

# Idaho District II Interoperability Governance Board Minutes

Thursday, June 11th- 2026 (9:00 a.m. Pacific)

Location: NPC Courthouse; 1230 Main St. Lewiston- 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor; Salmon River Rm- Lewiston

(\*Possible Action Items\*)

**Attendees:** Jerry Zumalt, Dave Taylor, Ryan Bender, Don Gardner, Dan Musgrave, Austin Cole Steve Risken, Jeff Klone, John Wheaton, Risto McFeely, Brian Davis, Daniel Davis, Bill Reynolds, Rick, Kevin, James Wooderchak  
Online: Marc Camin, Sid Brown, Laurel Caldwell, Ryan Olson, Tom Crawly, Buddy Jacob

**9:00 a.m.** Introductions (in-room & on-line; D-1); confirm quorum & proxies; approve prior meeting minutes; note any agenda changes; [virtual connect information: page 2](#)

Minutes – moved 1: Don G, 2: Dan Musgrave – correct Steve Risken – minutes passed unanimously  
Clearwater and Idaho County – need to appoint 2<sup>nd</sup> representative.

**9:15 a.m.** \*IPSCC Rep & PSAP Committee Report\*: Marci Williams; [mwilliams@latahcountyid.gov](mailto:mwilliams@latahcountyid.gov) unavailable. Dave Taylor will provide information

Dave Taylor reported – NG911 Committee – updates on the project and moving forward with project. Haley has been keeping the project moving. Testing the new secondary circuits, working to have Minidoka county to go live this month.

Secondary circuits are being tested for backup capabilities. Once the testing is completed we will begin moving forward on the NGCS project.

Legislative – go through OPE report and identify where we need to craft legislation.

Dept of Commerce – Fiber BEAD program – money was not all spent, want to see if 9-1-1 projects to enhance broadband connections for PSAPs

**9:30 a.m.** \*DIGB 2 Communication Information\*: Chair & Aaron Butler & Members

- **PSAP: Members**

- *PSAP Call Routing / Backup Planning Coordination*

- *Lewis County Grant(s) and any Motorola – IRON Information Updates*

Discussion on backup planning for PSAPs – LPD, NPC, Whitcom are working on a plan for their agencies. Discussion on issues with how to back each other up, primarily having or being able to send/receive with other counties radio frequencies for our region. What technologies are needed to solve the communication issues when backing each other up. Discussions on scenarios for backups, sheriffs / dispatchers /EM need to solve / propose solutions on how to better communicate if we are backing each other up.

NPC has offered for training for the NGCS Vesta to be held here. Gives dispatchers an opportunity to meet and discuss.

Discussion on radios, having a meeting inviting elected officials in September to review legislation and communication challenges. There are many situations that for our region where Sheriffs, Dispatch Manager, and Commissioners need to be aware of this and understand what is needed to be successfully implemented for our region.

Is the FOG being used to update radios for our region? Don G talked about a regional V-Tac for all agencies to communicate.

- **2026 DIGB2 F.O.G.:** Don Gardner [dgardner@clearwatercounty.org](mailto:dgardner@clearwatercounty.org)

Don is gathering data and preparing a new FOG – hope to get some updates / gather data so we can print a new FOG and also have an electronic copy. Digital could be on your phone – and updated regularly.

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**\*Statewide Interop Coordinator- Program Information\***: Buddy Jacob; [bjacob@imd.idaho.gov](mailto:bjacob@imd.idaho.gov) (208-901-5127 cell; 208-258-6566 office); Sid Brown; [sbrown@imd.idaho.gov](mailto:sbrown@imd.idaho.gov)

Sid Brown – thanked the team that really stepped across the state on keeping the NGCS project moving forward across the state. Going beyond for statewide projects.

Still expecting completion in July 2027. 911 Coordinator – 8 applicants hope to have them on board by end of July.

POTS lines – moving them offline / no longer being used as of November. POTS in a Box – so you can solve issues with copper lines in buildings. 90-day notice for PSAPs and 30 for general public.

Alerts and Warnings – KBOI – FEMA has 77 pep stations – messages could be broadcast national messages – local primary / secondary. State can use this system to broadcast information on AM frequencies.

Review wildfire procedures – messages and evacuation, polygons for messaging.

