

**ILLINOIS TERRORISM TASK FORCE**  
**Minutes of Chairs Meeting**  
**February 24, 2010**  
**ATTENDEES**

**Committee Chairs**

Chamness, Mike – Illinois Terrorism Task Force-Chair

**Bioterrorism Committee**

Edmiston, Mark - IL Department of Public Health  
Rawls, Winfred – IL Department of Public Health

**Communications Committee**

Choutka, Alan - ITTF

**Crisis Response/Prevention Committee**

Snyders, Mike– Illinois State Police  
Haley, Rob- Illinois State Police

**Elected Officials Committee**

Donnewald, Pam – Illinois Municipal League

**Emergency Management Committee**

Christensen, Dave, IESMA  
Fulscher, Dan - IESMA

**Fire Mutual Aid Committee**

**Information Technology Committee**

Keen, Pat – Illinois State Police

**Law Enforcement Mutual Aid Committee**

Page, Jim - ILEAS

**Private Sector Committee**

Kambic, Keith – Willis Tower

**Public Information Committee**

**Science and Technology Committee**

Seif, Tom - IEMA

**Training Committee**

Jaehne, Dick – IFSI  
Nichols, Suzie - ILETSB

**Transportation Committee**

Korty, Tom– IL Dept. of Transportation  
Weatherholt, Aaron – IL Dept. of Transportation

**Urban Area Committee**

Ramos, David – Cook County OEM

**Volunteers and Donations Committee**

Hanneken, Michelle – ITTF

**Staff Members**

Kauerauf, Don – Illinois Terrorism Task Force Co-Chair

Avart, Cyndi – ITTF  
Aders, Darryl - ISP  
Beamer-Pfeifer, Julie - ITTF  
Beaty, Rick - SOS  
Casella, Edie - ITTF  
Clark, Deb – ITTF  
Connelly, Mary - IMERT  
Crowley, Larry – Cook County DHSEM  
Desai, Lisa – IEMA  
Dwyer, Martin – IEMA  
Evans, Bob - ITTF  
Fermon, Steve - ISP  
Fritz, Jeff - ILETSB  
Grim, Mike - SOS  
Guardiola, Cesar – Cook County DHSEM  
Haas, Melissa - ITTF  
Jarrett, Gretchen - ITTF  
McNamee, Margo - IESMA  
Ricker, Jennifer – IEMA  
Rubio, Ray – Cook County DHSEM  
Sackett, Sue - ITTF  
Sanji, Roy - ISP  
Schilling, Nancy- IESMA  
Simonton, John - ISP  
Watts, Jim - IEMA  
Zimmerman, Tom – ITTF

## **Illinois Terrorism Task Force (ITTF) Chairs Meeting – February 24, 2010 - 11:00 a.m.**

### **Welcome**

Chairman Chamness welcomed everyone to the meeting and announced that the ITTF Annual Report had been completed and will be delivered to the Governor's Office by March 1<sup>st</sup> per the Executive Order. He acknowledged the Committee Chairs for their work and contribution to the report. This is the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Illinois Terrorism Task Force.

### **Proposal**

A proposal has been received from Eastern Illinois University, Coles County, and the City of Charleston concerning an exercise opportunity. They are planning to decommission a steam plant and tear down a building on campus in June 2012, providing a potential location for a large-scale exercise. However, the ITTF can invest in only one major exercise if funding is received. Chairman Chamness has requested that Marty Dwyer, IEMA Exercise Training Officer, chair a committee with representatives from MABAS, ILEAS, IESMA, Illinois State Police, Public Health and any other interested organizations. In order to include this topic in FFY2011 Department of Homeland Security budget discussions, Chairman Chamness has asked for the committee's feedback by July 1.

### **ITTF Updates**

FFY 2007 Grant Program – Chairman Chamness requested that all grantees with unspent FFY 2007 ITTF grant monies review their budgets as the ITTF grant expires March 31, 2010. All grantees are asked to submit their spending plan for the unspent monies to ITTF staff by March 17<sup>th</sup>. Discussion will be held at the March 24<sup>th</sup> Committee Chairs Meeting to determine how to reallocate these funds as the federal grant expires June 30, 2010. The grantees cannot use this money for anything was not part of the 2007 plan.

Co-Chairman Kauerauf reviewed the following policy

- DHS Information Bulletin #336 – Maintenance Costs.

Program Manager Tom Zimmerman reviewed the following policy:

- ITTF Policy Statement 2009 (9) Environmental Planning and Historic Preservation (EHP Requirements for Grants (see <http://www.ready.illinois.gov/itff/>).

IEMA Exercise Training Officer Marty Dwyer reviewed the following policy:

- ITTF Policy Statement 2008 (13) – Exercise Standards (see <http://www.ready.illinois.gov/itff/>).

