



METROPOLITAN EMERGENCY SERVICES BOARD RADIO TECHNICAL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE AGENDA

March 25, 2026, 1:00 p.m.

This meeting will be conducted in-person at the **MESB Board Room, 2099 University Ave W, St. Paul** and online at [WebEx Link](#). If prompted, please use meeting number 2558 131 6113 and password Radio. To call in by phone, dial 408.418.9388.

1. **Call to Order** – Committee Chair, Jake Thompson
2. **Roll Call/Attendance (if needed)**
3. **Approval of Agenda** – Thompson
4. **Approval of Minutes of February 25, 2026 Meeting (page 2)** – Thompson
5. **Action Items**
 - A. Life Link III Participation Plan Amendment – Brandon Larson (page 4)
 - B. Isanti County Talkgroup Request – Chad Meyer (page 6)
 - C. Sherburne County Simulcast Request – John Brinkman (page 7)
6. **Moves, Additions, & Changes to the System**
7. **Committee Reports**
 - A. System Managers Group/Metro Administrators – Ron Jansen
 - B. MnDOT ARMER System Update – Nick Schatz/Dave Klema
 - C. SECB Committees
 - i. Steering – Tracey Fredrick/Jill Rohret
 - ii. LMR – Mike Mihelich/Nate Timm
 - iii. WBBA – Rod Olson/Ryan Emberland
 - iv. IOC/ICT Workgroup – Timm/Jansen/Dan Anderson
 - v. IPAWS – Scott Haas
 - vi. Finance/Grants Workgroup – Fredrick/Rohret
8. **Other Business**
 - A. ME TAC Permissions Update – Fredrick
9. **Adjourn**

*Reminder: Next meeting scheduled for April 29, 2026. Please note: the April meeting will take place on the **5th Wednesday of the month.***

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Radio Technical Operations Committee

**February 25, 2025
Draft Meeting Minutes**

Members

Airport – Jeff Bjorklund
Anoka County – Ryan Emberland
Carver County – Peter Sauter
Chisago County – Mike Parker
Dakota County – Ron Jansen
Hennepin County – Jake Thompson
Isanti County – Clinton Maxson (online)
Metro Region EMS – Victoria Vadnais

Metro Transit – Chad LeVasseur
Minneapolis – Rod Olson
Minnesota Fire Chiefs – Scott Gerber
Ramsey County – Mike Mihelich
Scott County – Scott Haas
Sherburne County – Derek Baas
Washington County – Nate Timm
U of M – Jess Lessard

Reason(s) for Remote Attendance: Not in a position to travel at this time.

Guests: Kristen Aronen, *Hennepin County (online)*; Paul Botnen, *CentraCare*; Leticia Cardenas, *Minneapolis (online)*; Dalton Gruber, *Bloomington*; Josh Ewing, *Action Radio (online)*; Ted Hutson, *Motorola*; Tony Martin, *Hennepin County (online)*; Mike Melby, *North Ambulance*; Nick Schatz, *MnDOT*; and Alisha Vars, *East MRCC*.

MESB Staff: Jacob Kallenbach and Jill Rohret.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Not performed as there were no participating Radio TOC members attending online.

3. Approval of Agenda

Jacob Kallenbach said the duplicated agenda item “5” would be edited to show the correct numeral agenda item numbers.

Motion made by Ron Jansen, seconded by Chad LeVasseur to approve the February 2026 Radio TOC meeting agenda as amended. Motion carried.

4. Approval of Minutes of January 28, 2026 Meeting

Jill Rohret said MESB and MESB committee minutes will add a section for a committee members’ reason for attending the meeting virtually. The minutes addition was advised by board counsel.

Motion made by LeVasseur, seconded by Mike Mihelich to approve the January 2026 Radio TOC meeting minutes. Motion carried.

5. Actions Items

A. Radio Items for Regional Needs Document

Kallenbach said updates on the Regional Needs Document were made to remove one item and add individual entity items for Chisago, Scott, Washington, and Dakota counties and the City of Minneapolis. The Radio TOC approvals will be combined with the 9-1-1 TOC approvals and be presented to the MESB Board in March 2026.

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Motion made by Jansen, seconded by Mihelich to approve the 2026 Regional Needs Document radio updates. Motion carried.

6. Moves, Additions, & Changes to the System

Jansen said the Dakota County tower site is expiring in 2027. The county is currently working on updating its lease agreement.

7. Committee Reports

A. System Managers Group/Metro Administrators

Nick Schatz said there was Motorola provisioning discussion. Windows security updates for dispatch are expected in April 2026.

B. MnDOT ARMER System Update

There are no new updates.

