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## NEW SYSTEM KEY PROGRAM STARTING JANUARY 2026

The Integrated Public Safety Commission will be transitioning to re-designed Advanced System Key program beginning January 1st, 2026. Key elements of this program include advanced security measures that focus on Authorization, Accountability and Authentication parameters for annual system key renewal and overall process and database for radio system programmers across the state. Over the next several weeks, we will begin updating our website that will host easy-to-navigate sections for current programmers to renew system keys, or new programming key requests to initiate through the portal. It is our intention to deliver a program that focuses security, integrity and efficacy – while providing reliable customer service to Hoosier First Responders and Public Safety.

If you have additional questions, please contact our Emergency Response Division, Radio Shop at 317-899-8571

## CALL FIRST

If you are experiencing a system issue (like site trunking) make sure you call first before you email the ICC. The ICC only receives email Monday - Friday 7am - 7pm. Our phone line is answered 24/7/365 by IPSC Staff members.

**317-234-1540**

## LEADERSHIP SELECTED FOR SUBCOMMITTEES



The Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee has three subcommittees. These subcommittees have selected leadership for 2026.

### TECHNOLOGY:

Chair - Cameron Chapman  
(Hendricks County Communication Center)

Vice Chair - Brad Buechler  
(Huntingburg FD)

### PROGRAMMING:

Chair - Chad Hess (New Carlisle FD)

Vice Chair - Mike Combs (White River Twp. FD)

Secretary - Lee Jones (Lake Co)

### ALERTS & WARNINGS:

Chair - Ryan Rather (IDHS)

Vice Chair - Angela Meacham  
(ISP)





## PLANNING FOR WEATHER

We noticed a significant decline in system busies for this last round of winter weather. We'd like to think that our constant reminders to plan for bad weather and make PACE plans have made an impact, but even if it hasn't we'll take the win!

**LESS TALK GROUPS = LESS BUSY BONKS**

## UPDATED TRAINING FOR 2026

The training and outreach team are working on a new training system for 2026! Our goal is to have a user focused training that concentrates on radio etiquette, basic radio operations, interoperability and troubleshooting. We then plan to offer an expanded class to help with communication planning, information about how trunking systems work and can be optimized as well as PACE planning.

Our goal is to help set up system users for a better overall experience on the SAFE-T system. These two classes combined will also be a great start for individuals who want to explore taking FEMA classes like Communication Unit Leader (COML).



## MONTHLY REMINDERS FOR THE SAFE-T SYSTEM

To ensure consistent progress, interoperability and a safe and productive environment for users please take note of the following:

- 800 MHz paging and encryption **MUST** be coordinated with IPSC to ensure safety, compatibility and security of users.
- IPSC will not issue radio IDs for ANY radio that is 'end of support' through its manufacturer. The current list is on our website.
- Radio purchasing should always be with a manufacturer authorized vendor to ensure P25 compliance and authenticity.
- Donor radio gateways (or any gateways) are currently not allowed to be used on the SAFE-T system with the exception of TANGO TANGO. If a vendor is attempting to sell a device requiring a donor radio please contact us.
- Use of SmartConnect and CriticalConnect needs to be coordinated with IPSC and your vendor, please reach out if you have questions.



## DID YOU KNOW?

The Bayonne, New Jersey police department is widely credited as the first agency to operate an LMR system, beginning in 1933. This early system used vacuum tube radios that were so large they consumed the entire back seat of a police vehicle.

Prior to that, police used AM radio channels to broadcast information to the patrol cars. KOP in Detroit was the first radio station in 1921 to broadcast alerts between playing songs.