

March / April 2024

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ⇒ The March 2024 FirstNet Newsletter is available [HERE](#)
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- ⇒ Click [HERE](#) to see the March 2024 CISA Report
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NEW Training Opportunities:

- ⇒ [ICS 300 Intermediate](#) (Chickasaw County)
- ⇒ [ICS 400 Advanced](#) (Chickasaw County)
- ⇒ [ICS 300 Intermediate](#) (Polk County)
- ⇒ [ICS 400 Advanced](#) (Dallas County)
- ⇒ [ICS 300 Intermediate](#) (Tama County)
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- ⇒ [ICS 300 Intermediate](#) (Wapello County)
- ⇒ [ICS 400 Advanced](#) (Wapello County)

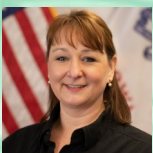
Note From the SWIC

The Iowa legislative session of 2024 has ended, and along with it, some changes to the makeup of the ISICS Board will be made. Chair Bischof's wise words said it best, "The work of the Board & Committees is unchanged, and ensuring all aspects of the public safety landscape are represented or considered is essential for our overall success. Fortunately, committee participation is not limited and is the primary input for policy development. Anyone displaced from the Board is encouraged to remain engaged through committee work."

This month a few of our dedicated Board members' terms have ended. For their commitment, contributions, and service to interoperability, I give great thanks. The work that goes into ISICSB behind the scenes through volunteer hours is astounding. Public safety / public service individuals are hands-down the most tireless, giving individuals I have ever come across in terms of dedication and sacrifice; doing what they do for the greater good.

The State of Iowa has a busy summer ahead in terms of interoperable communications. Story County is hosting a communications exercise to meet our goal of increasing the number of credentialed Communications Unit (COMU) personnel in Iowa. COMU personnel are responsible for installing and testing communications equipment, supervising and operating the incident communications center, distributing and recovering communications equipment assigned to incident personnel, and maintaining and repairing communications equipment on site of an incident.

Now, I must be off to the woods to spend some time searching mushrooms, good luck if you spend any time doing the same.



Respectfully,

Haley Nichols, SWIC

**Thank you,
DISPATCHERS**



**National Public Safety
Telecommunicators Week
April 14-20, 2024**

ISICSB Unveils New Website

We are excited to announce that ISICSB has unveiled it's new website! The new website is much more user-friendly and easier to navigate.

We encourage you all to have a look at the new site located at isicsb.iowa.gov. If you have any comments or feedback, contact Hollie Davidson @ hdavidso@dps.state.ia.us

ISICS System Administrator Report (February 2024)

Radios = 36,872 (up 617 from January 2024)
Talkgroups = 3,238 (up 8 from January 2024)
Push-to-Talks = 2,646,363 (down 555,734 from January 2024)

ISICS System Administrator Report (March 2024)

Radios = 37,058 (up 186 from February 2024)
Talkgroups = 3,252 (up 14 from February 2024)
Push-to-Talks = 2,784,987 (up 138,624 from February 2024)

New Approved ISICS Users

- ◆ Bremer County Sheriff's Office—Level 4
- ◆ Lucas County E911/Board of Supervisors—Level 2
- ◆ Sioux County Sheriff's Office—Level 3
- ◆ Woodward Resource Center—Level 2

The InfoGram



The U.S. Fire Administration's Emergency Management and Response — Information Sharing and Analysis Center (EMR-ISAC) is a major information sharing hub for the dissemination of critical infrastructure protection and emerging threat information for the Emergency Services Sector (ESS).

The InfoGram is a newsletter that is Produced weekly, the InfoGram includes short articles about the protection of community critical infrastructures and emergency responders.

[Subscribe to The InfoGram](#) at this link, more information can be found at the US Fire Administration official website here <https://www.usfa.fema.gov/a-z/critical-infrastructure-protection.html>

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To Join ISICS

For more info about joining ISICS click [HERE](#)

To start the process to JOIN ISICS click [HERE](#)

If you need assistance or have questions regarding the ISICS joining process, please contact SWIC Haley Nichols @ nichols@dps.state.ia.us

INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS EXERCISE

NEVADA, IOWA
DAY 1 - WED. JUNE 19, 2024
DAY 2 - THURS. JUNE 20, 2024

FUNCTIONAL EXERCISE
STORY COUNTY EVENT

SET UP DATE
TUESDAY JUNE 18TH

Questions: contact SWIC Nichols nichols@dps.state.ia.us

THE COMDEX IS A FOLLOW-ON TO THE COML, COMT, AND INTD, TRAINING COURSES. IT PROVIDES AN OPPORTUNITY FOR COML, COMT, AND INTD TRAINEES TO DEMONSTRATE PROFICIENCY AND COMPLETE REQUIREMENTS IN THE RESPECTIVE POSITION TASK BOOKS (PTB).

PUBLIC SAFETY PROFESSIONALS WHO HAVE COMPLETED A COML, COMT, OR INTD, COURSE MUST COMPLETE A SERIES OF COMPETENCY TASKS IN THEIR PTB AS THE NEXT STEP IN BECOMING A CREDENTIALLED COML, COMT, OR INTD IN IOWA. IN THIS ONE-DAY EXERCISE, TASKS ARE DESIGNED TO SIMULATE CHALLENGES COMMUNICATIONS UNIT TRAINEES WILL ENCOUNTER DURING AN INCIDENT. TRAINEES ATTEND ONE DAY OF THIS EVENT FOR THEIR RESPECTIVE DISCIPLINE.

AT THE END OF THE EXERCISE, RECOGNIZED EVALUATORS CAN SIGN OFF ON TASKS WITHIN THE PTB FOR TRAINEES WHO HAVE SUCCESSFULLY DEMONSTRATED THEIR PROFICIENCY AT COMPLETING THE TASK(S). ALL TASKS MAY NOT BE COMPLETED BY ALL TRAINEES AT PROFICIENCY.



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5X5 Public Safety Innovation Summit

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