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October 7, 2024

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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 \$20,000.00, subject to an audit of actual invoices. On May 26, 2024, a storm caused damage to the Fayette ISICS Communication Tower. Request was to cover repair costs not covered by FEMA.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF IOWA

*Kristi Onstot*

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Executive Secretary

cc: Lieutenant Heath Hove, Interoperability Communications Bureau, Department of Public Safety  
Sergeant Joshua Duden, Interoperability Communications Bureau, Department of  
Public Safety  
Matt Bender, Department of Management  
Heather Hackbarth, Department of Management

AOS Claim # 3800  
TOS Job # \_\_\_\_\_



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August 30, 2024

Kristi Onstot  
Executive Council  
L O C A L

Subject: Storm Damages to Fayette ISICS Communication Tower on May 26, 2024  
Department of Public Safety  
Claim dated August 15, 2024  
AOS Claim ID: 3800

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 damages incurred by the Department of Public Safety is covered by Chapter 29C.20 of the Code of Iowa. The damages will likely qualify for disaster assistance provided through FEMA Declared Disaster 4784. Therefore, we recommend Executive Council approval in the amount of \$20,000.00, subject to an audit of actual invoices. Once the amount of disaster assistance provided through FEMA has been determined, the approved allocation should be reduced by that amount. A reimbursement request should be submitted by the Department for the State's share of costs only.

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 & Interoperability Bureau, Department  
of Public Safety  
Heather Hackbarth, Department of Management

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Governor  
**Adam Gregg**  
Lt. Governor



**Department of Public Safety**

**Stephan Bayens**  
Commissioner

August 15, 2024

AON 29C20 allocation request ref. Fayette ISICS tower microwave dish misalignment

State of Iowa Executive Council:

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Motorola Warranty Representative Dave Gordon was able to provide the DPS Interoperability Communications Bureau an estimate of \$20,000 for repairs to the tower. Repairs will commence when a tower crew becomes available.

The DPS Interoperability Communications Bureau is respectfully submitting a 29C20 Allocation Request for \$20,000 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

## Newton, Victoria [TOS]

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**From:** Tammy Hollingsworth <Tammy.Hollingsworth@AOS.IOWA.GOV>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 4, 2024 1:16 PM  
**To:** Pierce Richard; ExecutiveCouncil [TOS]  
**Cc:** Seiler Katelyn; Dostal Sandra; Duden Joshua; Hove Heath; Richardson Scott; Brittain David; DAVID GORDON; Zemira Rahmanovic  
**Subject:** \*\* External Email Alert \*\* RE: 5-26-24 Initial 29C20 Notification ref. Fayette ISICS Tower - Microwave link misalignment due to storm winds AON

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Notification of 29C.20 Damages Received – AOS Claim #3800

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**Sent:** Tuesday, May 28, 2024 4:45 PM  
**To:** ExecutiveCouncil@tos.iowa.gov; Tammy Hollingsworth <Tammy.Hollingsworth@AOS.IOWA.GOV>  
**Cc:** Seiler, Katelyn <seiler@dps.state.ia.us>; Dostal, Sandra [DPS] <dostal@dps.state.ia.us>; Duden, Joshua [DPS] <duden@dps.state.ia.us>; Hove, Heath [DPS] <hove@dps.state.ia.us>; Richardson, Scott [DPS] <richards@dps.state.ia.us>; Brittain, David [DPS] <brittain@dps.state.ia.us>; DAVID GORDON <dave.gordon@motorolasolutions.com>  
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**Sent:** Monday, May 27, 2024 2:31 PM

**To:** ISICSNOC <[ISICSNOC@DPS.STATE.IA.US](mailto:ISICSNOC@DPS.STATE.IA.US)>

**Cc:** ISICS Statewide FSO <[IOWAFSO@motorolasolutions.com](mailto:IOWAFSO@motorolasolutions.com)>; Case Irwin <[case.irwin@motorolasolutions.com](mailto:case.irwin@motorolasolutions.com)>; Shari Schmitz <[shari.schmitz@motorolasolutions.com](mailto:shari.schmitz@motorolasolutions.com)>; DAVID GORDON <[dave.gordon@motorolasolutions.com](mailto:dave.gordon@motorolasolutions.com)>

**Subject:** \*\* External Email Alert \*\* Fayette Storm Damage

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Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,

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## Newton, Victoria [TOS]

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**From:** Pierce Richard <pierce@dps.state.ia.us>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 3, 2024 3:39 PM  
**To:** ExecutiveCouncil [TOS]; Hollingsworth, Tammy [AOS]  
**Cc:** Hove Heath; Duden Joshua; Seiler Katelyn  
**Subject:** FW: 6-3-24 Iowa DPS FEMA Notification of ISCIS Tower damage due to recent Statewide Tornadoes and Storms

Executive Council and Tammy

Please see below. I have turned in 29C20 notifications on the seven towers identified below. I don't know how many will qualify yet for FEMA funding but we should know soon. FEMA will usually cover 90% of the damage and it will take a long time to process. The portions that is not covered would be covered by 29C20. When we know specifically what is covered and what is not, we will advise, but for now this is just to give you a heads-up and two for sure will be on the FEMA list (South Adair and Adams), possible up to seven.

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**To:** Brown, Heidi <heidi.brown@iowa.gov>; Dave Gordon <dave.gordon@motorolasolutions.com>  
**Cc:** Hove Heath (hove@dps.state.ia.us) <hove@dps.state.ia.us>; Josh Duden (duden@dps.state.ia.us) <duden@dps.state.ia.us>; Wittenwyler Jim (wittenwy@dps.state.ia.us) <wittenwy@dps.state.ia.us>; Seiler Katelyn <seiler@dps.state.ia.us>; Anderson Kristy <kanderson@dps.state.ia.us>  
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**Hedi,**

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Also, I will be retiring on 6-28-24, so could you please send me the documentation necessary to remove myself from the FEMA Contact and authorization list and add Lt. Heath Hove and Sgt. Joshua Duden. Lt. Michael Current and Director Wittenwyler will also be remaining on the list. These personnel will need to receive all emails and information related to FEMA fund application process and notifications. Until I depart officially depart, I will remain as an advisor for the process, so if you can include me on all emails too that would be helpful.

**Dave,**

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