

WISCONSIN PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS SURVEY

The intended purpose of this survey is to gather pertinent, factual information as to public safety communications interoperability within each county. This information may be used to guide the distribution of any future WEM administered communications funding.

In this survey, “public safety” includes all law enforcement; fire; emergency medical; utilities (electric, gas, water, sewer, telephone); highway and street departments; emergency management; municipal and school buses; and general government. If you are a state or federal agency, ignore the reference to “county” and apply this to your jurisdiction.

The survey has been designed in 2 parts to allow County Emergency Management Directors to send questions to jurisdictions that they will fill out separately.

Complete this survey by inserting your responses into this document. Email the completed survey to: your WEM regional director and to rickrisler@wwt.net

1. COUNTYWIDE ISSUES

- a. How often do you conduct training on communications interoperability and the use of mutual aid channels?

RESPONSE:

- b. Do you have a county plan for use of mutual aid channels?

Yes No If yes, please attach it.

- c. Is there interest in your county in a statewide radio system?

None Some Great

Comments:

Desired features:

- d. Does the county dispatch center have transmit capability on WISPERN? Yes No

If not, do you want a WISPERN base? Yes No

Would you install and operate a WISPERN base if funding were provided? Yes No

- e. Does the county dispatch center have transmit capability on MARC? Yes No

If not, do you want a MARC repeater? Yes No

Would you install and operate a MARC repeater if funding were provided? Yes No

- f. List agencies in your county that use a mobile data system.

Local system:

Regional system:

State system:

- g. Describe any warning siren systems. Indicate if the systems cover your entire geographic area. If not, describe what it would take to solve that problem.

RESPONSE:

- h. What is the Emergency Alerting System capability in the county?

RESPONSE:

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- i. Describe the level of cellular service throughout the county by estimating the percentage of coverage.

RESPONSE:

- j. Describe the methods of paging public safety personnel used in the county.

RESPONSE:

- k. What state agencies do you have mobile radio communications with?

RESPONSE:

- l. What federal agencies do you have mobile radio communications with?

RESPONSE:

- m. Describe any problems with your existing communications systems regarding interoperability.

RESPONSE:

- n. What improvements are desired or planned for your communications systems?

RESPONSE:

- o. Are you planning any new communications systems or system upgrades? Yes No
If yes, describe your plans.

RESPONSE:

- p. Do you plan to implement narrowband operation on any of your frequencies? Yes No
If yes, describe frequencies and proposed timetable.

RESPONSE:

- q. Do you plan to implement digital operation on any of your frequencies? Yes No
If yes, describe frequencies and proposed timetable.

RESPONSE:

- r. What problems do you have with communications interoperability between agencies within your county?

RESPONSE:

- s. What problems do you have with communications interoperability with agencies outside your county?

RESPONSE:

2. **UHF RADIOS:**

- a. For agencies with UHF radios, describe any interoperability capabilities.

RESPONSE:

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- b. How do these agencies communicate with other responding agencies in an incident?

RESPONSE:

3. **TRUNKED SYSTEMS:** This section should be completed for each trunked system within the county.

- a. List the agencies that use or have access to the trunked system.

RESPONSE:

- b. Explain the interoperability capability that exists between users within the trunked system. Include information on interoperability plans, interoperability talk groups, and individual agency participation in these.

RESPONSE:

- c. Explain the interoperability capability that exists between users of the trunked system and agencies that are not on the trunked system, including state agencies. Include information on interoperability plans, interoperability talk groups, VHF and 800 MHz mutual aid channels, and patches.

RESPONSE:

4. **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** Please include any other pertinent comments or information.

RESPONSE:

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If you have questions regarding the completion of this survey, contact: Al Wohlferd with technical questions at 608-242-3250 or alan.wohlferd@dma.state.wi.us; or contact: Kari Lammers regarding the electronic submittal of the form (M-F between 8-12) at 715-839-3826 or rickrisler@wwt.net

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