

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

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ISICS System Administrator Reports

August 2025

Radios = 46,633 (down 95 from July 2025)

Talkgroups = 3,637 (up 4 from July 2025)

Push-to-Talks = 3,443,140 (down 1,461,941 from July 2025)

September 2025

Radios = 46,950 (up 317 from August 2025)

Talkgroups = 3,639 (up 2 from August 2025)

Push-to-Talks = 3,151,592 (down 291,548 from August 2025)

Note From the SWIC

When your world moves too fast
and you lose yourself in the chaos,
introduce yourself
to each color of the sunset.
Reacquaint yourself
with the earth beneath your feet.
Thank the air that surrounds you
with every breath you take.
Find yourself
in the appreciation of life.

~~ Christy Ann Martine

ISICS committees have been moving fast and working hard on an abundance of work to be done. Dedicated users of this system commit to the important discussions that garner answers and create solutions. If you are interested in joining an ISICSB committee, please look to the link in this newsletter, or join a meeting or two and see what it is all about. Topics currently in discussion are broadband push-to-talk over the land mobile radio network, how to deliver valuable ISICS training to all of Iowa, as well as encryption and patching and the caveats they create.

Slow down and find time to enjoy a fall sunrise and sunset!



Respectfully,

Haley Nichols, SWIC

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>.

New Approved ISICS Users

- ◆ Cedar County Radio Governance Board—Level 1
- ◆ Iowa Insurance Fraud Bureau—Level 2
- ◆ MercyOne Genesis DeWitt Ambulance—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

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"If you can't fly, then run; if you can't run, then walk; if you can't walk, then crawl, but whatever you do, you have to keep moving forward."

~ Martin Luther King, Jr.

ISICS Board Member Spotlight

Patrick Updike—
Representing Member-at-Large



Patrick Updike was born in California and moved to Iowa in 1974. After graduating from Red Oak Community Schools, he attended Buena Vista College for a year and a half before returning to Red Oak to help with the family business. In 1992, Patrick returned to college to study electronics and graduated from Southwestern Community College with an AAS in Electronic Engineering Technology in 1995.

Throughout the years, Patrick has worked in various fields including Ad-Composition for a calendar company, home appliance repair and installation, commercial and industrial electrical wiring, 2-way radio installation and repair public safety equipment uplifting, US West/QWEST communications, and lastly, he spent 14 years working for the Iowa Department of Corrections as an Electronics Engineering Technician. In his spare time, Patrick plays music, helps out with family, and is involved with AMATEUR radio.

Patrick joined the ISICS Board in June of 2011, and he is the Chair of the Technology Committee.

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Regional Interoperability Committees (RICs)

Are you a member of your Regional Interoperability Committee (RIC)? What is a RIC? The 6 regional ISICSB RICs are committees used for information sharing and ISICS user experience sharing among the neighboring counties and agencies in your region. The meetings offer a great opportunity to collaborate with and learn from other agencies in your area that are also using ISICS. The committees meet once a month through the TEAMS meeting platform. If you would like to become a member of your RIC, please complete the Committee Membership Application located at <https://form.jotform.com/222193764111046>.

If you would like more information regarding the RICs, contact SWIC Nichols at nichols@dps.state.ia.us.

Communication Unit Leader (COML) Course

A COML course was held on September 22nd—25th in Council Bluffs, Iowa. There were 16 successful attendees, and the course landed three new COML Instructors—one from Iowa (Chad Roberts, Regional Communications Manager at Des Moines State Radio), one from Kansas, and one from Missouri. Thank you to Pottawattamie County Emergency Management Agency for hosting the event.

