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In February of 2019 the LEA Committee was commissioned by the Iowa Statewide Interoperable Communications System Board (ISICSB) and the Iowa Department of Public Safety (Iowa DPS) to discuss and develop a plan for the eventual decommissioning of the Law Enforcement Agency (LEA) VHF conventional network.

The LEA committee is comprised of members of various affiliations from state, county and local levels. These affiliations included:

- County Sheriff's Offices
- Iowa State Patrol (ISP)
- Local Municipal Police
- Communications Centers
- ISICSB Operations Committee
- Statewide Interoperability Coordinator (SWIC)
- Deputy SWIC

During the meetings the health of the LEA network was discussed at length ranging from availability of replacement parts to the backhaul circuits that ensure that State Radio will hear every transmission on LEA. Discussions also included the distribution and installation progress of control stations and consolettes to local public safety answering points (PSAPs) so basic connectivity to the newly constructed Iowa Statewide Interoperable Communications System (ISICS) could be established at the local level.

HSEMD Region	Talkgroup to Monitor
Region 1	R1 CALL11
Region 2	R2 CALL21
Region 3	R3 CALL31
Region 4	R4 CALL41
Region 5	R5 CALL51
Region 6	R6 CALL61

Table 1: Regional CALL talkgroups for each HSEMD Region.

Notification has been received from equipment manufacturers and telephone companies that necessary services for legacy equipment and communications that sustained LEA is no longer available or about to be discontinued. After deliberation, a **sunset date of October 31, 2020** was agreed upon by the LEA Committee. Because of these conditions, local LEA sites may be unavailable to local agencies and DPS for law enforcement communication prior to this date due to equipment failures.

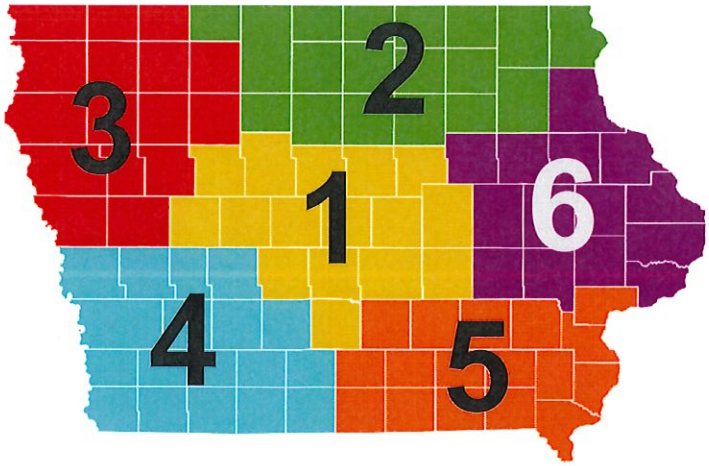

Figure 1: Map of HSEMD Regions in Iowa.

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DPS will make a reasonable effort to maintain LEA functionality through the sunset date of October 31, 2020.

This will not affect the existing Point-to-Point or VLAW31 frequencies.

Area	Region 1	Region 2	Region 3	Region 4	Region 5	Region 6
Regional Interoperable TAC Talkgroup	R1 TAC12	R2 TAC22	R3 TAC32	R4 TAC42	R5 TAC52	R6 TAC62
	R1 TAC13	R2 TAC23	R3 TAC33	R4 TAC43	R5 TAC53	R6 TAC63
	R1 TAC14	R2 TAC24	R3 TAC34	R4 TAC44	R5 TAC54	R6 TAC64
	R1 TAC15	R2 TAC25	R3 TAC35	R4 TAC45	R5 TAC55	R6 TAC65
	R1 TAC16	R2 TAC26	R3 TAC36	R4 TAC46	R5 TAC56	R6 TAC66

Table 2: Regional interoperable TAC talkgroups. These are recommended for stationary or fixed interoperable events.

LEA will be replaced by ISICS and the associated array of regional and statewide interoperability talkgroups. All public safety communication centers (PSCCs) and PSAPs should monitor the regional calling (CALL) talkgroups (Table 1) in their Homeland Security Region (Figure 1).

If an incident takes place that requires the use of interoperable communications, those incidents should be announced on the regional CALL talkgroup and moved to a regional interoperable tactical (TAC) talkgroup (Table 2) if it is non-mobile. Mobile events, such as pursuits, should be moved to a statewide interoperable TAC talkgroup (Table 3). Patches between local operable channels and talkgroups can be established with the regional and statewide interoperable TACs. The use of these regional and statewide interoperable TAC talkgroups should also be included in any announcement made over the regional CALL talkgroups.

Area	Talkgroup
Statewide Interoperable Talkgroups	IA TAC2
	IA TAC3
	IA TAC4
	IA TAC5
	IA TAC6

Table 3: Statewide interoperable TAC talkgroups. These are recommended for mobile interoperable events such as pursuits.

A web site will be established to provide updated information to local PSCCs, PSAPs and other law enforcement agencies regarding this transition away from LEA to ISICS.

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