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## Meeting Minutes

Luke Erpelding  
Communications Center

Curtis Woten  
EMS

Vacant  
Emergency Management

Michele Bischof  
Fire Department

Michael Colby  
Municipal Police Department

Jeff Vandewater  
Sheriff's Office

Patrick Updike  
Member At-Large

Legislative Members  
Senator Jesse Green  
Senator Matt Blake  
Representative Mike Vondran  
Representative Eric Gjerde

Iowa Statewide Interoperable Communications System Board  
July 9, 2026 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

**Dallas County Human Services Campus**  
**25747 N Avenue**  
**Adel, IA 50003**

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Meeting called to order by Chair Bischof at 10:30 a.m.

The meeting was conducted via in-person and Microsoft Teams. The conference telephone line was opened for board members and public listening and comment.

Five voting board members were present via in-person and Microsoft Teams, establishing a quorum.

**Voting Members Present In-Person:** None

**Voting Members in Attendance via Microsoft Teams:** Michele Bischof, Michael Colby, Luke Erpelding, Patrick Updike, Jeff Vandewater

**Non-Voting Present in Person:** Administrative Assistant Hollie Davidson, SWIC Haley Nichols

**Non-Voting Present via Microsoft Teams:** Representative Mike Vondran

**Absent:** Curtis Woten

**Guests:** Brad Button, Chase Clark, Rob Dehnert, Blake DeRouchey, Josh Duden, Michael Foster, Dave Gordon, Travis Hitchcock, Heath Hove, Tom Lampe, Chris Maiers, Terry McClannahan, Marilyn Mosinski, Cara O'Donnell, Al Paredes, Scott Richardson, Hannah Short, Paul Shriner, Jeff Swisher, Austin Taffae

**Welcoming Remarks:** Chair Bischof welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending.

**Approval of Agenda:** Jeff Vandewater motioned to approve today's agenda. Michael Colby seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passes.

**Approval of Minutes:** Luke Erpelding motioned to approve the June ISICSB Meeting Minutes. Jeff Vandewater seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passes.

**SWIC Report:** SWIC Nichols reports the following:

- July RIC training is about the basic things to consider for Cybersecurity for non-IT personnel
- On July 7<sup>th</sup>, there was a coordinated meeting with the state patrol's Sgt. Dinkla and RAGBRAI pass through counties to provide information on what to expect, the communications plan, interoperability, etc.
- SWIC will provide a presentation on "Effective Radio Communications for Interoperability Utilizing Iowa's Unified Radio Networks to Complete the Mission" at the 102<sup>nd</sup> Annual Iowa Statewide Fire School at the end of January 2027
- iMED-REMCDP update:
  - all invoices were paid by end of FY
  - today is the first scheduled deployment of the WAVE technology in a hospital
- There was a typo found in Standard 1.5.5 – Medical Interoperable Communications - a talkgroup name in Region 3 (O'Brien 71SSMC1E) – this has been fixed and v1.2 was uploaded to the website
- Still working to find dates for the approved INTD course that will be held in Carroll County
- ICS 300 is a prerequisite for the COML course – upcoming opportunities are listed on the website
- Six days left in the comment period on the posted documents – currently there are over 100 views of the documents with no comments
- Request for approval under today's New Business to attend Central States COMMEX in Hot Springs, Arkansas

**911 Council Report & E911 Program Manager:** E911 Program Manager Blake DeRouchey thanked the Department of Public Safety for the use of the disaster recovery vehicle that is taking calls out of Page County who is currently doing a remodel of their PSAP center. The vehicle will then move to Fremont County for a remodel there.

The West Des Moines NextGen Corps data center has been decommissioned and has moved to Raleigh, North Carolina. The Davenport data center will be moving to Council Bluffs.

Blake reports that on June 15<sup>th</sup> there was a multi-state impairment. The cause of this was a failing cable that helped deliver caller location which is directly related to call routing. There were long call setup times while the call was trying to connect and determine which PSAP to route to. During the hour and a half of experiencing the issue, over a thousand 911 calls were placed in Iowa, and 677 of those resulted in a caller hang up due to long connection time. The cable out of the Phoenix data center has been replaced, and other mitigating factors are also being investigated.

