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The Executive Council, in a meeting held on today's date, approved Department of Public Safety's request for an emergency allocation in the amount of $39,800.00, subject to an audit of actual invoices. On August 15, 2026, the Van Wert ISICS Tower was damaged by severe weather and high winds. Request was to cover repair costs.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF IOWA

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Executive Secretary

cc: Lieutenant Joshua Duden, Interoperability Communications Bureau, Department of Public Safety
Matt Bender, Department of Management
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AOS Claim # 4491
TOS Job # ____

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Subject: Damages to Van Wert ISICS Tower Due to Severe Weather and High Winds on August 15, 2026
Department of Public Safety
Claim dated August 17, 2026
AOS Claim ID: 4491

In accordance with Executive Council policy, we have examined the claim for 29C.20 funds for the above-mentioned damage. 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 an Executive Council allocation in the amount of $39,800.00, 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
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August 31, 2026

AON 29C.20 allocation request ref. lightning strike damage and broken radome on the Van Wert ISICS communication tower.

State of Iowa Executive Council:

On 8-15-26, Motorola personnel discovered damage to various microwave components and an additional radome cover damaged on the Van Wert ISCS tower. A power surge from a lightning strike and high winds from severe weather are believed to have caused this damage.

Motorola Warranty Representative Dave Gordon was able to provide the DPS Interoperability Communications Bureau with an estimate of $39,800 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 $39,800 regarding this act of nature damage.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Joshua Duden

Lieutenant Joshua Duden
Iowa DPS Communications & Interoperability Bureau
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215 E.7th Street
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From: Dave Gordon
To: Duden, Joshua
Cc: DAVID GORDON
Subject: ** External Email Alert ** Re: estimates
Date: Wednesday, August 26, 2026 7:17:13 PM

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Sorry for the delay.

Here are the estimates:

Lourdes Radome - $9,800
Mitchellville tower lights -$7,500
Van Wert lightning damage - $30,000
Van Wert radome (3rd dish) - $9,800
Franklin antenna - $8,500

Emmet dish damage? - I do not think there is damage but the picture was not the best. If you want to estimate just in case please use $10,000. We need someone to stop by and get a better pic of said dish.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,

Dave

On Thu, Aug 20, 2026 at 10:07 AM Duden, Joshua <duden@dps.state.ia.us> wrote:

> Dave,
>
> Here is what I have for outstanding estimates:
>
> Lourdes tower damaged radome cover
> Emmet tower danaged radome cover
> Mitchellville tower lighting system side marker lights
> Van Wert ISICS tower Lightning damage to microwaves and multiple ODU's
> ISICS Franklin site broken Tx antenna severe storms
>
> Let me know if you have any questions. Thanks.

Lieutenant Joshua Duden ★184★

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