

Michigan Public Safety Frequency Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
October 25, 2018
Frankenmuth, MI

Member Attendance

Member	Affiliation	Present	Excused	Absent
Keith Bradshaw – Chairperson	MI APCO- Frequency Advisor	X		
Dale Berry – Vice Chairperson	MI Association of Ambulances		X	
Patricia Coates – Secretary	MI APCO	X		
Brent Williams	MI APCO-Alternate Frequency Advisor	X		
Darren Ofiara	MI Sheriff's Association	X		
Dan Robinson	State of MI – DNR	X		
Todd Tolbert	MI Department of Transportation	X		
Mark Wilk	MI Association of Chiefs of Police			X
Mark Jongekrijg	MI APCO			X
John Imeson	MI APCO	X		
Christine Collom	MI APCO		X	
Mike Brown	State of MI – MSP		X	
Kasey Mlujeak	State of MI – Corrections	X		
Adam Carroll	MI Association of Fire Chiefs (Alt)		X	
Chuck Cribley	MI Association of Fire Chiefs	X		
Joe Turner	MI Municipal League		X	
Roger Morgan	MI Association of Counties		X	
Mark Sandberg	State of MI – MPSCS	X		
Catherine Henning	State of MI – MPSCS (Alt)		X	
Jerry Ellsworth	State of MI – MDHHS-BETP		X	

Other Attendees

Greg Farrel	MPSCS
Mark Busert	Detroit police Department
David Kierzkowski	Detroit Police Department

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Bradshaw at 10:03 AM

II. Public Comment

None

III. Introductions

Members introduced themselves

IV. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda as presented by Cribley, support by Robinson, unanimous approval

V. Approval of Minutes of July 18, 2018, meeting

Motion to approve the minutes as presented by Williams, support by Cribley, unanimous approval

VI. Correspondence

None

VII. Applications

A. Old Applications

None

B. New Applications

1. State of MI – Michigan Tech, Houghton

Mr. Bradshaw advised that the application is for five NPSPAC channels, and that the contours are clear. **Motion** to approve the application by Robinson, support by Mlujeak, Unanimous approval

2. State of MI – Eaton County Simulcast

Mr. Bradshaw advised that this application is for a five site simulcast system with 3 NPSPAC channels, plus a companion application in 700 MHZ. **Te contours** were described as “crowded, and the number of mobiles on the application needs correction. There is a Letter of Concurrence from MSU, which will shut their channels off when Eaton goes live. There is a similar issue with Jackson, but they are shutting the channels off in December. **Motion** by Cribley to approve the application, support by Williams, motion carried unanimously.

VIII. 800 MHz Subcommittee Reports

A. Interoperable Communication Subcommittee

Mr. Cribley advised that the COMEX in North Oakland in September was a success, with many new COML’s certified. The use of TAC channels for fire ground will be a workshop at the State Interop Conference in February.

B. Engineering/Technical Subcommittee

Mr. Bradshaw advised the committee that, due to rebanding, many of the new channels are US prime, so many systems are no longer subject to Canadian ERP restrictions. System managers may want to verify and consider increasing ERP.

C. Ongoing Plan Revision Standing Committee

The FCC DA-18-866 requires 800 plans to be modified (by yesterday) with a frequency update subsequent to rebanding. Mr. Bradshaw determine that Region21 had already don so in 2013. Per his contact at the FCC, Region 21 has met the requirement.

D. Other

None

IX. Old Business

A. Web Site

No report

B. Interstitial Channels

Mr. Bradshaw advised that the 12.5 KHz between commercial channels is being freed up and divided into four groups of users, with no priority for public safety. There is no mention of the Canadian border region.

B. Other

Mr. Bradshaw advised that “Conditional licensing authority” is no available in the 800 MHZ band, meaning that a n applicant can turn their channel/system on for 180 days ten days after their application is received by the FCC, without waiting for the actual license.

X. **New Business**

A. 4.9 GHz - FCC12-61-21, FCC-18-33A, and National Plan

The FCC is insisting on specific, individual licensing, eliminating the generic county-wide licenses.

B. 6 GHz Reallocation

Mr. Bradshaw advised that there is a push in Congress to reallocate the 6 GHz spectrum, up to 7.2 GHz, to wi-fi hotspot providers like Google. A NPRM is expected soon. This could be a major issues for users like the MPSCSS, and there are many questions i.e. what spectrum is available to migrate to, who pays the cost, etc.

C. 2019 Meeting Dates

The 2019 MPSFAC meeting dates will be as follows: January 17 in Pontiac, (with an alternate inclement weather date of January 24), March 21 at MPSCS in Dimondale, May 16, possible location of Clinton County 911, July 18 at MDOT in Gaylord, September 19th possibly at HVA, October in Frankenmuth in conjunction with APCO.

C. Reminder of Election of Officers at January meeting

D. Other

XI. **Next meeting**

January 17, 2019 at 10:00 A.M. in Pontiac

XII. **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn by Williams, support by Robinson, unanimous approval, Meeting adjourned by chair at 10:51 A.M.