



State Radio Infrastructure

Bureau of Information and Telecommunications

Overview

Governor Noem's recommended budget includes \$750,000 in one-time general funds to enhance coverage for communication for first responders throughout South Dakota, including improvements to the state radio system. Governor Noem has recommended investments in this system over the last three years. This additional investment will ensure first responders can continue to serve and protect residents and visitors.

Redfield Tower

The Governor's recommended budget includes \$550,000 for a new tower in Redfield. Currently this area is being served by a booster on the top of the Spink County courthouse. However, there have been incidences of gaps in communication. The construction of a new tower will expand coverage for State Radio Emergency Communications and the Emergency Alert System.

White River Tower

The Governor's recommended budget includes \$200,000 to replace the tower and equipment in White River. This tower is 54 years old and will continue to deteriorate causing issues in emergency communication. The tower replacement will ensure there is adequate coverage for communication among state, local, and tribal first responders.