

Policy Statement

State of Iowa

Policy Name: Adoption of Conventional 700 MHz Air to Ground channels for use in Iowa	Policy#:	ISICS 2021-01.0
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WHEREAS: The Iowa Statewide Interoperable Communications System Board (ISICSB) is established in Code of Iowa sections 80.28 and 80.29. ISICSB is charged to develop, implement and oversee policy, operations, and fiscal components of communications interoperability efforts at the state and local levels, and to coordinate similar efforts at the federal level, with the objective of overseeing operation of statewide integrated public safety systems, and establish, monitor, and maintain appropriate policies and protocols, expand, maintain and fund stakeholder education, public education, and official education programs to demonstrate value of short-term communications interoperability solutions, and;

WHEREAS: ISICSB supports federal and state law or regulations allowing government control and access for public safety, and public service, interoperability on interoperable frequencies and channels, using interoperable equipment on land mobile radio (LMR) and data sharing systems, and;

WHEREAS: ISICSB recognizes that use of the 700 MHz Air to Ground channels will be decided based on agency policies and practices, and;

WHEREAS: ISICSB is tasked with establishing, monitoring and maintaining policies and protocols that ensure interoperable communications function properly by following best practices and standards on the Iowa Statewide Interoperable Communications System (ISICS) and other conventional interoperability channels and;

NOW THEREFORE;

IT IS ISICSB POLICY:

The ISICSB adopts the 700 MHz Air to Ground channels as defined by the Federal Communication Commission (FCC) Rule 90.531(7)(i)-(iv).

Channel Name	Channel Name
7AG58	7AG78
7AG58D	7AG78D
7AG60	7AG80
7AG60D	7AG80D
7AG67	7AG85
7AG67D	7AG85D
7AG68	7AG88
7AG68D	7AG88D

IT IS FURTHER POLICY THAT:

These air to ground channels be listed on the ISICSB ICS-217A as required and should be programmed in radios within 18 months following this policy's adoption for agencies that have 700 MHz equipped subscriber radios.

IT IS FURTHER POLICY THAT:

7AG88D be utilized as the preferred channel for landing zone coordination if the air to ground channels are to be used. The rest of the air to ground channels shall be utilized on a first come, first serve basis. Further clarification on the use of these channels is outlined in ISICS Standard 1.5.2 for ISICS users.

IT IS FURTHER POLICY THAT:

These air to ground channels be listed on StatusBoard to maximize situational awareness of their use and resultant coordination among agencies. As agencies utilize these channels for planned or unplanned events, a reservation should be made in StatusBoard as soon as possible by the dispatcher with a comment on the location of use.