



Workgroup Update

Auxcomm Workgroup





Role of Workgroup

Vision Statement

Volunteer communicators across the state are able to effectively provide public service communications to their communities.

Mission Statement

The Auxcomm Workgroup exists to coordinate the training, development, and infrastructure necessary to provide backup communications statewide in the time of need.



Members

- Co-Chair: Ms. Jaclyn Barcroft, Michigan State Police Emergency Management & Homeland Security Division (MSP/EMHSD)
- Co-Chair: Mr. John McDonough, Amateur Radio Emergency Services (ARES)/ Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Services (RACES)



Members

- 7 District Representatives (Typically ARES/RACES District Emergency Coordinator)
- Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES)
- Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service (RACES)
- Civil Air Patrol (CAP)
- Salvation Army Team Emergency Radio Network (SATERN)
- SHARed RESources (SHARES) High Frequency (HF) Radio



Members

- District Coordinators
- Lt. Mike DeCastro - D7
- Lt. Rich Martin - D3
- Lt. Orville Theaker - D6
- Emergency Management
- John Imeson - Eaton 911
- Kevin Scheid - Oakland EM
- Benjamin Pinette - Washtenaw EM
- Mike Corfman - Kalamazoo EM
- NTS



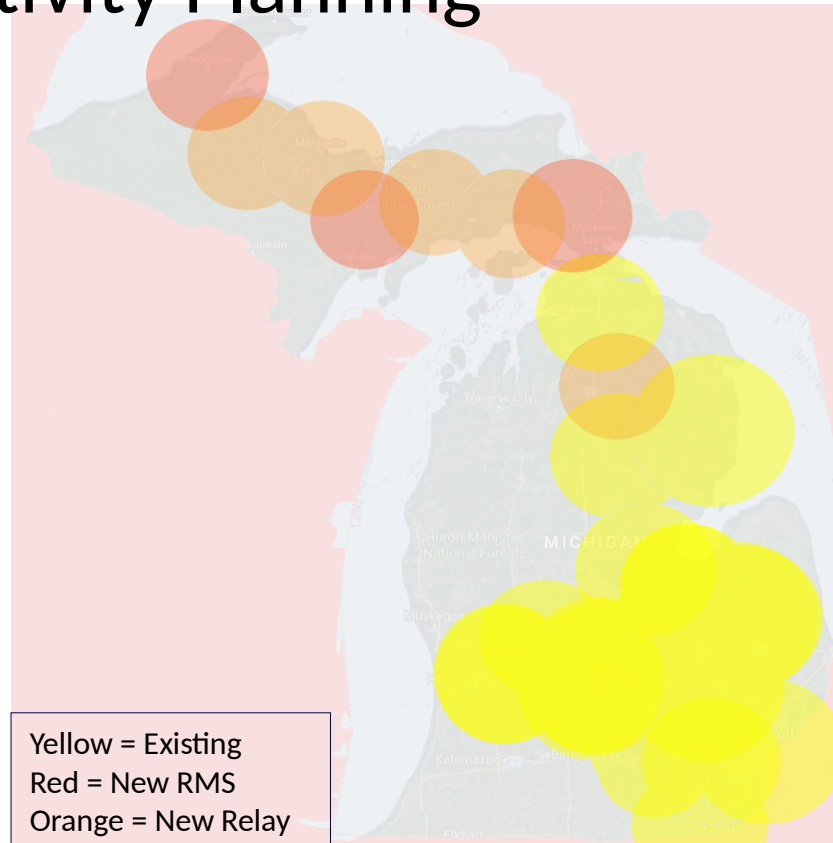
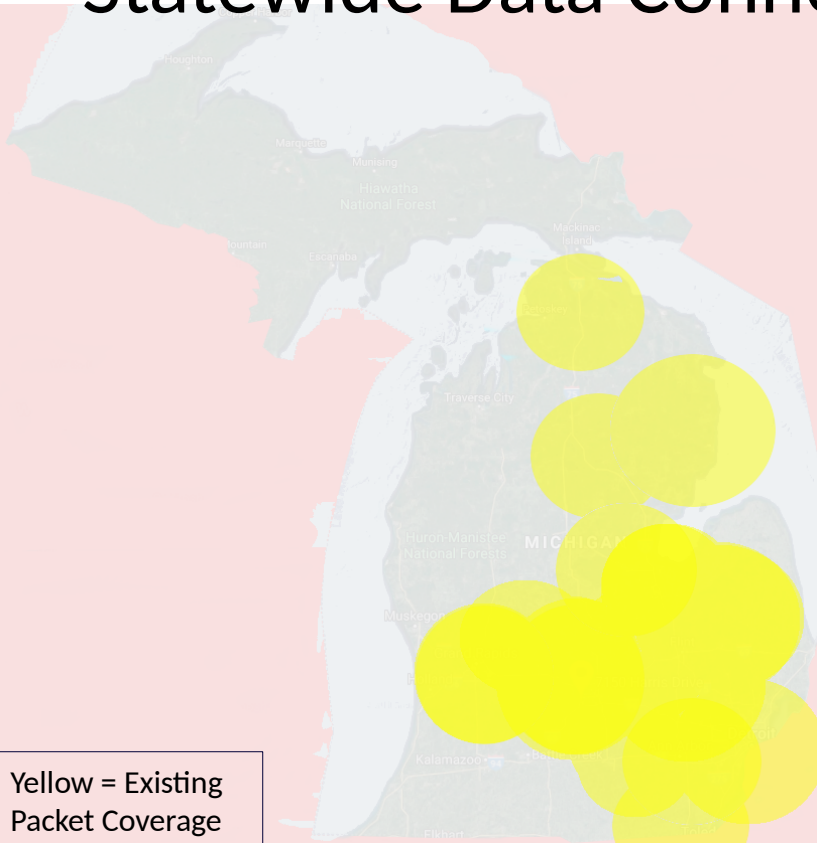
Auxcomm Workgroup Strategic Goals

