

Border Communications

- **Equipment**

- Region 8-VHF, 800, cell phones

- Wisconsin, VHF, cell phones

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Questions:

What do we know?

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- Region 8-VHF, 800, cell phones
- Wisconsin, VHF, cell phones
- Communications with Wisconsin Agencies occurs on Hospital Frequency only if they are calling our hospital on VHF

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- Communications with other Michigan EMS Agencies occur only on Statewide 8 or an assigned Special Event or Tactical channel on the 800 radios
- EMS agencies have limited ability to contact bordering/neighboring agencies or county dispatch centers due to 800 templating

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- State of Wisconsin has no plans to add 800 radio communications into their statewide communication plans
- We know there is a need to have the ability to communicate with neighboring county dispatch and EMS agencies

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What do we know we don't know?

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- We don't know how the practical application of communications will work in a large scale event!
- We don't know the service levels of surrounding agencies
- Is there a difference between MI/WI providers-level of care that they provide

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- Which protocols county to county and state to state in large scale events will be used
- Medical direction for services coming into ED's from different counties and states (legal or illegal)
- Sheer number of ambulances in our bordering communities and states

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- What do we think we know?

We think we know the answers to all the above questions

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- What do we need to know?

We need to know the answers and solutions for the previous questions!

We need to know if Region 8 HRSA will identify solutions for these problems