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 needed during official agency travel outside of the jurisdictional area.

2. Technical Background

- **Capabilities**

The Iowa Statewide Interoperable Communications System Board (ISICSB) has established standards for use of the statewide interoperability talkgroups.

- **Constraints**

Experience has shown that agencies have used many different processes in the past. This standard encourages consistency among agencies statewide.

3. Operational Context

Travel presents various situations with respect to reporting incidents that may endanger the safety of personnel or the public.

4. Recommended Protocol/ Standard

Consistent with ISICS Standard 1.7.0, the following programming requirements are required for ISICS connected subscriber units:

     Consoles:

- Communication centers with full connectivity to ISICS will program their regional talkgroups in addition to adjacent regional and the statewide interoperability talkgroups.

Control Stations:
- Communication centers using only control stations to connect to ISICS will at a minimum program their regional talkgroups and the statewide interoperability talkgroups.

Subscriber Radios:
- Subscriber radios connecting to ISICS will be programed with all regional talkgroups and the statewide interoperability talkgroups and all channels consistent with ISICSB ICS-217A.

5. Recommended Procedure

- Agencies will determine how employees utilize this standard.

- 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 his/her location for reporting purposes.

  If the traveling personnel stops to offer assistance, he/she may be assigned to a regional interoperability talkgroup. A patch may be created with a regional interoperable TAC talkgroup to any appropriate local operable channel to establish communication with responding local personnel.

  Regional interoperable talkgroups are preferred, but if there is a possibility of the situation becoming mobile, a statewide interoperable talkgroup may be necessary.

- If assistance is needed during travel, the appropriate regional or statewide calling talkgroup listed in the appended State/Regional Call Talkgroup list can 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 Travel

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