1. Enhance statewide redundant communication coverage
 - Analyze and document redundant pathways between local EOC's and the SEOC
 - Create a map of statewide communication paths and coverage from the various radio systems
 - Identify gaps in communication coverage and develop a plan for addressing these gaps



2019 Strategic Efforts

- Statewide Data Connectivity Planning





Auxcomm Workgroup Strategic Goals

2. Review various state and local planning documents and more thoroughly incorporate Auxcomm capabilities into the plans
 - Work with EMHSD Planning staff to update the Michigan Emergency Management Plan (MEMP) to include more detailed capabilities of Auxcomm organizations
 - Provide updates the FEMA’s Michigan Emergency Communications Annex in 2019.
 - Update the Michigan Amateur Radio Public Service Corps (ARPSC) Guidelines
 - Review and update the Michigan Emergency Communications Plan
 - Provide updates for the Michigan Statewide Communication Interoperability Plan (SCIP)
 - Create local template planning guidance of Auxcomm capabilities
 - Create Executive Summary of Auxcomm capabilities from the various groups, how they work together, activation protocols to share with MPSCIB



Auxcomm Workgroup Strategic Goals

3. Conduct a statewide Auxcomm Capability Assessment
 - Update a list of operator capabilities per county annually
 - Update a list of equipment capabilities stored at public facilities to provide to FEMA's Michigan Emergency Communications Annex
 - Create template report of the information gathered in above to share with local Emergency Managers
 - Work with EMHSD to create a MI CIMS Auxcomm Resources board to track data
 - Work with EMHSD to create a MI CIMS Auxcomm Nets board to track information
 - Create training materials for two new MI CIMS boards
 - Train all District Emergency Coordinators (DEC's) on MI CIMS boards
 - DEC's train their respective ECs on two MI CIMS boards
 - All EC's input their data into the MI CIMS boards
 - MI CIMS data must be reviewed and updated by EC's annually
 - Report sent to local emergency managers of capabilities annually



Auxcomm Workgroup Strategic Goals

4. Develop statewide Auxcomm Activation Protocols

- Review and update statewide activation plan annually
- All DEC's and EC's review the plan annually
- Review and update the list of Michigan Emergency Frequencies annually
- Investigate Everbridge as a possible system to assist in activation call out



