



Iowa Sheriffs, Chief of Police, and Emergency Managers,

On August 17th, 2022, the Iowa Department of Education sent the attached information to all Iowa School Superintendents for distribution to the 1520 Public and Private K-12 schools regarding the Governor of Iowa's School Safety Radio Program. This email provided information on selecting and ordering a school safety radio for their schools that will enable schools to communicate with local and state law enforcement during an emergency event. Every school in Iowa is eligible for a school safety radio free of cost.

The Department of Public Safety would like to provide you with the information that has been emailed to the schools so you have visibility of how the radio portion of this program will be implemented and how your assistance may be requested by the schools in choosing the radio that is right for them.

All schools will have the choice between a Motorola or L-3 Harris/RACOM School Safety Radio. Superintendents will be working with each school principal to determine if they wish to participate in the program. If they chose to participate, schools will complete an order form that was included in the email from the Department of Education. School Districts have been encouraged to reach out to their local Sheriff's, Chief of Police, and/or local Emergency Managers for guidance regarding radio selection and future programming of their School Safety Radios.

It is the intent that all schools who choose to participate in this program and receive a School Safety Radio, have their radios programmed so the local PSAPs are the primary answering point of contact for all emergency calls. Although not required, it is respectfully suggested that ISICS is programmed as a backup in all School Safety Radios to provide a layer of resiliency to communications should it ever be needed. A multi-banded radio was selected to facilitate this process. The School Safety Radios the State of Iowa is providing were designed to have capabilities and features making them adaptable to all of Iowa's current PSAP communications platforms and those who may move to narrow banding in the future.

Lastly, the School Safety Radios were developed to be as "out of the box" ready as possible; however, some schools in geographically challenged areas may require additional external antenna solutions. The State of Iowa is ordering and paying for the School Safety Radios. Any other costs incurred after the radio is delivered to the vendor will be negotiated and paid for by the school.

To review the School Safety Radio options and the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's) regarding the radio selection, purchasing, and delivery process, open the links below:

[School Safety Radio Manufacturer Brochures and Photos](#)

[School Safety Radio FAQ's](#)

The School Safety Radios shall have all the capabilities and features listed below:

- Radio Capabilities: 700/800 and VHF in a single chassis, Phase I P25 Conventional and trunking, Phase II TDMA operation, OTAP (Over-the-air-provisioning), and capable of multisystem enrollment/use
- Large Format Emergency Button
- Included/Enabled Encryption Features: AES 256, Multi-key, P25 OTAR (Over-the-air-rekeying), and Multisystem OTAR/KMF
- Industry Standard No Cost - 3 Year (36 Month) Manufacturer Warranty
- Standard Format Palm Microphone
- Speaker for Receiving Incoming Audio
- 120 Volt AC to 12 Volt DC Power Supply
- Magnetic Base Multiband Antenna System

Any school wishing to participate in this program must complete the electronic application/order form and be received by the Department of Public Safety no later than 4:30 p.m., on October 21, 2022.

Thank you for your assistance with this program and your willingness to aid any participating school that reaches out to you.

For specific questions regarding the radio program please contact:

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