### **Proposal**

Colonel Jahene, Illinois Fire Service Institute (IFSI) presented the Learning Resource Center Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Training Center/Incident Command Post Proposal. See Committee Reports for motion.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Bioterrorism Committee**

Winfred Rawls reported:

H1N1 Update:

- The state of Illinois continues to be in the flu season; per the CDC, the number of influenza illnesses reported is sporadic.
- Vaccine is still available, encouraged individuals to get vaccinated.
- The state has received 3.5m doses of vaccine, has administered 1.5m doses or 40%.
- IMERT – has now been approved for their non-for-profit 501C-3. This gives them the opportunity to seek out grants to expand their operations.

## **Communications Committee**

Alan Choutka reported:

- Working with the Response Vehicle Subcommittee of the UAWG Incident Response Committee including Cook County DHSEM and Sheriff's Office staff to define various technology upgrades for their 5 vehicles to further integrate the UASI vehicles with the other UCP vehicles in the state
  - Satellite data/voip – hardware and service provider
  - Weather station – vehicle mounted
  - Video for incident situational awareness
  - Satellite TV - hardware and service provider for incident intel gathering
  - Tier 3 credentialing systems
- Refining spending plans for FFY2010 budget request and other funds available for communication projects.
- Next All-Hazard Type III communication Unit Leader (COML) course to be held March 30 – April 1, 2010 at the IEMA Training Facility, Springfield.
- Next ITECS/UCP/Interoperable Communications Workshop to be held April 29-30, 2010 – ILEAS Training Facility, Urbana.

## **Crisis/Prevention Committee**

Lieutenant John Simonton reported:

Vigilant Guard Exercise - June 13-18 in the Bensenville area (O'Hare airport expansion)

- SWMDT will be participating in three separate scenarios on June 16 (2) and June 17 (1).
- The first exercise will take place in the early morning of June 16, where the SWMDT and BOA will be addressing an active shooter / hostage situation in a Mass Distribution Center. 100 role players will be involved in this exercise.
- The second exercise will involve three residences where the anthrax and lab equipment are being stored for future manufacturing. These residences and occupants will be secured by SWMDT, BOA and the Cook County Sheriffs SWAT in the late afternoon hours of June 16.
- The third and final scenario will be a lab-based exercise at two separate town homes with adjoining apartments. SWMDT and BOA will be responsible for one of these town homes. ILEAS will take the other. This will incorporate the donning of personal protective gear and a full decontamination mission.
- All scenarios are driven from intelligence gathered from day one, and logically continue, building each scenario in sequence. Our mission is to attempt to stay ahead of each terrorist cell prior to the final lab, where the terrorists will be weaponizing an anthrax-based WMD.
- Participants working with SWMDT in those three exercises are the Polish Bureau of Anti-Terrorism (BOA), STIC, ILEAS SRT and the Cook County Sheriffs Department SWAT.
- The exercise is being coordinated by the IL National Guard, in concert with several area agencies, such as the Chicago OEMC, IDPH, IMERT, SWMDT, Civil Support Team, FBI, etc.
- DHS is sponsoring and evaluating this particular exercise
- There will be a VIP section roped off for the final scenario on June 17. VIP's will include dignitaries from the Polish Government, ILNG, ISP and other agencies not yet identified.
- Continue to meet on concerns both politically and logistically, as well as completing the necessary requirements to meet the HSEEP guidelines for a full-scale exercise.

## **Elected Officials**

Pam Donnewald reported:

- The Committee is contacting current Elected Officials Committee members to determine their continue participation.
- The tentative meeting date is April 15<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 in Springfield. The following will be discussed:
  - Update the committee on activities since the last meeting.
  - Set 2010 meeting calendar.
  - Create Elected Officials page on Ready.Illinois.gov website.
  - Set initiative/priorities for 2010, including:

- Develop a communication plan for distribution of the Statewide Communications Interoperability Plan.
- Research opportunities for disaster/homeland security-related speaking engagements or exhibit opportunities to elected officials.
- Determine if any free disaster/homeland security-related training is needed for fire/police, etc.
- Determine publishing/newsletter opportunities for providing information to elected officials.
- Disseminate information to IPWMAN.
- Determine how to improve public information and to citizen preparedness in local communities.

### **Emergency Management Committee**

Dave Christensen reported:

- Generator Project – 23 requests for 132 generators.
- GIS Printer – inventory is 90% completed, training being set up.
- Weather Radio – 68 agencies requested the 5,500 radios. Application closes March 1.
- EOC Grant - \$2.1m in requests as of this date – registration closes March 1.
- IESMA Conference - April 15-18, 2010, in Peoria. Pre-registration available on the website.

### **Fire Mutual Aid**

No report.

