



# Policy Statement

State of Iowa

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## **Policy Statement defining Public Safety Grade (PSG) for all voice and data radio communications equipment, land mobile radio (LMR), or data sharing systems, networks, and platforms.**

WHEREAS: The Iowa Statewide Interoperable Communications System Board (ISICSB) is established in Code of Iowa sections 80.28 and 80.29. ISICSB is charged to develop, implement and oversee policy, operations, and fiscal components of communications interoperability efforts at the state and local levels, and to coordinate similar efforts at the federal level, with the objective of overseeing operation of statewide integrated public safety systems, and establish, monitor, and maintain appropriate polices and protocols, expand, maintain and fund stakeholder education, public education, and official education programs to demonstrate value of short-term communications interoperability solutions, and;

WHEREAS: ISICSB supports common terms defining public safety equipment and services necessary for interoperability on frequencies and channels, and operable and interoperable equipment on land mobile radio (LMR) and data sharing systems, networks, and platforms, and;

WHEREAS: ISICSB supports and encourages nationally recognized organizations to continue providing standardization of public safety equipment, systems, networks, platforms, and services like Project 25 for LMR (e.g., see Policy Statement 2015-01; Project 25) for use on all channels, frequencies, and talkgroups for interoperability, and operability as locally appropriate and;

WHEREAS: ISICSB recognizes Public Safety Grade (PSG) as an evolving set of standards across all aspects of public safety communications of nationally recognized standard(s) setting bodies charged with establishing minimum levels of equipment design, user ergonomics, design of systems, networks, and platforms, standards for backwards compatibility, capabilities, features, performance, quality, coverage, availability, reliability, capacity, security, resiliency individually or collectively describing equipment and services designed to perform under all emergency response conditions, and;

WHEREAS: ISICSB recognizes common terminology provides ease of understanding to laymen of complex and sophisticated communication equipment, systems, networks, and platforms, and; Now therefore;

IT IS THE ISICSB POLICY:

**That the Iowa Statewide Interoperable Communications System Board (ISICSB) hereby documents and publishes policy of defining Public Safety Grade (PSG) to mean: Equipment making up or used upon standards based interoperable public safety systems, networks, and platforms. PSG equipment and systems, networks, and platforms designed to meet or exceed United States nationally recognized standards established by bodies who publish an evolving set of standards for backwards compatability, capabilities, features, performance, quality, coverage, availability, reliability, capacity, security, resiliency, and equipment ergonomically designed for public safety use to achieve interoperability, and operability where appropriate, under all emergency response conditions.**