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Subject: Damages to Microwave System on Brooklyn ISICS Tower due to Lightning Strike
on August 15, 2025
Department of Public Safety
Claim dated December 30, 2025
AOS Claim ID: 4154

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 \$45,000.00, subject to an audit of actual invoices.

Sincerely,

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. lightning damage on the Brooklyn ISICS communication tower. AOS #4154

State of Iowa Executive Council:

On 8-12-25, Motorola personnel discovered damage on the Brooklyn 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 \$45,000 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 \$45,000 regarding this act of nature damage.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A blue ink handwritten signature of "Joshua Duden".

Lieutenant Joshua Duden
Iowa DPS Communications & Interoperability Bureau
Office of the Commissioner
215 E. 7th 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		
Estimate	Date	Site Description
\$	8/12/2025	Brooklyn ISICS Tower lightning strike possible on Aug 12, 25
45,000		
\$	11/26/2025	Cedar Rapids ISICS Tower - Dish and Radome Damaged due to winter blizzard/ wind gusts
9,800		
\$	12/19/2025	Mitchellville to Story Microwave dish misalignment due to high winds
22,500		
\$	12/19/2025	Denison to Shelby Microwave dish misalignment due to high winds
22,500		
\$	12/19/2025	Audubon to Carroll Microwave dish misalignment due to high winds
22,500		
\$	12/6/2025	Newton ISICS Tower Radome damaged due to winter blizzard/wind
9,800		
\$	12/17/2025	Woodbury WIT Tower Radome damage due to winter blizzard/wind
9,800		

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> wrote:

Dave,

Could you get me damage estimates for the following:

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