

McLean County, IL

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		Gridley	Chenoa	Yates		
		Hudson	Money Creek	Lexington	Lawndale	
	White Oak					Cropsey
Danvers	Dry Grove	Normal	Towanda	Blue Mound	Martin	Anchor
Allin	Dale	City of Bloomington	Old Town	Dawson	Arrowsmith	Cheneys Grove
Mount Hope	Funks Grove	Randolph	Downs	Empire	West	Bellflower

McLean is the largest county (in area) in Illinois, almost 1200 square miles. Within McLean County is the crossroads of 3 major Interstate highways, 2 mid-sized cities and one of the largest universities in the state. With an interesting mix of urban and rural locales, one can hear just about any type call on the scanner, from homicides to missing cattle.

McLean County was one of the few installations nationwide of an EF Johnson LTR-MultiNet trunking system. This replaced several VHF and UHF channels for several agencies of the county and cities. The system never quite worked well for the county and has been replaced by reverting back to old channels (often with quite different use than before the EFJ system) and by moving to the StarCom21 system. StarCom21 is the statewide Motorola Astro25 system, and the McLean County portion was built earlier than originally planned to accommodate them.

StarCom21: Metcom is the county dispatch center, and dispatches all County emergency services and most local communities except ISU PD and Bloomington PD & FD. See the [CARMA StarCom21 Profile](#) for talkgroups and frequency assignments.

Operations known to be using StarCom21, dispatched by Metcom include:

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| McLean Co Sheriff | Bellflower PD | Bloomington PD |
| Colfax PD | Chenoa PD(Also covers Gridley) | Danvers PD |
| Downs PD | Ellsworth PD | Heyworth PD |
| Hudson PD | Lake Bloomington PD | Leroy PD |
| Lexington PD (“LX” Units) | McLean PD (“MC” Units) | Stanford PD |
| Normal PD | Normal FD | |

McLean County Sheriff Numbering:

“Paul”	Patrol	“Sam”	Sergeants
“George”	Civil Process Unit	“David”	Detectives
“John”	Jail Transport Units	“Charles”	Mechanic
“Command x”	Command Staff (1 thru 6)	“Edward”	Coroner’s Office (1 thru 16)

County Fire Operations

Response Codes:

“Alpha” Response	Fire units, no lights or sirens
“Bravo” Response	Lights & Sirens
“Charlie” Response	Fire units with lights & siren, LifeLine with no lights or siren
“Delta” Response	Fire & LifeLine respond with lights & siren
“Echo” Response	All units respond with lights & siren, PD with AED as available also
“Omega” Response	Refer to other agency

154.1900	173.8	F1	County Fire Operations
154.2650	210.7	F2	IFERN / MABAS, MABAS Division 41
154.2350	000.0	F3	Fireground
154.8150	173.8	F4	Countywide EMS Operations, Repeats 159.0300
153.8300	69.3	F5	Fireground Red
154.2800	74.4	F6	Fireground White
154.2950	85.4	F7	Fireground Blue
155.3400	94.8	F8	MERCI 340
155.0550	000.0	F9	IREACH
154.1600	97.4	F10	Bloomington FD paging and ops, Repeats 151.220
151.1900	173.8	F11	Randolph Twp & Heyworth FD’s tac & weather spotting
154.2200	94.8	F11	Downs FD Tac, weather spotters
154.1000	000.0	F11	Saybrook-Arrowsmith FD tac & weather spotting
154.0850	000.0	F11	Carlock & Danvers FPD’s Tac and weather spotting
154.9650	000.0	F11	Octavia FPD (Cooksville, Anchor, Cropsey) Tac WX
154.3025	67.0	F12	IFERN 2
153.8375	91.5	F13	Fireground Gold
154.2725	94.8	F14	Fireground Black
154.2875	136.5	F15	Fireground Gray
156.2100	94.8	F16	Paging
153.9650	D051		Bloomington Twp tac and weather spotters
153.8975	100.0		Normal FD mobile extenders
159.0525	100.0		Normal FD mobile extenders (Used with StarCom21 TG 30372)
459.6500	141.3		Carlock FD Mobile Extenders
457.6500	100.0		Carlock FD Mobile Extenders
458.6000	120.0		Carlock FD Mobile Extenders
155.2200	173.8		Lexington Ambulance Service (No longer used)
159.1050	118.8		Gridley Ambulance (Repeats 156.0000)
155.0850	94.8		Leroy Ambulance Service (Repeats 153.7850)
453.6750	173.8	“Countywide”	Disaster, Back-up
453.5750	103.5	“Citywide”	Buildings Maintenance
453.3375	103.5		McLean County Jail operations (Low Power)
155.0550	000.0		IREACH (Used to contact ISP troopers)