**User Group Committee (UGC):** UGC Chair Vandewater reports there is one new user application up for approval under New Business.

**Finance Report:** Chair Bischof reports the Finance Committee met and reviewed the financials for June. The Board has now received its payment from the DOT that helps fund staff salaries. There will be some salaries that were paid for out of other line items that will come back to this report where they belong.

The monthly net expenditures for June 2026 for the Interoperable and Broadband Communications Fund were \$775.50. The remaining amount available is \$43,134.20.

**Governance Committee:** Governance Committee Chair Colby reports the Committee met and reviewed Policy 2014-01.G. The Policy name was shortened to Endorsing Support for Association of Public Safety (APCO) Project 25 Standards (P25). The policy is ready to go back on the website.

The Committee also reviewed and answered some questions from the Technology Committee regarding the Broadband over LMR policy that will be combined with Standard 1.10.0 – Cross Spectrum Interoperability.

**Operations Committee:** Operations Committee Chair Erpelding reports the Committee met and finished reviewing Standard 1.5.0 – ISICS Regional and Statewide Interoperability Talkgroups. The standard will be on the August agenda for 30-day public comment approval.

The Committee spent most of the time working on the new visor cards.

**Training & Outreach Committee:** No report.

**COMU Credentialing Subcommittee:** SWIC Nichols reports the subcommittee met and approved 2 Position Task Books:

- Benjamin Andrews - COML
- Marilyn Mosinski - COML

**Technology Committee:** Technology Chair Updike reports the Committee met twice and discussed combining Standard 1.10.0 – Cross Spectrum Interoperability with the draft policy for Broadband over PTT with ISICS LMR. The Committee also discussed what to do with those who are already existing users. Chair Updike mentioned possibly conducting a survey to inventory existing users.

Another topic that was discussed is capacity and possibly developing a policy to address capacity issues.

**FirstNet Broadband Subcommittee:** SWIC Nichols reports the Committee has not yet met this month. The next meeting is on July 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Other Reports:**

Information Sharing Board Members: Michael Colby reports that Clear Lake is working with the NENA chapter to possibly hold a CMCP class for public safety telecommunicator leaders.

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ISICS System Administrator Report: Assistant System Administrator Al Paredes reports the following:

- The Hardin site recently experienced a power issue due to a main breaker failure, which required it to run entirely on its backup generator for a few days. The crew successfully replaced and tested the new breaker, safely restoring main utility power. The site is now back to normal and operating perfectly.
  - RF maintenance is underway in the southeast part of Iowa this month and will continue through August. These maintenance windows will take each site offline for about 4 hours while work is performed.
  - HVAC maintenance is still ongoing, as well as the Juniper router conversion.
  - ISICS Numbers for June 2026:
    - Radios = 49,597 (up 687 from May 2026)
    - Talkgroups = 3,664 (up 9 from May 2026)
    - Push-to-Talks = 3,236,179 (down 187,810 from May 2026)
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FirstNet Authority Update: FirstNet Authority (FNA) Representative Tom Lampe reports the following:

- FNA now has a full 12-member Board
  - An additional \$2 billion has been secured for FNA to use as in-kind monies
  - The coverage workshop planned for August will provide an update on the progress of Iowa's coverage submissions from the previous workshop.
  - The survey link to submit coverage recommendations is still active at <https://arcg.is/0LGK0q>
  - FirstNet truck will be present at RAGBRAI, Farm Progress Show, Iowa State Fair
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AT&T Update: Cara O'Donnell attended the meeting in person and introduced herself as the new AT&T Representative for the state of Iowa.

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CISA Update: CISA Representative Chris Maiers presented the following slide deck:



## Prioritizing Security Updates Based on Risk

### What must Federal Agencies Do?:

- Update vulnerability management policies & prioritize critical and exposed vulnerabilities on systems.
- Monitor Known Exploited Vulnerabilities (KEV) Catalog and mitigate vulnerabilities in accordance with KEV timelines.
- Automate on vulnerability status reporting & draft an annual report.
- Continue Cyber Hygiene scanning & update asset inventories.

