

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ⇒ [Current Training Opportunities](#)
- ⇒ The Summer 2025 FirstNet Newsletter is available [HERE](#)
- ⇒ Click [HERE](#) to see the July 2025 CISA Report
- Click [HERE](#) to see the August 2025 CISA Report

Committee Membership Announcement

We are requesting that all current committee members re-apply to their committees by submitting an updated Committee Membership Application. If you participate on more than one committee, please submit one application for each committee. If you would like to join one of our committees, please submit the same Committee Membership Application located at <https://form.jotform.com/222193764111046>.

ISICS System Administrator Reports

June 2025

Radios = 46,365 (up 254 from May 2025)

Talkgroups = 3,621 (up 1 from May 2025)

Push-to-Talks = 3,164,243 (down 390,707 from May 2025)

July 2025

Radios = 46,728 (up 363 from June 2025)

Talkgroups = 3,633 (up 12 from June 2025)

Push-to-Talks = 4,905,081 (up 1,740,838 from June 2025)

New Approved ISICS Users

- ◆ Clarke County Sheriff's Office (update)—Level 4
- ◆ Sioux City Community School District—Level 2

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

Note From the SWIC

My commute takes me North on Hwy 65, also known as Hubbell Ave, Hwy 330 and Hwy 6. I pass through Altoona a busy interchange for many travelers. The sight of a corn dog and lemonade stand being towed away just a day after the Iowa State Fair's closing is a clear sign of summer winding to a close. Yet, in the distance, the Monster, Dragon Slayer, and Tornado coasters thrill at their peaks in unison, children grasping at this last week of freedom.

This summer in Iowa has been marked by a remarkable series of events, each one a testament to the vibrancy of our communities and the importance of reliable communication. The ISICS platform and ISICSB deployable assets have played a crucial role in supporting these occasions, both the ones we anticipate and those we can't plan for.

Some events, like RAGBRAI, are annual traditions. Every year crowds gather in extraordinary numbers to traverse our great state, rolling over hills and valleys from one mighty river to the other. Other events such as less predictable emergencies and incidents remind us of the importance of readiness. Whether we experience these moments firsthand or witness them on our screens, one thing remains constant: responders gather en masse, ready to do what they do best—show up and be effective.

In those vital moments, Iowa can count on more than 95% mobile coverage statewide, deployable assets for impacted areas, and redundant communication routes that ensure resiliency and reliability. But most importantly, we can count on our people; the helpers who work diligently, selflessly, and tirelessly.

ISICS exists as a support structure, enabling continued essential work, for the safety and security of the public, for better, safer outcomes for all Iowans.



Respectfully,

Haley Nichols, SWIC

ISICS Board Member Spotlight

Michael Colby—Representing Municipal Police Department



Chief Mike Colby grew up in West Des Moines Iowa, graduating from Valley High School. After high school he attended Florida Atlantic University (FAU), studying marine biology. After attending FAU, he moved back to West Des Moines and obtained associate's degree in criminal justice from Des Moines Area Community College (DMACC), a bachelor's degree in criminal justice leadership from William Penn University, and a Masters in Leadership Development from Drake University.

Mike started his law enforcement career with the Clive, Iowa Police Department in July of 2001, as a Police Officer. During his time working in Clive, he served as a narcotics investigator, field training officer, chairman of the Central Iowa Traffic Safety Task Force, was a certified Drug Recognition Expert (DRE), a certified Accident Investigator (AI). He then moved to Clear Lake with his wife and their three kids in August of 2016, when he was appointed Captain. As the department's only Captain, Chief Colby oversaw the Clear Lake Police Department Operations Division consisting of Uniform Patrol and Investigations. In May of 2023, Chief Colby was appointed Interim Chief of Police before permanently being appointed as Clear Lake's Chief of Police in October 2023.

Chief Colby is a graduate of Northwestern University's School of Police Staff and Command (SPSC). He enjoys spending time working with officers and citizens, creating a progressive police department, and serving the Clear Lake and Ventura communities. Chief Colby is also a member of Clear Lake Noon Lions Club, and Zion Lutheran Church. In his off-time He enjoys boating in the summer, attending Clear Lake's many special events, and hunting upland game in the fall and winter. He especially enjoys spending time in Florida at the beach with his family whenever possible.

Chief Colby joined the ISICS Board in May 2025. He is also the Chair of the ISICSB Governance Committee.



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New COMU Credentials

During the July 10, 2025, ISICSB Meeting, SWIC Haley Nichols presented COMU credentialing certificates to Shane Andrews and Zachary Mann their successful completion of and fulfilling all requirements necessary to be credentialed Incident Tactical Dispatchers (INTD). Congratulations Shane and Zach!



Shane Andrews



Zachary Mann

New FirstNet Sites

- ⇒ One in **Council Bluffs, IA** near Kanesville Blvd. and N. Broadway
- ⇒ One near **Iowa City, IA** along IA-1 and Maier Ave.

“Don't let the fear of striking out hold you back.”

~ Babe Ruth

2025 Iowa State Fair

