



**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 a process for entities utilizing the ISICS Platform to announce which interoperable resources are being used for a planned or unplanned emergent event and to announce Type 4 or greater [National Incident Management System \(NIMS\)](#) events and/or situations that are [Immediately Dangerous to Life or Health \(IDLH\)](#) or that could rapidly evolve and/or put the public and response personnel in danger. These include but are not limited to pursuits, significant vehicle accidents, large fires, HAZMAT and others.

**2. Technical Background**

• **Capabilities**

The ISICS Platform provides enough resources for an announcement to be made to communicate to necessary personnel to respond to a NIMS Type 4 and/or IDLH event such as a planned or unplanned emergent event that could rapidly evolve and/or put the public and response personnel in danger, and which ISICS talkgroup(s) are being utilized for the event if necessary.

• **Constraints**

Coordination and communication are vital for the success of the mission and safety of personnel.

**3. Operational Context**

A NIMS Type 4 or greater or IDLH event such as a planned or unplanned emergent event that could rapidly evolve and/or put the public and response personnel in danger is often dynamic and necessitates communication and collaboration among public safety communications centers and in-field personnel.

#### **4. Recommended Protocol/ Standard**

All ISICS connected equipment shall adhere to the minimum programming requirements in [ISICS Standard 1.7.0](#) Minimum Programming Requirements.

At a minimum public safety and public service communication centers are required to monitor the regional calling talkgroup in which their communication center resides.

#### **5. Recommended Procedure**

Upon initiation of a NIMS Type 4 and/or IDLH event such as a planned or unplanned emergent event that could rapidly evolve and/or put the public and response personnel in danger, the initiating agency shall make an announcement on their regional calling talkgroup

- Region 1 use: Region 1 CALLING 11 (R1 CALL11)
- Region 2 use: Region 2 CALLING 21 (R2 CALL21)
- Region 3 use: Region 3 CALLING 31 (R3 CALL31)
- Region 4 use: Region 4 CALLING 41 (R4 CALL41)
- Region 5 use: Region 5 CALLING 51 (R5 CALL51)
- Region 6 use: Region 6 CALLING 61 (R6 CALL61)

and, if necessary, a statewide calling talkgroup regarding which regional or statewide interoperable tactical (TAC) talkgroup will be used once the responding personnel have been moved to that talkgroup.

#### **6. Management**

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

The ISICSB Operations Committee shall review this standard on an as-needed basis or at a minimum annually to ensure effectiveness.