McLean County Highway and Local Government Operations:

151.0100	141.3	Hwy	County Highway Net, repeats 156.045 (also used by townships)
458.1500	103.5	LG	County Building Maintenance
453.5750	103.5	LG	Co. Building Management, also used for with hospitals ("Countywide")

EMA Operations: (See also StarCom21)

453.7000	103.5	F1	McLean County EMA Dispatch Repeater
453.7000	103.5	F2	(Simplex)
453.8625	156.7	U-Tac	3 EMA Ops Team (Simplex)
045.4000	103.5		EMA Operations
045.4400	103.5		EMA Statewide Net
045.5200	000.0		EMA Operations (limited use)
045.5600	210.7		EMA Weather Link
159.1050	118.8		Gridley EMA, repeats 156.0000
453.4500	103.5		Lexington EMA
151.1900	173.8		Heyworth EMA
154.7925	131.8		Stanford EMA, repeats 156.1575
154.0850	000.0		Danvers & Carlock EMA
154.9650	000.0		Colfax & Anchor EMA
155.1000	000.0		Hudson EMA
155.7900	D306		Leroy EMA (Repeats 153.8750)
453.7000	103.5		Towanda EMA

EMA Numbering:

100's	Lexington	700's	Carlock	3700's	Downs
200's	Colfax	1200's	Chenoa	4300's	Heyworth
300's	Leroy	1600's	Gridley	5300's	Towanda
400's	McLean	3200's	Ellsworth	7400's	Hudson
600's	500's	3400's	Arrowsmith	7600's	Danvers

Township Highway Departments:

Allin		Funk's Grove	
Anchor		Gridley	151.1300 (179.9)
Arrowsmith	157.6200 (203.5)	Hudson	151.0100 (141.3)
Bellflower	155.9850		151.1300 (000.0)
Bloomington	153.2450 (141.3,Rpts 159.495)	Lawndale	
Blue Mound	154.0400 (000.0)	Lexington	453.4500 (103.5)
Cheney's Grove	158.8800	Martin	151.1300 (000.0)
Chenoa		Money Creek	
Cropsey	156.1350	Mount Hope	151.1300 (000.0)
Dale	151.0850	Normal	
Danvers	158.9400 (151.4)	Old Town	158.7450
Dawson			151.0100 (141.3)
Downs	151.0100 (141.3)	Randolph	453.3000 (192.8)
	151.1300 (179.9)	Towanda	151.0100 (141.3)
Dry Grove	463.3500 (156.7)	West	154.0550 (000.0)
	155.9400 (000.0)	White Oak	153.9200
Empire	155.9550 (173.8)	Yates	461.475 (R)

Cities and Villages:

Anchor (Police Patrol by McLean County Sheriff)
154.1900 173.8 Fire Octavia FPD, County Net

Arrowsmith (Police Patrol by McLean County Sheriff)
154.1900 173.8 Fire Saybrook-Arrowsmith FPD, County Net
154.2350 Fire Saybrook-Arrowsmith FPD
154.1000 Fire Saybrook-Arrowsmith FPD

Bellflower (Police dispatch on StarCom21 by Metcom)
154.1900 173.8 Fire Bellflower FPD, County Net
045.5200 000.0 EMA Local EMA Unit

Bloomington: (Police dispatch on StarCom21)
Adam Patrol K9 Canine Tom Traffic
Baker Special Assignment Lincoln Lieutenant Victor Vice
Frank Training officer Robert School officer 700's Park District PD
Ida Detectives Sam Sergeant

Legacy PD Channels:

453.1500 127.3 Police F1 Alternate
453.9250 127.3 Police F2 "Proactive" Tactical ops & Events channel
460.1250 127.3 Police F3 Dispatch (Simulcast to SC21 TG 30378)
155.1300 000.0 Police Car to Car (No longer used)
458.7375 Police Receiver Link
458.7875 Police Receiver Link

Other freqs:

154.1600 97.4 Fire Bloomington FD, Repeats 151.2200
453.1000 110.9 LG Miller Park Zoo
453.1000 118.8 LG Bloomington Parks & Recreation
453.8500 LG Building Inspectors channel, possible future PW use
453.4000 110.9 LG Housing Authority channel, possible future PW use
453.4750 91.5 Misc B-N Airport Operations
453.3750 Misc B-N Public Transit
453.4250 141.3 Misc B-N Public Transit
453.5250 Misc B-N Water Reclamation District
462.2375 Data Misc B-N Water Reclamation District (Telemetry Links)
460.9000 100.0 School Bloomington School District 87
464.3250 131.8 School Bloomington School District 87
157.5750 School Bloomington Schools
157.6350 School Bloomington Schools
463.2625 D051 School First Student Systems (School Busses)
462.8500 Hosp St. Joseph Medical Center
463.5125 141.3 Hosp St. Joseph Medical Center Security, Maintenance
463.3000 Hosp Chestnut Health Systems
461.6375 D114 Mall Eastland Mall, Security/Maintenance