### **Information Technology Committee**

Deputy Director Pat Keen reported:

- The IT Committee was approached by the Public Information Committee concerning a Cyber Education Project. Plans are being discussed to support the project.
- Credentialing – staff attended the MABAS Conference and will be attending ILEAS Conference to assist individuals that are scheduled for credentialing.

### **Law Enforcement Mutual Aid**

Jim Page reported:

- ILEAS continues to be involved with the planning and discussion of the Thomson Prison proposal.
- ILEAS Conference will be held February 28 – March 2, 2010, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Springfield.

### **Private Sector Committee**

Keith Kambic reported:

- The Private-Nongovernmental Committee Chairs and staff met in Chicago in mid-February to discuss their 2010 strategic goals, membership criteria (requirements/expectations, voting rights and committee rules/regulations), website status and expansion and marketing approaches for both the Committee and Private Sector Alliance Projects.
- The Committee plans to conduct a preparedness workshop this year based on the framework to establish and develop trusted private-public communities.
- An RFP will be developed and a public relations agency will be hired to develop a campaign to promote the PSAP website, programs and workshops for small-mid size businesses.

### **Public Information Committee**

No Report.

## Science and Technology Committee

- A pilot study of PRD deployments was conducted in 2009 and was very successful in both validating the support infrastructure for the first responder community and providing several necessary areas of improvement to the training component of the program;
- ILEAS and MABAS have determined the following deployment schedule for 2010:
  - Central Illinois – 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter
  - Cook County/Chicago – 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter
  - Northern Illinois – 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter
  - Southern Illinois – 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter
- The first Local Administrator 8 hour training class was held in Urbana on February 11. 13 local law and fire departments, and ISP District 10 attended. Each will now go back to their agencies, instruct personnel how to register and take the on-line PRND training through the LMS, and when ready will arrange on-site training with IEMA-DNS and receive their PRDs. In addition, Local Administrators will be able to troubleshoot their instruments, arrange for service directly with the manufacturer, download data from the instrument, and conduct ~80% of the hands-on class. Additional classes have been scheduled for Peoria on March 2, Springfield on March 4, and Urbana on March 11;
- The initial steps in the process for deployment to Cook County and Chicago will be presented at the March UASI Incident Response Committee Meeting.

## Training Committee

Colonel Dick Jaehne reported:

- The Validation Exercise sub-committee met and discussed the final planning stages for the Hazmat Validation Exercise to be conducted in April and mid-term Planning Conference to be held for the fall validation exercise.
- Provided an update and slides on the construction of the IFSI Learning Resource Center, the basement of which will hold an Emergency Operations Training Center and will serve as the University's Incident Command Post if a situation would occur on campus.

## Proposal

*To provide funds from the FFY 09 fiber optics project to assist with the technology upgrades in the Emergency Operation Training Center/Incident Command Post that are DHS eligible costs, that meet the EHP standards, and do not exceed the proposed cost of \$448,435.48*

- **Motion to submit the proposal to the full ITTF Meeting on March 24<sup>th</sup>.**

*Motion by: Dan Fulcher  
Seconded by David Ramos  
Motion carried.*

## Transportation Committee

Tom Korty reported:

- The Evacuation Implementation Sub Committee is in the process of a full rewrite of the Traffic Management Evacuation Plan for the Central Business District of Chicago. The Transportation Committee has been working in conjunction with the City of Chicago, the six collar counties and numerous organizations that are members of the committee, to prepare the new plan for implementation.
- The Inland Waterways and Port Security Sub Committee's Cascading impact analysis for the Illinois River will be completed in April and ready for presentation to the full ITTF Summer 2010.
- The Bridge Security Program and Radiation Detection Pilot Program installations are progressing.

## **UASI Committee**

Director David Ramos reported:

- Continue to work on procuring equipment for MABAS that was approved by the First Response Committee.
- Continue to work on procuring the x-ray equipment for the Cook County Bomb Squad.
- Continue to work on procuring the supplies and equipment for public health.
- Continue to work on the planning of the Vigilant Guard Exercise with the Illinois National Guard.
- Continue to train first responders in NIMS Compliance through NIPSTA.
- Continue to work with the City of Chicago to finalize the FFY 2010 UASI Grant Application.

## **Volunteers & Donations Committee**

Michelle Hanneken reported:

- Plans are being finalized for Illinois to host the first ever Prairie State CERT Challenge. It will be held on Saturday, June 26 on the grounds of the Bensenville demolition related to the O'Hare airport expansion. Further details are in the works, hopefully for an official announcement the first part of April.

## **New Business**

- The next Chairs/ Full ITTF meeting will be held Wednesday, March 24, 2010, at the Illinois Emergency Management Agency, Springfield, Illinois. Committee Chairs will meet at 11:00 a.m. and the full ITTF meeting will be held at 1:00 p.m.

Motion to adjourn.