



ESSENTIAL SAFETY EQUIPMENT

The Department of Public Safety requests \$467,500 to purchase ballistic protection for all sworn personnel and \$384,000 for the purchase of eight bomb tech suits. These items are essential to the safety of officers who work in harm's way on a daily basis handling hazardous materials and being exposed to the threat of bodily injury.



BALLISTIC VESTS

Ballistic vests provide critical protection to sworn officers as they perform their daily duties. These vests shield officers from gun shots and reduce grievous bodily injury caused by blunt trauma.

All vests have reached the end of their usable life.

Use beyond this life comes with lowered ballistic protection and added liability. DPS purchases all ballistic vests at the same time because of the added purchasing power from the size of the order.



“Law enforcement officers are increasingly faced with armed individuals. The safety of our officers is paramount, and using expired vests puts them in grave danger.”

Stephan Bayens
Commissioner

BOMB TECH SUITS

The DPS Bomb Squad responds to between 75 and 100 requests for service annually.



Over 90% of law enforcement agencies in the State are dependent upon the DPS Bomb Squad.

Bomb suits are a necessity when working with hazardous devices. These suits have surpassed their useful life, to include a seven year warranty. Currently, the eight suits being used by our agents are between 13 and 19 years old.





Iowa Statewide Interoperable Communication System (ISICS)

The Department of Public Safety requests \$3,960,945 to maintain the ISICS radio system. This amount covers the fifth lease/purchase contract installment, necessary leases, and maintenance costs. The remaining costs are paid from the Road Use Tax Fund and Primary Road Fund. Support of ISICS provides border-to-border microwave-based communication designed to improve public safety efforts across the State.



STATEWIDE NETWORK



ISICS is Iowa's digital communication network. It provides public safety agencies, first responders, schools, and utility workers around the state with unprecedented connectivity. ISICS has grown to reach more than 15,000 radios statewide.

15,000
ISICS Radio Users

INTEROPERABILITY

Public safety communications require the ability for different agencies to communicate clearly and seamlessly with one another. To help facilitate communication with those agencies that have not joined ISICS, the ISICS Board provided grant funded radio equipment to every Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) in Iowa.

Currently, 94 of the 109 PSAPS are connected, with the remaining 15 in different phases of installation.





IOWA STATE PATROL AIRCRAFT

The Iowa State Patrol requests \$3,426,340 to procure two aircraft outfitted with mission-critical equipment. The new aircraft will have an anticipated 20-year service life, and will replace three aircraft that will be decommissioned this year. Advanced aviation technologies would provide enhanced safety features, improved surveillance capabilities, and unparalleled support for search and rescue efforts. The aircraft could also respond to all areas of the state more quickly, regardless of weather conditions.



SUPPORTING CRITICAL MISSIONS

- Search and Rescue (elderly, children, fugitives)
- Natural disaster support
- Overwatch for major events
- Surveillance of criminal activity
- Support for high-risk arrest warrants
- Emergency medical relays



INCREASING SAFETY & PERFORMANCE

- De-icing capabilities for cold weather operations
- High resolution camera technology
- Map overlay to assist first responders on the ground
- Mainframe parachute for emergency landings



2019 Assistance by Month



LENDING A HELPING HAND

Operating the only fixed-wing, law enforcement aircraft in the state, the Patrol assists other agencies by providing fast and efficient flights to view natural disaster sites, enforce wildlife laws, and access remote locations. **In 2019, aircraft were deployed on 95 missions** in support of other agencies across Iowa and into bordering states.





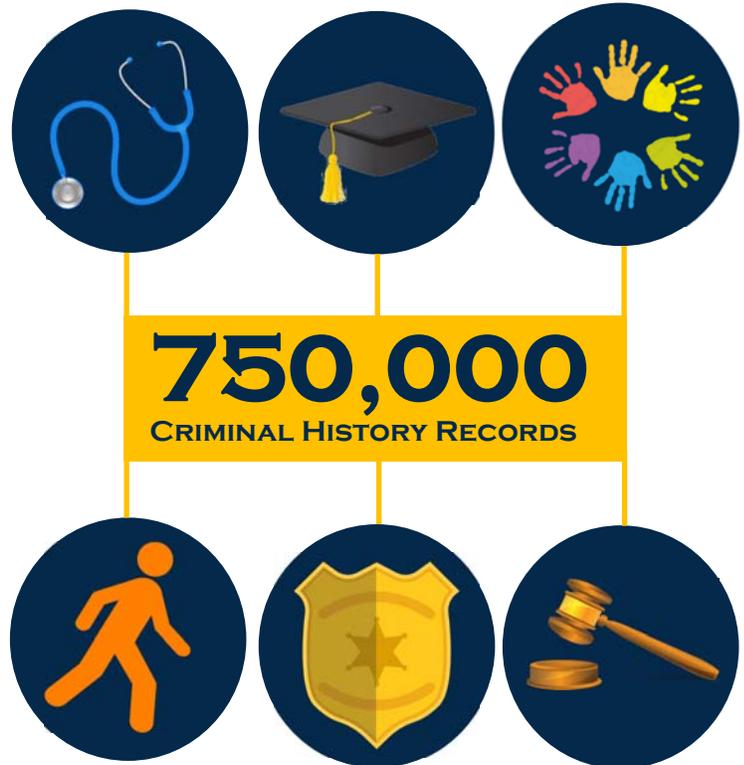
CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD SYSTEM

The Department of Public Safety requests \$800,000 to replace its aging computerized criminal history record system, which has been in service since 2003. This system, which contains more than 750,000 criminal history records, has become obsolete. The Department has been awarded \$1,200,000 in federal grant monies to help overhaul the system. The additional funding requested represents the anticipated remaining costs to complete the project.



UPGRADING IOWA'S CRIMINAL RECORDS

Iowa's current criminal history records system is **over 18 years old and can no longer be upgraded or repaired without significant cost.** The criminal history files maintained by DPS are relied upon by the criminal justice system for investigations, criminal prosecutions and parole decisions. Within the private sector, this data is used by the healthcare, childcare, and education industries to conduct background checks on prospective employees.



2003	2008	2013	2018
2004	2009	2014	2019
2005	2010	2015	2020
2006	2011	2016	
2007	2012	2017	

18
years of
service

BENEFITS OF A MODERN SYSTEM

1. Increased efficiency with less manual data entry.
2. Quicker responses to dispositions (expungements, dismissals, deferred judgements, sealing).
3. Enhanced auditing as files can be reviewed daily rather than annually.
4. Added flexibility when legislative changes occur.