Bloomington Township:

154.1900 173.8 Fire Bloomington Twp FPD, County Fire Net,
154.2350 000.0 Fire Bloomington Twp FPD

Carlock (Police Patrol by McLean County Sheriff)
154.1900 173.8 Fire Carlock FD, County Net
458.6500 Fire Mobile Extenders
154.0850 000.0 LG Carlock PW
045.5200 000.0 EMA Local EMA Unit

Chenoa (Police dispatch on StarCom21 by Metcom)
453.4500 103.5 Police Chenoa PD
453.5750 103.5 Police County Net
453.7000 103.5 Police County Net
158.8950 127.3 Police Mobile Extenders
154.1900 173.8 Fire Chenoa Community FPD, County Net
154.2350 000.0 Fire Chenoa Community FPD, Alternate
045.5200 000.0 EMA Local EMA Unit
155.0250 000.0 EMA ESMARN
155.1150 173.8 LG Public Works & EMA
463.7750 88.5 School Chenoa Community School Dist

Colfax (Police dispatch on StarCom21 by Metcom)
154.1900 173.8 Fire Octavia FPD, County Net
154.9650 LG Local Operations
464.3250 100.0 School Ridgeview School District 8

Cooksville (Police Patrol by McLean County Sheriff)
154.1900 173.8 Fire Octavia FPD, County Net

Cropsey (Police Patrol by McLean County Sheriff)
154.1900 173.8 Fire Octavia FPD, County Net

Danvers (Police dispatch on StarCom21 by Metcom)
154.1900 173.8 Fire Danvers Community FPD, County Net
154.0850 000.0 LG Danvers CFPD local ops and EMA

Downs (Police dispatch on StarCom21 by Metcom)
154.1900 173.8 Fire Downs Community FPD, County Net
154.2200 94.8 Fire Downs Community FPD, Local Alternate

El Paso (See Woodford County)

Ellsworth (Police dispatch on StarCom21 by Metcom)
154.1900 173.8 Fire Ellsworth FPD, County Net

Gridley (Police patrol by Chenoa PD under contract, dispatch on StarCom21 by Metcom)
154.1900 173.8 Fire Gridley FPD, County Net
159.1050 186.2 LG Local Operations
451.3000 Misc Gridley Telephone Company (Community owned)
461.1750 114.8 School Gridley School District

Heyworth (Police dispatch on StarCom21 by Metcom)
154.1900 173.8 Fire Randolph Twp FPD, County Net
154.2350 000.0 Fire Randolph Twp FPD, Alternate
151.1900 173.8 Fire Randolph Twp FPD, Local Tac & EMA
452.1000 School Heyworth CUSD 4

Hudson (Police dispatch on StarCom21 by Metcom)
154.1900 173.8 Fire Hudson FPD, County Net

Leroy (Police dispatch on StarCom21 by Metcom)
155.7900 D306 Police Leroy PD, Repeats 153.8750
154.1900 173.8 Fire Leroy Community FPD, County Net
155.0850 94.8 LG Local Operations, Repeats 153.7850

Lexington (Police dispatch on StarCom21 by Metcom)
154.1900 173.8 Fire Lexington Community FPD, County Net
155.2200 173.8 EMS Lexington Ambulance Service
453.4500 103.5 EMA Village Ops & Local EMA unit,
045.5200 000.0 EMA Local EMA Unit
853.4875 D703 Misc Lexington Taste of Country Fair ops

McLean (Police dispatch on StarCom21 by Metcom)
154.1900 173.8 Fire Mt. Hope-Funks Grove FPD, County Net
153.8600 000.0 LG Local Operations

Normal (Police & Fire dispatch are now on StarCom21 by Metcom)
154.1900 173.8 Fire County Net
153.8300 69.3 Fire Fireground Red
159.0525 100.0 Fire Mobile Repeater for StarCom21, Repeats 153.8975
173.20375 Data LG Telemetry Data
460.0250 103.5 Parks Parks & Rec Department
453.9500 103.5 LG Public Works
155.2200 EMS Lifeline Ambulance Service
464.6500 School School District 5
155.2350 D432 School School District 5, repeats 153.7400
464.6375 82.5 School Normal Community HS West
467.7625 82.5 School Normal Community HS
464.8250 Mtrbo Hosp Bromenn Regional Medical Center (Security)
464.0250 85.4 Hosp Bromenn Regional Medical Center (Maintenance)
461.6250 Hosp Bromenn Regional Medical Center

