IMED

1. The Wave portion has been assigned a project manager through Motorola. A meeting is scheduled for 1/30. The server will be installed, then licensing, and then hospitals will be up and running.



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2. The first order of radios should be arriving by the end of January for Hamilton County, others are expected in February. The install process will beg once those are received.
3. IMED talk groups are now live on the system, including Region 1 10 MED E and an operational talk group for each hospital. These talk groups will be programmed into the radios distributed to ambulances. Other medical agencies can program these talk groups across the state at their own cost.
4. At the RIC 3 meeting on 1/22, Dickinson County reported they went live on their system. Region 3 added their hospital operational talk groups to their consoles because they were available.

V. RADIO INTEROPERABILITY – [ATTACHMENT #1](#)

A. NEW 7-IAx TACTICAL DIRECT CHANNELS

1. Part of the plan for these channels is to give counties talk groups within the channel. Because of Westcom's span across several counties, Dehnert is proposing using the same numbering scheme currently used for radio IDs (see Attachment #1). The discussion centered around whether there is currently a use for them, but praise was given for the fact that there is a plan in place in case their use is needed in the future. These direct channels can be used by any ISICS user, they would not be limited to public safety. Discussion was also had on where to memorialize this plan beyond the minutes of this meeting. The DLAN record repository was brought up as a secondary option.
2. Dehnert moved that this framework be adopted for the local use of statewide direct channels. Bischof seconded the motion. There was no opposition.

B. DIRECT CHANNEL USAGE IN THE METRO

1. The UCOI has some direct channels in it, but not the new direct channels. We've talked in the past about the operationalization of the UCOI, but it may not be done as simply as updating the document. Since the new channels are not operational, they should not be included yet.

VI. INTEROPERABILITY INCIDENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

A. SAYLORVILLE LAKE MARINA FIRE

1. No reported issues with communications even though the incident was large and involved several agencies.

B. ENCRYPTED CHANNEL PATCHING

1. DMPD and PCSO reported they haven't had a chance to test patching of encrypted channels between ISICS and SARA, but they have used it with the State Fair without issue. Issue should be resolved.

VII. UPCOMING TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

A. ACTIVE THREAT GROUP COMMUNICATIONS EXERCISE

1. The Active Threat Group will be conducting a communications exercise on Tuesday, March 4th, in the EOC. All interested parties, including PSAP leadership, are welcome to participate. This exercise will build upon the October exercise and focus on utilizing conference rooms and other EOC offices to simulate different incident functions and test communication methods across talkgroups.

VIII. OPEN DISCUSSION

A. PROPOSED LEGISLATION – SF 89 – [ATTACHMENT #2](#)

1. Introduced into the senate on 1/22 regarding the opening of eligibility roles that would be allowed on ISICS. It has the potential for high impact to the system. The language would open the platform to private security, private ambulance, tow trucks, and more. It does not address funding for the additional capacity it would create – this would fall to the public agencies to make up for.



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B. ENCRYPTION

1. An encrypted channel patched to an operational channel that is not encrypted will break the encryption. More user training may be needed to teach radio users how to switch to the needed channel to avoid an encryption being broken. Encryption will be preserved if two encrypted channels are patched, including across the ISICS and SARA systems.

C. UPCOMING EVENTS

1. Iowa State Fair planning will start next month.
2. Ironman also coming up. Unknown at this point if it will be half or full. Ironman is the first weekend in June. Planning will start in March or April.

IX. 2025 MEETINGS

~~Thursday, January 23, 2025 at 11:00~~

Thursday, February 27, 2025 at 11:00

Thursday, March 27, 2025 at 11:00

Thursday, April 24, 2025 at 11:00

Thursday, May 22, 2025 at 11:00

Thursday, June 26, 2025 at 11:00

Thursday, July 24, 2025 at 11:00

Thursday, August 28, 2025 at 11:00

Thursday, September 25, 2025 at 11:00

Thursday, October 23, 2025 at 11:00

Thursday, November 27, 2025 at 11:00*

Thursday, December 25, 2025 at 11:00*



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ATTACHMENT #1

LOCAL "COUNTY" TALKGROUP SUGGESTION:

TGID	Use
\$0001	Statewide Interop
\$C770	Polk County Interop (Polk Co, Des Moines, Westcom, etc)
\$C771, \$C772, \$C773	Polk County
\$C774, \$C775, \$C776	City of Des Moines
\$C777, \$C778, \$C779	Westcom
\$C77A thru \$C77F	Others in Polk County
\$C250	Dallas County Interop (Dallas Co, Westcom, etc)
\$C251, \$C252, \$C253	Dallas County
\$C257, \$C258, \$C259	Westcom
\$C25A thru \$C25F	Others in Dallas County
\$C910	Warren County Interop (Warren Co, Westcom, etc)
\$C911, \$C912, \$C913	Warren County
\$C917, \$C918, \$C919	Westcom
\$C91A thru \$C91F	Others in Warren County