C. SECB Committees

i. Steering

Rohret said the committee met on February 11. They discussed items for inclusion in the SECB Policy and Procedure manual, and the 2027 SCIP plan.

ii. LMR

Mihelich said the committee met and reviewed numerous participation plan amendments that were approved. The strategic planning workgroup met for the LMR strategic needs document. The committee discussed sustainable funding for the ARMER system.

iii. WBBA

Rod Olson said the committee met on February 17. FirstNet is discussing the possibility of a coverage survey for Minnesota Tribal Lands. Cellular Vendor demonstrations may be added to future meetings.

iv. IOC/ICT Workgroup

Nate Timm said the committee met on February 17. The committee had an extended discussion on membership. There were multiple COML and COMU approvals, and an After-Action report discussion from the Camp Ripley exercise.

v. IPAWS

Scott Haas said the committee met and discussed SCIP planning. The committee also discussed the foundations of an IPAWS standard for requesting access.

vi. Finance/Grants Workgroup

Rohret said both groups met in February. The grants workgroup approved a plan budget for the SECB grant RFP, with focus on planning and governance. The SECB grant has \$575,000 available for all regions through June 2027. It is anticipated that the grant RFP will be released in May or June. An update on the ARMER equipment grant was given. The finance committee took action on the SECB grant RFP proposal and had lengthy discussion about the SCIP plan. Both groups are scheduled to meet again in March.

8. Other Business

A. ME TAC Permissions Update

There are no new requests.

9. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.



February 4, 2026

Chairperson Jake Thompson
Radio Technical Operations Committee
Metropolitan Emergency Services Board

Re: Life Link III ARMER Participation Plan Amendment

Life Link III seeks approval for the following amendments to our Full Participation plan.

1. New radio ID range 176020 – 176269
2. Authorize additional future expansion radio IDs from 115 to 150 (35 additional).
3. Waiver from IOP-33 (ATAC Interoperability Talkgroups) and IOP-26 (800 MHz Statewide Uniform Interoperability Radio Zones) for radios within our fleet which serve a specific purpose (e.g. base alerting, control station consoles, etc.).

Background

1. Previously, Life Link III was assigned to a pooled radio ID range 106900-107499. This pooled range has run out of available IDs and will not support our needed expansion. After discussion with ARMER System Administrator Nick Schatz, he created a new radio ID range specifically for our agency (176020 – 176269). We seek authorization to use this range, and we will migrate the fleet through our in-progress fleetwide reprogramming and abandon IDs within the former pooled range.
2. Our organization is currently approved for 115 radio IDs. We seek authorization to expand to 150 to accommodate anticipated future expansion.



3. At Life Link III we have several base/control station subscribers which are used for a specific purpose. Whether alerting a base for a call for service or connecting to our radio console to be steered to the most appropriate talkgroup/channel for a mission, these radios are programmed to serve a function. We seek a waiver from IOP-33 (ATAC Interoperability Talkgroups) and IOP-26 (800 MHz Statewide Uniform Interoperability Radio Zones) for radios meeting these criteria. Radios in our fleet which are used for general response operations with clinicians and aviation to interoperate with hospitals and responders will continue to meet IOP-33 and IOP-26 to afford them the ability for interoperability.

Thank you for your consideration regarding this request.

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February 4, 2026

MESB
Jake Thompson and Tracey Frederick
2099 University Ave W.
St. Paul, MN 55104

Subject: Request to Increase Talk Group IDs

Dear Jake and Tracey,

Isanti County is formally requesting approval of an amendment to its participation plan to increase our approved amount of Talk group IDs for Isanti County and agencies within Isanti County who partner with us.

Isanti County's current approvals are 29 Talk group IDs. and 765 radio IDs. We are looking to increase our Talk group IDs to 39 and are not requesting to increase the Radio IDs currently.

Thank you for your consideration and our PSAP supervisors and I am happy to answer any questions you or the board may have.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chad Meyer". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Chad Meyer
Captain, Isanti County Sheriff's Office

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METRO TOC and LMR Committees

Re: Sherburne County Simulcast MNDOT Microwave Excess capacity add

Sherburne County presently has a T1 based VHF Simulcast system. Sherburne county has purchased GTR 8000/ GRV VHF Simulcast Fire paging system.

Connectivity:

Sherburne county is requesting excess capacity VLAN Ethernet between Enfield, and Zimmerman controlled by MNDOT Microwave (see attached drawing).

Ownership/ Monitoring/ Maintenance:

Sherburne county will be contracting with DSC Communications to install Simulcast system, and will be responsible for connection to onsite equipment.

Paging control:

This Simulcast will be controlled by a Motorola GRV8000 that will be located at the Sherburne County LEC site in Elk River, and controlled VIA CCGW at the LEC. Sherburne county has Microwave connectivity between Elk River LEC dispatch, and the Zimmerman MNDOT tower site.

Request is submitted by Sherburne County Sheriff's Office representative Kyle Breffle.

Technical questions should be directed to John Brinkman, DSC Communications, 320.252.1887
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Sherburne Sheriff's Office

03/10/2026

Date Signed

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