Saybrook (Police Patrol by McLean County Sheriff)
154.1900 173.8 Fire Saybrook-Arrowsmith FPD, County Net
154.2350 Fire Saybrook-Arrowsmith FPD
154.1000 LG Public Works, also Saybrook-Arrowsmith FPD

Shirley (Police Patrol by McLean County Sheriff)
154.1900 173.8 Fire Dale Twp FPD, County Net
045.5200 000.0 EMA Dale Twp EMA Unit

Stanford (Police dispatch on StarCom21 by Metcom)
154.1900 173.8 Fire Allin Twp FPD, County Net
155.7000 000.0 EMA Stanford EMA
451.3000 School Olympia School District 16
452.8000 School Olympia School District 16
155.2650 School Olympia School District 16
151.9550 School Olympia School District 16

Towanda (Police Patrol by McLean County Sheriff)
154.1900 173.8 Fire Towanda FD, County Net
045.4800 000.0 EMA Towanda Twp EMA Unit

Illinois State University		(Normal) (Also uses ClearTalk and Starcom21 systems)		
453.9000	103.5	Police	F1	ISU Housing (Former Police Dispatch)
453.6500	103.5	Misc	F2	ISU Parking Services
453.0250	103.5	Police	Tac1	Simplex
453.2000	103.5	Police	Tac2	Health & Safety Office
453.8750	103.5	Police	Tac3	Simplex (Rarely used)
453.8750	173.8	Misc		Recreational Services (Simplex
453.8750	131.8	Misc	F3	Facilities Management (Also residence hall dining centers)
453.8750	151.4	Misc		ISU Ushers
453.8750	210.7	Misc		ISU Student Fitness Center
453.6000	131.8	Misc		ISU Maintenance
453.8125	151.4	Misc		Redbird Arena and other Athletic Venues
453.3000	151.4	Misc		Bone Student Center
458.3000	000.0	Misc		Braden Auditorium techs
458.8750	151.4	Misc		Hancock Stadium operations
461.8375	D612	Misc		Athletics Concessions
170.1500		Misc		Broadcast operations
452.1875	Data	Misc		Golf Course sprinkler system
462.8250	000.0	Misc		Campus Paging

Illinois Wesleyan University		(Bloomington)		
453.0000	97.4	Security	453.0000	110.9 Food Services
461.7000	167.9	Residence Halls	152.3300	repeats 157.5900
154.5400	151.4	repeats 159.5400		

Mitsubishi Motors plant		(Normal)		
451.6750	D506	Production Line	451.4250	451.5750
461.7500	88.5	Maintenance	451.6250	461.0750
462.2000	94.8	Security	462.2250	462.3250
462.3500	91.5	Phone Patch	462.3500	462.3750
462.3000	91.5	Security Manager	462.4000	463.4250
462.4250	85.4	Fire & Safety	463.6250	463.9250

State Farm Insurance HQ Offices		(Bloomington)		
464.4750		Misc	462.7750	Misc

State Farm used to have a Type I Motorola trunked system, System ID 3918, Fleet Map DDDDCCzz on the below frequencies, but the system appears to have been dismantled in favor of commercial services.

854.8375	856.8875	856.9125	857.8375	857.8875
858.8125	858.8375	859.8125	859.8875	860.8125

Central Illinois Regional Airport (BMI)

124.6000	AM	Tower / CTAF	128.9500	AM	United Express
121.6500	AM	Ground Control	129.0000	AM	TWE Airlines
135.3500	AM	ATIS	130.5500	AM	Northwest Link
122.9500	AM	Unicom	130.8250	AM	AirTran
118.0500	AM	Peoria Approach	131.6000	AM	American Eagle
462.6250	167.9	FBO Fuel Trucks			
453.4750	91.5	Airport Operations & Maintenance			
172.9000	P25	Transportation Safety Administration (TSA)			



Railroads:

Union Pacific runs the former Alton/GM&O from Joliet to St. Louis thru Chenoa, Lexington, Bloomington-Normal and McLean, using 161.280 for Road operations and 161.550 for the yard in Bloomington

Toledo, Peoria & Western runs a line across the state thru Gridley and Chenoa, using 161.400 for Road.

Norfolk Southern runs the former Wabash line from Gibson City to Bloomington Normal and the former Conrail line from Bloomington-Normal to Peoria, using 160.440.

Canadian National runs it's former Illinois Central line to Springfield thru Bellflower, using 161.190.

Change Log:

Date	Initials	Items/Page Nr of changed items:
11-20-11	rc	Updated fire and Bloomington Twp
01-02-12	rc	Update Normal school bus