

# MICHIGAN STATEWIDE AUXCOMM MEETING

## EMHSD & SEOC UPDATE



AUGUST 29, 2020



# EMHSD / SEOC UPDATE

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- Michigan State Police Emergency Management & Homeland Security Division (MSP/EMHSD) still waiting to hire a new Emergency Communications Specialist which will work directly with the State Auxcomm Coordinator – state hiring freeze.
  - Working with a few members of the Auxcomm Work Group to develop a State Auxcomm Coordinator position description. Outlining key tasks of this role to best support MSP/EMHSD and the State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC). Assignment to take place soon.
  - Have a plan in place for making some upgrades/changes to the SEOC radio room.
  - Continue to work on updating the Emergency Support Function (ESF) 2 – Communications section of the Michigan Emergency Management Plan (MEMP).
    - Will be ensuring auxiliary communications resources are well integrated, followed by updating SEOC Communications Unit procedures.
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- SEOC Auxcomm volunteers provided Amateur radio frequency monitoring for MSP during one of the protests at the State Capitol in April 2020.
  - There was intel that protestors were going to be using 146.42Mhz simplex and/or 146.58 ham frequencies to direct people where to jam roadways.
  - Bob Berger and John Winn were able to gather a few pieces of information during the protest to pass on and assist law enforcement.
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# **SEOC COML - RECENT EVENTS**

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- The SEOC has been activated continuously for 184 days.
  - 4 people virtually staffed the SEOC Communications Unit Leader (COML) position continuously for SEOC activations for COVID-19, Civil Unrest, and Edenville/Sanford Dam Failure incidents.
  - Development of a statewide incident communication plan.
  - Became involved in the planning process for additional alternative care sites.
  - Purchasing and distribution of over 200 cell phones, several multifunction printers, dozens of laptops, and Microsoft Office 365 accounts to support alternative care sites.
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- Organized and implemented regional volunteer Communication Coordinators from the Communications Unit Working Group to help facilitate local communications issues and resolve conflicting requests for communication assets.
  - Processed many Michigan Critical Incident Management System (MI CIMS) Resource Requests and Task Assignments for IT equipment and services, Michigan Public Safety Communication System (MPSCS) talk groups, radio caches, and more.
  - Information sharing with Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Region 5 and Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) on communication and information technology issues.
  - Conducted virtual MI CIMS Just-In-Time training and Refresher training.
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- Providing communications support for logistics of warehousing/pre-positioning of assets.
  - Provided Communications Technician (COMT) trainees opportunities to get position task books signed while reprogramming dozens of radios for the National Guard missions at testing sites across the state.
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