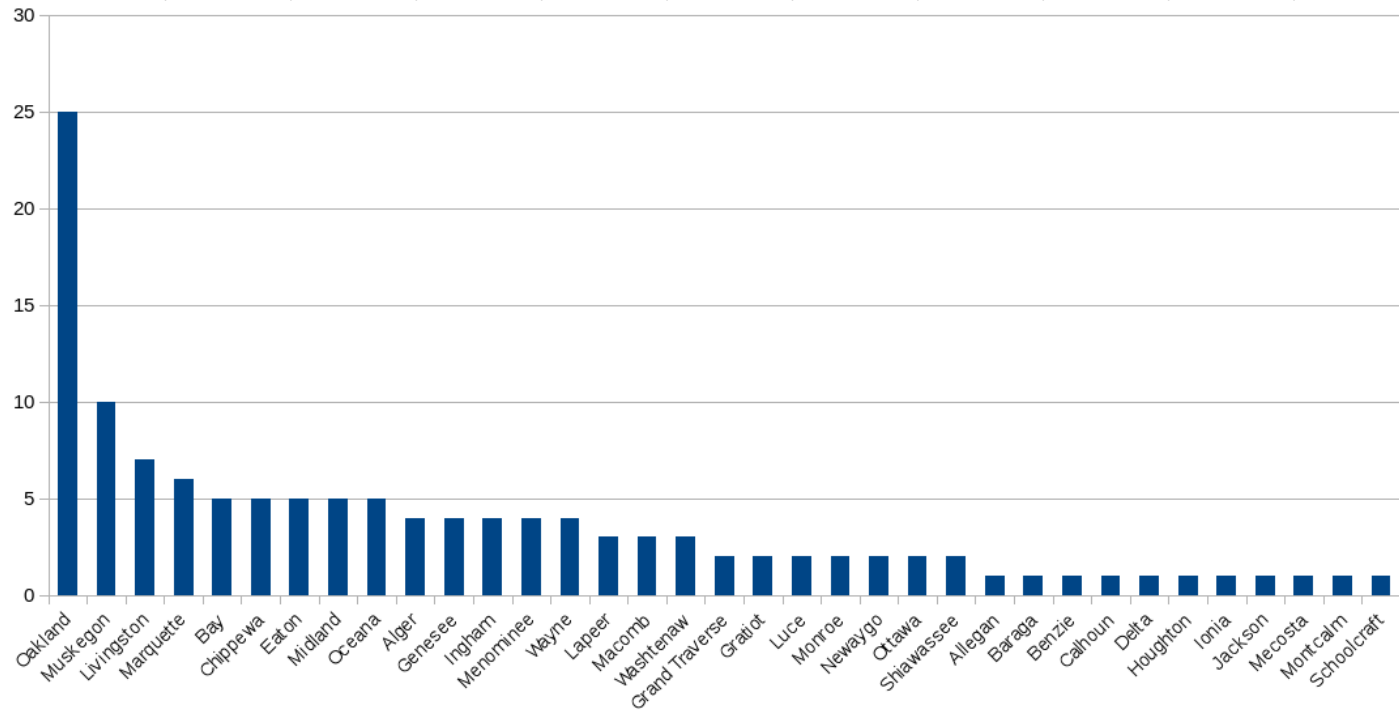
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5. Create an Auxcomm operator training plan
 - Identify recommended Auxcomm operator training classes
 - Develop any class content that is not already available
 - Develop an Auxcomm operator training plan
 - Develop a training tracking mechanism
 - Have three Auxcomm per county in CASM
 - Have two Volunteer COM-L per district in CASM



Three Auxcomm per County

- 17 counties have 3 or more
- 35 counties have at least 1





Auxcomm Workgroup Strategic Goals

6. Increase participation in regional Auxcomm meetings
 - Ensure that all regions are meeting on a regular basis to foster regional cooperation
 - Increase DEC's and EC's participation in regional emergency management meetings



Meeting/Schedule

- Monthly – Second Thursday of the month
 - Even months meet at 2 p.m.
 - Odd months meet at 8 p.m.
 - In-person meeting during Interop conference



Tasks, Activities & Deliverables

- 2018 Major Event Support
 - State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) station setup to coordinate with North Carolina & South Carolina during Hurricane Florence
 - Labor Day Mackinac Bridge Walk – over 30 Auxcomm volunteers
 - Western Upper Peninsula Flooding event
- 2018 Exercise Participation
 - Annual Statewide Simulated Emergency Test (SET) – April 28, 2018 & October 13, 2018
 - Michigan Mortuary Response Team (MI-MORT) Exercise – May 17, 2018 - Communications critique and after action report
 - EarthEx Participation – August 22, 2018



Tasks, Activities & Deliverables

- Annual resource assessment completed to determine resource availability in each county
- Training Completed
 - Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Auxiliary Communications Workshop
 - Two 2-day workshops held in 2018
 - April 6-7 2019 in Marquette
 - June 1-2 2019 in Howell
 - Various other training completed across the state



2019 Strategic Efforts

- Auxcomm Communicator (AuxC) Position Task Book (PTB) and recognition process developed
- Training Plan – content development & deployment
- Updated RACES cards
- Rollout new Auxcomm Michigan Critical Incident Management System (MI CIMS) Boards
- One-page Michigan Auxcomm handout for emergency managers
- Exercise Planning:
 - Planning for exercises between ARES/RACES and CAP
 - Planning with US Coast Guard for 2021 exercise
 - Planning for Statewide 2020



Questions

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