

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ⇒ ISICS Standard 1.10.0—Cross Spectrum Interoperability is up for [30-day Public Comment](#) **New**
- ⇒ [Current Training Opportunities](#) **New**
- ⇒ The January 2025 FirstNet Newsletter is available [HERE](#)
- ⇒ The February 2025 FirstNet Newsletter is available [HERE](#)
- ⇒ Click [HERE](#) to see the January 2025 CISA Report
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Who's on FirstNet?

“Who’s on FirstNet” is a peer-reported platform for public safety professionals. Discover which agencies are using the platform and access contact information to ask questions directly from those with firsthand experience. If your public safety agency is using FirstNet, please share how you are utilizing it at Who’s on FirstNet. If you’re considering using FirstNet or have questions, this is a great way to learn from others’ experiences and pick up some tips and tricks. Visit Who’s on FirstNet to sign up or review the information. www.whosonfirstnet.com/

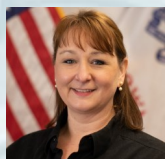
Note From the SWIC

As I write this, much remains uncertain, but I want to share what we know at this moment, hoping that by the time the next newsletter arrives with the spring tulips, things will have evolved. Significant changes are expected before the next publication, so I encourage you to attend our committee meetings and participate in your Regional Interoperability Committee (RIC) meetings. These meetings provide a valuable opportunity to connect with local users, discuss topics relevant to your needs, and raise awareness of issues that others may not yet recognize.

I received notice on Friday February 21st that there has been a pause on the grant funds allocated to the iMED project. This is the grant in which \$1.8 million was awarded to ISICSB to fund radio equipment and emerging technology to improve EMS to hospital communications. This project is well underway, and equipment is ordered, in-transit, and in some cases ready for install; employee payroll also currently depends on these funds to be dispersed. This is all the information I have at this time.

Legislation has been introduced in the 91st Iowa Assembly that, if passed, will affect the Iowa Statewide Interoperability Communications System. In this newsletter you will see links to the bill introduced in the Senate and the corresponding bill that has been introduced in the House.

As we look ahead to 2025, there is much to anticipate in what promises to be an impactful year. The iMED project is expected to continue making a significant difference across Region 1. A Communications Unit Leader (COML) course is scheduled in Council Bluffs in time for the unpredictable spring weather season and the busy summer months, with RAGBRAI having a confirmed route in the northern tier of the state. Iowa remains committed to leading interoperable best practices for public safety and public services, ensuring the highest levels of security and oversight while expanding user engagement through training, outreach, exercises, and presentations.



Respectfully,

Haley Nichols, SWIC

New Approved ISICS Users

- ◆ Iowa DOC - 7th District—Level 2
- ◆ Offutt AFB Fire & Emergency Services—Level 1

ISICS System Administrator Reports

December 2024

Radios = 42,065 (up 785 from November 2024)
Talkgroups = 3,547 (up 123 from November 2024)
Push-to-Talks = 2,809,239 (up 51,217 from November 2024)

January 2025

Radios = 42,565 (up 500 from December 2024)
Talkgroups = 3,589 (up 42 from December 2024)
Push-to-Talks = 2,866,722 (down 57,483 from December 2024)

ISICSB Legislation

HSB 198—<https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ga=91&ba=HSB%20198>

SF 89—<https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ga=91&ba=sf89>



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New COMU Credentials

During the January 9, 2025, ISICSB Meeting, SWIC Haley Nichols presented COMU credentialing certificates to the following individuals for their successful completion of and fulfilling all requirements necessary to be credentialed as Incident Tactical Dispatchers (INTDs). Congratulations to all!



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“Never get so busy making a living that you forget to make a life.”

~ Dolly Parton

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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

2025 Iowa DPS Legislators Night

On January 15, 2025, DPS hosted an open house for the Iowa legislators at DPS Headquarters. The event highlights the crucial work done by the different divisions of the Department of Public Safety. Included on display at the event was the Mobile Command Center, which provided a critical lifeline by restoring 911 services, NCIC access, and network capabilities during the floods and tornadoes across the state in 2024.



[2024 ISICSB Annual Report to the Legislature](#)