Iowa Statewide Interoperable Communications System (ISICS)
Standards, Protocols, Procedures

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1. Purpose or Objective

The purpose of this standard is to establish the guidelines and procedures for communications during official agency transport and/or travel outside of the originating jurisdictional area. This can include, but is not limited to, transport of prisoners, or medical and mental health patients. This standard encourages consistency among agencies statewide.

2. Technical Background

- **Capabilities**

  The Iowa Statewide Interoperable Communications System Board (ISICSB) has established standards for use of the statewide interoperability talkgroups outlined in ISICS Standard 1.5.0 Regional and Statewide Interoperability Talkgroups.

  The Iowa Statewide Interoperable Communications System has better than 95% mobile coverage across Iowa.

- **Constraints**

  ISICS users have locally created policy and procedure for operational communications. Statewide adoption of standardized communications procedure will take time and training. Movement outside of a jurisdiction and transport of prisoners, and/or medical and mental health patients present dynamic communications challenges for public safety agencies. The State of Iowa is divided into six regions, traveling users may need to orient themselves if moving out of their home region.

3. Operational Context

Utilization of a regional or statewide communication system when traveling or transporting individuals out of one jurisdiction and into another, across borders and disparate communications systems.

4. Recommended Protocol/Standard

Consistent with [ISICS Standard 1.7.0](#), minimum programming requirements shall be followed by public safety communication centers and users with connectivity to ISICS. Users should gain an understanding of the ISICS interoperable talkgroups as presented in ISICS Standard 1.5.0. Agencies will determine how employees utilize this standard.

5. Recommended Procedure

- Check-ins for any high-risk transport missions can be communicated on the local agency statewide roaming talkgroup for Level 2, 3, or 4 users.
- It is recommended that the traveling personnel scan or monitor the geographically appropriate regional calling talkgroup so they receive announcements from public safety communications centers.
- If a traveling personnel encounter an incident on the road such as a reckless driver, suspicious vehicle, or any other potential hazard, the driver may call in the report on a geographically appropriate regional calling talkgroup listed in the appended State/Regional Call Talkgroup list. The user is to identify their agency, unit identifier, and location for reporting purposes.
  - If the traveling personnel stops to offer assistance, they may be assigned to a regional interoperability talkgroup. A patch may be created with a regional interoperable TAC talkgroup and any appropriate local operable channel to establish communication with responding local personnel.
  - Regional interoperable talkgroups are preferred, but if the situation warrants, a statewide interoperable talkgroup may be assigned.
- If assistance is needed during travel, the appropriate regional or statewide calling talkgroup listed in the appended State/Regional Call Talkgroup list may be used. Regional calling talkgroups are preferred.
- PSAPs and dispatch centers should announce any hazards for traveling personnel via the geographically appropriate regional calling talkgroup listed in the appended State/Regional Call Talkgroup list.

6. Management

The ISICSB Training and Exercise Committee will ensure that a training module is created for this ISICS Standard.

Appended List of Calling Talkgroups for Transports

STATE / REGIONAL CALL TALKGROUP			
Alias	**Comment**	**Region**	**Talkgroup**
IACALL1	Iowa Statewide Calling	STATEWIDE	CALL
R1CALL11	Iowa Region 1 Calling	REGION 1	CALL
R2CALL21	Iowa Region 2 Calling	REGION 2	CALL
R3CALL31	Iowa Region 3 Calling	REGION 3	CALL
R4CALL41	Iowa Region 4 Calling	REGION 4	CALL
R5CALL51	Iowa Region 5 Calling	REGION 5	CALL
R6CALL61	Iowa Region 6 Calling	REGION 6	CALL