Buddy Jacob – Backup radios – keep things simple – He is learning the topography and the layout of our scheme for our region. FEMA – EMP proof boxes that allow them to broadcast over AM frequencies. State purchased Starlink purchase for AFO – 3 mini terminals and go kit so they can provide backhaul to the state – vote counts etc. Can be used for other things not just elections. Looking on broadband.

FirstNET surveys are out – wanting feedback – they are responsive to coverage augmentation. Hopes to attend in person in September.

EOC is fully running and ESFs are in place, he is ESF 2 for the state. BEAD – non-deployable infrastructure. Non-last mile – communications towers and remote areas can be eligible.

Backhaul for towers – waiting for NTIA on guidance on what they could spend on.

10:00 a.m.

Break

**Likely deferred until September 10: NGCS & CHE Update & Discussion:**  
[BillReynolds@co.nezperce.id.us](mailto:BillReynolds@co.nezperce.id.us)

- *NGCS Project/Program Liaisons & Points of Contact & IT reps*
- *County MSAG Contact; State Project Implementation Lead*

Discussion on updates for GIS, MSAG. How do we engage our local leaders on the issues with radios and 911.

Do we need to develop a letter? Invitation – bullet points of issues – conferences that they can attend to discuss emergency communications – policies. Encourage participants to identify bullet points and put together this letter. Issues, needs, possible solutions, objectives,

How do we get IPSCC – involvement with local county, city, tribe. Encourage collaboration and send bullet points to put together a letter to Jerry.

**Deferred until September: \*Idaho OPE Reports & Discussion:** Roles- IPSCC/DIGBs – State 911 managing & supporting statewide NGCS; Radio, broadband and CAD System programs.

**Requesting local legislators & other public officials to attend.**

Encourage attendance by elected officials and review the OPE report. Send out link to OPE report from DIGB2 – September DIGB2

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**\*District 2 Fiber & other Communication Projects\***: Project Mgrs. & Project Reps.

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Moving forward with broadband project. Making significant progress, had a vendor pull out of the project. So, will be asking for an extension and then doing Fiber to the home projects starting during the next few months.

IIG is making connections from our region to Spokane, and also will be managing the fiber for Idaho County and working on fiber to the home. This will build significant redundancy. Lots of collaboration between the region and vendors.

**10:30 a.m.** Open discussion & any housekeeping items:

**10:45 a.m.** Presentation- Third Signal: *Ryan Olson* [rolson@thirdsignal.com](mailto:rolson@thirdsignal.com)

988 – 911 integration – 988 calls many need a 911 call. Mental health centers don't know how to transfer calls to 911 centers – and go to local instead of the center where the person is at. CJIN restrictions and HIPAA restrictions – for each center. Cultural difference between 988 mental health professional and 911 dispatcher – lots of complicated handoffs between the 2 systems. Had to learn about 911. 988 Location based routed – doesn't work use roaming or use area code. Many don't show location or share it. If a call escalates to 911 – need procedures want 1 transfer between the systems. LPD does transfer to 988 but mobile crisis management is in CDA. Some centers will not transfer to 988, they will tell them how to call it, but liability on transfers so won't do it.

Lots of challenges in transferring – hot / warm / 3-way calls – lack of understanding on how 911 works but also lack of mental health resources. EC has EMD cards – transferring to 988 is not on the card. Hope to have 988 / 911 / 211 – 211 centers have lots of data to transfer. 211 databases of essential resources.

Helps with welfare checks as well. 988 can help the 911 centers but need to collaborate. These remote services are using the 10-digit direct call number to a 911 center.

Need a concept of operations, then have Motorola meet our requirements.

Operations is not always considered. Getting basic contact info in all the centers. Escalations could be anywhere in the country. Like an OnStar call have your procedures.

Capt Klone shared how LPD works with 988 and the mobile crisis team. Many procedures and policies – hard to train LE with limited educational opportunities.

**11:30 a.m.** Adjourn-Next Meeting: Location/Date: Lewiston: **Thursday, Sept. 10, 2026**

Jerry adjourned the meeting until Sept 10.

Voting members: Clearwater County: Don Gardner; \_\_\_\_\_. Idaho County: Jerry Zumalt; \_\_\_\_\_. Latah County: Tim Besst; Matt Stinebaugh; Marci Williams. Lewis County: Jason Davis; Dan Musgrave. Nez Perce County: Bill Reynolds; Brian Birdsell and James Wooderchak. Nez Perce Tribe: Mark Bensen; John Wheaton; Melissa King, alternate.