

1 SEPTEMBER

## COMMUNICATIONS

### EMERGENCY PLAN

1. **PURPOSE:** This plan established the Squadron Communications station network to immediately support Iowa Wing CAP, CICS, and/or any Incident Commander during an emergency situation as defined in CAPR 60-3.
2. **SCOPE:** This plan applies to ALL communications of the Central Iowa Composite Squadron radio stations during actual emergency conditions, CAP Comm Exercises, and exercises of other agencies, such as Red Cross and Emergency Management, with whom a letter of agreement has been signed to support their operations.
3. **RECALL:** The Unit Commander or a Incident Commander will notify qualified CICS members on a selected basis via the ES Recall Roster about:
  - Emergency operations
  - CAP SAR/DR operations
  - Training exercises requiring the establishment of squadron communications at a fixed radio station or at a specified deployed location.

If a local emergency occurs that may affect telephone service, (i.e. flood, tornado, etc) and/or severe weather watch, ALL squadron members possessing CAP capability should start to monitor their available HF/VHF voice frequencies for possible establishment of a squadron net or a radio recall.

### REMEMBER to test your auxiliary power EVERY month.

4. **ORGANIZATION:** The communications network on voice HF/VHF will be established to support the Unit Commander and/or a Incident Commander in support of either Wing or Squadron directed activities. The Net Control Station, the Unit Communications Officer, or his representative assumes control of the Net's Activities from the Unit's Fixed Station or at another deployed mission station as required. ALL unit members are considered a part of the Communications Net. Members directed by the Net Control Station operator will establish liaison with other Unit NCS's, and if necessary, the Iowa Wing Headquarters.

At the unit level, the following stations may become Net Control Stations during the initial part of an emergency or exercise:

IOWA CAP 320	Lincolnway Chapter, American Red Cross
IOWA CAP 323	Capt John Halbbrook
IOWA CAP 324	Capt Doug Jansen
IOWA CAP 339	TFO Troy Ruffin
IOWA CAP 601	Unit Corporate Vehicle 13601
IOWA CAP 608	Unit Corporate Vehicle 13608
IOWA CAP 611	Unit Corporate Vehicle 13611

If the nature of the emergency requires CAP communications outside the Story County area, net control may be assumed by any of the following stations:

IOWA CAP 4            Lt. Col. Mercer Richardson  
IOWA CAP 611        Unit Corporate Vehicle 13611  
Any Communications Unit Leader

**NOTE:** Current Incident Commanders in the wing are:

IOWA CAP 1            COL Russ Smith (Scott County)  
IOWA CAP 53          MAJ Mike Krenz (Linn County)  
IOWA CAP 78          MAJ Tim Etherington (Johnson County)  
IOWA CAP 101        COL Gene Kellogg (Linn County)  
IOWA CAP 108        COL John Lalla (Linn County)  
IOWA CAP 180        COL Rex Glasgow (Linn County)

5. **BAND PLAN:** The primary initial radio communications frequency for the Story County area is 148.150 Simplex. The CICS alternate frequency will be 148.125. The primary HF USB frequency will be 4506.0 KHz and the alternates will be 4509.0 KHz, and the emergency frequency of 4582.0 KHz. The frequency use priority is:

VHF			HF
143.900/148.150	VOICE	4506.0	USB VOICE
148.125 Simplex	VOICE	4509.0	PACKET/USB VOICE
148.150 Simplex	VOICE	4582.0	USB VOICE (Emergency)
149.1375 Simplex	AIR TO GROUND		
149.895 Simplex	PACKET		
122.900	AIR TO GROUND	26.620	VOICE (AM/USB)/PACKET
123.100	SAR OPERATIONS	26.617	USB VOICE

The following multiband CAP stations will be responsible for distributing crossband communications:

IOWA CAP 43            Linn County Emergency Management Fixed Station  
IOWA CAP 176        LTC Mercer Richardson  
IOWA CAP 611        Unit Corporate Vehicle 13611

6. **MOBILE/DEPLOYED OPERATIONS:** Unit mobile assets may be employed or deployed to support the emergency operations missions. ALL personnel being deployed are to assume that it will be for several days and to take their equipment from the overnight ground team list. Specific instructions will be provided on equipment for announced exercises and what to bring. For unannounced exercises, bring ALL equipment on the ground team list. The Incident Commander, Unit Commander, Communications Officer, and the Emergency Services Officer are responsible for obtaining the mission communications equipment and logistical support for deployed personnel.
7. **ALTERNATE COMMUNICATIONS:** Properly licensed radio equipment from other services such as the American Red Cross, County Emergency Management, Amateur Radio, etc., may be used to support the CAP during practice and actual emergencies at the discretion of the Incident Commander or Unit Commander. Such services may include packet stations, digipeaters, voice relay, amateur television, and the infusion of amateur radio equipment that can operate on CAP frequencies as additional assets are signing a standard letter of agreement.

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