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March 4, 2024

Accounting Department Office of the Treasurer Lucas Building 321 E 12<sup>th</sup> Street Des Moines, IA, 50319

The Executive Council, in a meeting held on today's date, approved the Department of Public Safety's request for an emergency allocation in the amount of \$13,500.00, subject to actual invoices. On October 26, 2023, the Appanoose ISICS communication tower had copper and grounding cables stolen. Request was to cover repair costs.

**EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF IOWA** 

Victoria Newton

Victoria Newton Executive Secretary

cc: Captain Richard Pierce, Bureau Chief, Department of Public Safety Matt Bender, Department of Management Heather Hackbarth, Department of Management

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February 9, 2024

Victoria Newton Executive Council L O C A L

Subject: Damages to Appanoose ISICS Communication Tower due to Theft of Copper

Grounding Cables on October 26, 2023

Department of Public Safety Claim dated January 26, 2024

AOS Claim ID: 3628

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 \$13,500.00, subject to an audit of <u>actual</u> invoices.

Sincerely,

Brian R. Brustkern, CPA

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Deputy Auditor of State

cc: Captain Richard Pierce, Bureau Chief, Department of Public Safety Heather Hackbarth, Department of Management



Stephan Bayens Commissioner

January 26, 2024

Ref. AON 29C20 Allocation Request for 10-26-23 AON Damage to the Appanoose ISICS Communication Tower –Copper Theft & Tilted Tower Antenna

State of Iowa Executive Council:

On 10-26-23, Motorola Warranty Representative, Dave Gordon, reported one of his tower crew personnel was at the ISICS Appanoose Tower Site to conduct an annual Preventative Maintenance (PM) Test at the tower site and discovered various copper ground cables missing at the site. It was reported the ground leads on the west tower leg that connect the flash controller box and master ground bus on the tower had been cut and stolen. The ground cable leads on the north tower leg were also damaged. There was damage to the compound fence as well since the perpetrator(s) appeared to have entered under the southwest corner of the compound fence.

On 10-30-23, while DPS Communication personnel were at the Appanoose ISICS obtaining a police report for the theft of cooper reported on 10-26-23, it was noticed the tower's top antenna was severely tilted. Although the stolen grounding copper cables are connected to the top antenna, it is believed the antenna tilt is due to strong winds and unrelated to the copper theft. Rob Battles, ISICS tower site inventory and Tower Maintenance Inspector conducted his most recent inspection of the Appanoose Tower site on 8-9-23 and the antenna and copper grounding cables were still intact; therefore, we are able to determine the wind damage to the antenna and the copper cabling was stolen sometime between 8-9-23 and 10-26-23.

On 1-25-24, Motorola provided documentation estimating the repair cost to the Appanoose ISICS Tower is \$13,500.00. Repairs will commence when tower crews become available. The DPS Interoperability Communications Bureau is respectfully submitting a 29C20 Allocation Request for \$13,500.00 regarding this AON damage.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Captain Richard Pierce

Bureau Chief

Iowa DPS Communications & Interoperability Bureau

Office of the Commissioner

215 E.7th Street

Des Moines, Ia 50319

## **Newton, Victoria [TOS]**

From: DAVID GORDON <dave.gordon@motorolasolutions.com>

Sent: Thursday, January 25, 2024 11:37 AM

To: ISICSAdmin
Cc: DAVID GORDON

**Subject:** \*\* External Email Alert \*\* Repair Estimates

\*\*External Email Alert\*\* This email is from outside DPS. DO NOT CLICK links or attachments unless you expected them. If unsure please forward to ITOC for review.

Good Morning Captain,

Here are the estimates for these open repairs.

Appanoose Estimate for repairing stolen ground cables = \$6,000 Appanoose Estimate for repairing tilted antenna = \$7,500 Dubuque - Estimate for surge damage = \$15,000

Please let me know if there are any others you need.

Thanks,

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### **Newton, Victoria [TOS]**

From: Pierce Richard <pierce@dps.state.ia.us>
Sent: Tuesday, October 31, 2023 12:27 PM

To: ExecutiveCouncil [TOS]; Hollingsworth, Tammy [AOS]
Cc: Davidson Hollie; Seiler Katelyn; Duden Joshua; Dostal Sandra

**Subject:** 10-26-23 29C20 Appanoose ISICS Tower Update - Theft of Copper & Tilted Antenna -

Photos & Police Rpt

**Attachments:** Appanoose Theft Report 23011405 Call Report.docx; Appanoose Copper Theft Empty

Removed Cable Jackets Conduits.JPG; Appanoose Ice Bridge Support Grounds Missing 1.JPG; Appanoose NW Leg Missing Ground Wires 1.JPG; Appanoose Twr Ground Plate

Wires Missing 1.JPG; Appanoose Antenna Tilt 1.JPG

Please see below and attached. Additional photographs are available upon request. Due to the size of the photos I could only send a few. I have attempted to send this email 4 times.

From: Pierce Richard

**Sent:** Tuesday, October 31, 2023 12:21 PM

To: ExecutiveCouncil@tos.iowa.gov; Tammy Hollingsworth <Tammy.Hollingsworth@AOS.IOWA.GOV>

**Cc:** Dave Gordon <a href="mailto:dostal@dps.state.ia.us">dostal@dps.state.ia.us</a>; Dostal Sandra (dostal@dps.state.ia.us) <a href="mailto:dostal@dps.state.ia.us">dostal@dps.state.ia.us</a>; Josh Duden (duden@dps.state.ia.us) <a href="mailto:dostal@dps.state.ia.us">dostal@dps.state.ia.us</a>; Police Rpt

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Please update the 10-26-23 29C20 Notification ref Appanoose ISICS tower copper theft to include the titled antenna damage. As both events are at the same location and occurred between the same timeframe, Motorola will repair all damage and combine them on one invoice for billing purposes. The police report and photos associated to the copper theft are attached along with the photos of the tilted antenna.

Please call if you have any questions.

### **Captain Richard Pierce**

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