

Policy Statement

State of Iowa

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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 is tasked with establishing, monitoring and maintaining policies and protocols that ensure interoperable communications function properly by following applicable best practices and standards, and;

NOW THEREFORE;

IT IS ISICSB POLICY:

All Public Safety Radios Shall be programmed to include the channels as listed in the most current version ICS 217A (as applicable to your frequency band and as channel capacity allows) found on the <https://dps.iowa.gov/divisions/commissioners-office/interoperability-communications/isics-board/resources/standards> website, effective as of January 1, 2018. ISICSB ICS217A versions will be represented by year and version number, for example, 20YY (year) - XX (version number).

This policy establishes the ICS217A document as the authoritative source for programming of conventional interoperable communication resources. Other documentation or sources, such as the NIFOG, should be consulted in the event of a channel not being listed in the ICS 217A. Programming practices should be consistent with those listed in the ICS 217A.

This Iowa Statewide minimum interoperability channel plan will improve multi-agency interoperability for communication by Land Mobile Radio (LMR) systems at times of a major incident and/or need.

The following radio channel names changed as of January 1, 2014 to the new nomenclature per APCO/NPSTC ANSI.104.3--2015 - Standard Channel Nomenclature for the Public Safety Interoperability Channels:

Frequency	Old Name(s) ¹	New Name
154.2800 MHz	State Fire Aid, Fire Mutual Aid, Fire Aid, Aid	VFIRE21
155.4750 MHz	Law Aid, Mutual Aid Law, LE Aid, Aid	VLAW31
155.3400 MHz	State EMS, EMS Mutual Aid, EMS Aid, Aid	VMED28

In order to maintain consistency with current capabilities, agencies should discontinue use of old name(s) of these channels and begin using the updated names.

Users of the Iowa Statewide Interoperable Communications System (ISICS) should also have the minimum interoperable talkgroups referenced in [ISICS Standards](#).

Additional information can be found from the Iowa Statewide Interoperable Communications Systems Board (ISICSB) at <https://isicsb.iowa.gov>

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