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Subject: Damages to Cherokee ISICS Tower Lighting System due to Water Intrusion
on February 17, 2026
Department of Public Safety
Claim dated March 2, 2026
AOS Claim ID: 4255

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 \$20,000.00, 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

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Good Afternoon,

Did you or the captain send this one for 29c20?

It's hard to estimate until they get on site. I would guess \$15,000 to \$20,000 depending on the parts needed.

Thanks,

Dave

We will need to get the tower crew onsite to inspect the source of the water etc..

Thanks,

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