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Subject: Damages to Microwave System Paths at Various ISICS Towers (Mitchellville to Story, Denison to Shelby and Audubon to Carroll) on December 19, 2025  
Department of Public Safety  
Claim dated December 30, 2025  
AOS Claim ID: 4208

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 \$67,500.00, 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  
**Chris Cournoyer**  
Lt. Governor



**Department of Public Safety**

**Stephan Bayens**  
Commissioner

December 30, 2025

AON 29C.20 allocation request ref. microwave dish misalignments between multiple ISICS communication towers. AOS #4208

State of Iowa Executive Council:

On 12-19-25, Motorola personnel discovered several misaligned microwave dishes between multiple ISICS towers. The damage was caused by high winds in the area. This misalignment affects system operability and realignment repairs are necessary. The affected dishes include:

- Mitchellville ISICS tower to Story ISICS tower microwave path
- Denison ISICS tower to Shelby ISICS tower microwave path
- Audubon ISICS tower to Carroll ISICS tower microwave path

Motorola Warranty Representative Dave Gordon was able to provide the DPS Interoperability Communications Bureau a repair estimate of \$22,500 per microwave path for a total amount of \$67,500. Repairs will commence once a tower crew becomes available.

The DPS Interoperability Communications Bureau is respectfully submitting a 29C.20 allocation request for \$67,500 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. 7<sup>th</sup> Street  
Des Moines, IA 50319

**From:** [Dave Gordon](#)  
**To:** [Duden Joshua](#)  
**Cc:** [DAVID GORDON](#)  
**Subject:** \*\* External Email Alert \*\* Re: Damage estimates  
**Date:** Monday, December 29, 2025 12:09:11 PM  
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Good Morning,

Here you go.

**Motorola**

<b>Estimate</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Site Description</b>
\$ <b>45,000</b>	8/12/2025	Brooklyn ISICS Tower lightning strike possible on Aug 12, 25
\$ <b>9,800</b>	11/26/2025	Cedar Rapids ISICS Tower - Dish and Radome Damaged due to winter blizzard/ wind gusts
\$ <b>22,500</b>	12/19/2025	Mitchellville to Story Microwave dish misalignment due to high winds
\$ <b>22,500</b>	12/19/2025	Denison to Shelby Microwave dish misalignment due to high winds
\$ <b>22,500</b>	12/19/2025	Audubon to Carroll Microwave dish misalignment due to high winds
\$ <b>9,800</b>	12/6/2025	Newton ISICS Tower Radome damaged due to winter blizzard/wind
\$ <b>9,800</b>	12/17/2025	Woodbury WIT Tower Radome damage due to winter blizzard/wind

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,

Dave

On Mon, Dec 29, 2025 at 8:51 AM Duden Joshua <[duden@dps.state.ia.us](mailto:duden@dps.state.ia.us)> wrote:

Dave,

Could you get me damage estimates for the following:

8/12/2025	Brooklyn ISICS Tower lightning strike possible on Aug 12, 25
11/26/2025	Cedar Rapids ISICS Tower - Dish and Radome Damaged due to winter blizzard/ wind gusts
12/19/2025	Mitchellville to Story Microwave dish misalignment due to high winds
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