### What can I do?:

- There's no obligation, but you may incorporate these practices into your asset & vulnerability management policies and systems.
- Leverage the Vulnerability Response Timeline into policies for critical systems.



BOD 26-04: <https://www.cisa.gov/news-events/directives/bod-26-04-prioritizing-security-updates-based-risk>

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## Vulnerability Response Timeline

|    | Publicly Exposed?* | In the KEV?* | Automatable by Adversary?* | Technical Impact* | Agency Timeline (Calendar Days) for Remediation |
|----|--------------------|--------------|----------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| 1  | Yes                | Yes          | Yes                        | Total control     | 3 days & forensic triage                        |
| 2  | Yes                | Yes          | Yes                        | Partial control   | 3 days                                          |
| 3  | Yes                | Yes          | No                         | Total control     | 3 days & forensic triage                        |
| 4  | Yes                | Yes          | No                         | Partial control   | 14 days                                         |
| 5  | Yes                | No           | Yes                        | Total control     | 3 days                                          |
| 6  | Yes                | No           | Yes                        | Partial control   | 14 days                                         |
| 7  | Yes                | No           | No                         | Total control     | 14 days                                         |
| 8  | Yes                | No           | No                         | Partial control   | 60 days                                         |
| 9  | No                 | Yes          | Yes                        | Total control     | 3 days & forensic triage                        |
| 10 | No                 | Yes          | Yes                        | Partial control   | 14 days                                         |
| 11 | No                 | Yes          | No                         | Total control     | 14 days                                         |
| 12 | No                 | Yes          | No                         | Partial control   | 14 days                                         |
| 13 | No                 | No           | Yes                        | Total control     | 60 days                                         |
| 14 | No                 | No           | Yes                        | Partial control   | 60 days                                         |
| 15 | No                 | No           | No                         | Total control     | Fix on system upgrade                           |
| 16 | No                 | No           | No                         | Partial control   | Fix on system upgrade                           |



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## Regional News of Note

### FIFA World Cup 2026 continues.

- Final match July 11<sup>th</sup>.

### Technical Assistance News:

- Illinois
  - SCIP – July 29<sup>th</sup> in Springfield, IL.
- Iowa
  - Requests being processed.
- Missouri
  - Central States COMDEX – Sept 22-25 (Hot Springs, AR)
- Kansas
  - Governance document for Interoperability Advisory Committee
- Nebraska
  - NSTR



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## Old Business: None

## New Business:

New User Applicant Participation Plan Approval: Jeff Vandewater made a motion to approve the following new user application: Jackson County Sheriff's Office – Level 1. Luke Erpelding seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passes.

Approval of 30-day comment on ISICS Standard 1.10.0 – Cross Spectrum Interoperability: SWIC Nichols reports that this is the standard combining the draft policy for broadband PTT and incorporates the language from both standards.

Michael Colby motioned to approve posting Standard 1.10.0 for 30-day public comment. Jeff Vandewater seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passes.

Approval of Technical Assistance Request to CISA for a State-Sponsored Communication Leader (COML) course: SWIC Nichols reports that Nic Briseno has offered to teach this course, and his agency will take care of all his travel needs. Chad Roberts from DPS has offered to be the second instructor. Deputy SWIC Walser has also offered to be available for a couple of days.

Luke Erpelding motioned to approve submitting the Technical Assistance Request to CISA for a state-sponsored COML course. Jeff Vandewater seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passes.

Approve SWIC Nichols travel to Hot Springs, AR: Michael Colby motioned to approve SWIC Nichols travel to Hot Springs, AR for the Central States COMMEX. Luke Erpelding seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passes.

COMU Credentials: SWIC Nichols presented a COMU certificate to Marilyn Mosinski (COML).

**Public Comment:** None

**Motion to Adjourn:** Jeff Vandewater motioned to adjourn the meeting. Michael Colby seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passes and the meeting adjourned at 11:10 am.

YouTube link for the July 9, 2026, ISICSB Meeting: <https://youtu.be/BuxAWEKkHOY>