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Subject: Damages to Microwave System at ISICS Lourdes Tower due to Lightning Strike
on August 18, 2025
Department of Public Safety
Claim dated September 24, 2025
AOS Claim ID: 4151

In accordance with Executive Council policy, we have examined the claim for 29C.20 funds for the above-mentioned damages. It is our conclusion that the above damage incurred by the Department of Public Safety is covered by Chapter 29C.20 of the Code of Iowa. Therefore, we recommend Executive Council approval in the amount of \$14,500.00, subject to an audit of actual invoices.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brian R. Brustkern".

Brian R. Brustkern, CPA
Deputy Auditor of State

cc: Lieutenant Joshua Duden, Communications and Interoperability Bureau,
Department of Public Safety
Heather Hackbarth, Department of Management

Kim Reynolds
Governor
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Department of Public Safety

Stephan Bayens
Commissioner

September 24, 2025

AON 29C.20 allocation request ref. lightning damage on the Lourdes ISICS communication tower. AOS #4151

State of Iowa Executive Council:

On 8-18-25, Motorola personnel discovered damage on the Lourdes ISCS tower. It appears the site was hit by lightning due to severe storms in the area. This strike disrupted various parts of the microwave system.

Motorola Warranty Representative Dave Gordon was able to provide the DPS Interoperability Communications Bureau an estimate of \$14,500 for repairs to the tower. Repairs will commence once a tower crew becomes available.

The DPS Interoperability Communications Bureau is respectfully submitting a 29C.20 allocation request for \$14,500 regarding this act of nature damage.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Lieutenant Joshua Duden
Iowa DPS Communications & Interoperability Bureau
Office of the Commissioner
215 E. 7th Street
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From: [Dave Gordon](#)
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Good Morning Lt.,

Here are two of the estimates I owe you.

Atlantic Lightning Repairs - \$16,500
Lourdes Lightning Repairs - \$14,500

I am still working on the Brooklyn lightning damage. This one is taking longer than I had planned. I am still working on what it will cost to replaced that site with Version 2 ODU's and RAC70 cards since we cannot get the Version 1 ODU's and RAC60 Cards.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,

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