

ILLINOIS TERRORISM TASK FORCE
Minutes of Council of Chairs Meeting
October 28, 2020
ATTENDEES

Alicia Tate-Nadeau – Homeland Security Advisor
Don Kauerauf – Illinois Terrorism Task Force- Chair

Committee Chairs

Critical Infrastructure

Felchner, Gene - IL Dept. of Transportation
Juskelis, Vydas - Am. Public Works Association

Cyber Security

Ford, Adam - IL DoIT
 - IL DoIT

Emergency Management

Swinford, Scott - IL Emergency Management Agency
Snow, Murray - DuPage County OEMC

Fire Mutual Aid

Erickson, Glenn - Mutual Aid Box Alarm System
Mortenson, Royal - IFSI

Law Enforcement Mutual Aid

Page, Jim - IL Law Enforcement Alarm System
Sons, William - IL State Police

Public Health

Friend, Andrew - IL Dept. of Public Health
Fox, Amy - IL Association of Public Health Administrators

Urban Area

 - City of Chicago OEMC
Barnes, William - Cook County DEMRS

Staff/Members

Arnold, Eric - ILETSB
Armstead, Alix - OSFM
Beamer-Pfeifer, Julie - WIU
Clark, Deb - ILEAS
Corso, Joe - IEMA
Eller, Amy - IDOT
Evans, Bob - IEMA
Findley, Liz - IEMA
Hanneken, Michelle - IDPH
Lyons, Bernie - MABAS
Sluga, Dan - IL DoIT
Smith, Pete - ILEAS
Trame, Chris - ISP

Advisory Members

Other Attendees

Illinois Terrorism Task Force (ITTF) Council of Chairs Meeting – October 28, 2020, Illinois Emergency Management Agency, 2200 South Dirksen Parkway, Springfield, IL 62703 via WebEx

Call to Order

Chairman Don Kauerauf called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone attending via the WebEx meeting. A roll call was taken, and quorum was established.

Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes of August 26, 2020, Council of Chairs meetings.

Motion to Approve: Royal Mortenson, IFSI

Seconded: Jim Page, ILEAS

Motion Carried

National and Illinois Homeland Security Updates

Alicia Tate-Nadeau, Homeland Security Advisor and Director of IEMA, provided a briefing on current homeland security issues.

Aaron Kustermann, Chief, Statewide Terrorism and Intelligence Center (STIC), Illinois State Police (ISP), provided an update on national intelligence trends.

Cyber Security Briefing

Adam Ford, Chief Information Security Officer, Illinois Department of Innovation and Technology, provided a briefing on cybersecurity issues. Discussion followed.

Report from the ITTF Chair

Don Kauerauf, Chair, discussed his vision of the role and responsibility of Committee Chairs, the Homeland Security Strategy and the development of a Vision 2025 strategy, to include:

Refocus Role and Responsibilities of the ITTF

- Transition away from the “funding” focus
 - Policy development (such as P25 radios, suspicious packaging)
- Address Emergency Preparedness requirements
 - Advisory body to Governor
 - Policies related to response to terrorism
 - Recommend changes to Illinois statutes, administrative regulations, or IEOP

Role and Responsibilities of Committees

- Chairman Kauerauf will provide more guidance and support in providing instructions to the committees.
- He will participate and attend committee meetings.
- Committees provide a role for direct/input communications with public safety agencies
 - Come forward with policy needs to support their areas of focus
- Committee chair responsibilities
 - Understands the burden of serving as a committee chair
 - If the new focus creates a challenge (time commitments) for the committee chair, please discuss with Chair and he will identify a new chair for the committee
- Look to increase participation on the committees (open to all ITTF member organizations)
- Will conduct one-on-one meetings to encourage committee participation

- Plans to request a Graduate Public Service Intern (GPSI) from the University of Illinois to support the committees.

New Homeland Security Strategy

- Vision 2020 supported Illinois homeland security strategy from 2015-2020
- Planning on a new grass-root venture for a new strategy
- Vision 2025 to cover 2021-2025

Discussion followed.

Unfinished Business

SFY 21 Preparedness and Response Grant (PAR) Project Requests

Bob Evans, IEMA Preparedness Grants Section Manager, reported that the only changes that have occurred since the approved SFY 21 PAR Projects requests at September's full ITTF meeting were to identify funds to support the SEOC activation to monitor election security per the request of Director Tate-Nadeau. These funds in the amount of \$4,825 (at this time) were moved from the Safe2Help Marketing and Outreach line. Also, per the request of City Chicago, remove the Cardiac Monitor Project request that is listed in Tier 3.

Status update on projects using FFY 18 SHSP funds

Bob Evans provided a status update on unallocated FFY 18 SHSP funds. These funds will expire August 31, 2021. Currently, the only funds that have been returned are \$31,298 SHSP (local), \$44,000 SHSP (state) and \$267,732 UASI (state-retained). Projected payroll returns are ongoing.

New Business

As discussed at the last ITTF Full Membership Meeting, the committees were instructed to schedule at least one meeting prior to the ITTF Council of Chairs meeting (October 28, 2020) to develop a projects list for future unobligated funds. Throughout the year, the Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA) receives funds from FEMA HSGP projects that are unable to be completed or have cost under-runs. Chairman Kauerauf discussed the need for ITTF to have a list approved by the full membership available for IEMA so they can quickly re-obligate available funds without delay. As funding is often identified late in the grant period, having an approved (and prioritized) list will expedite the process. He also discussed that the prioritization of projects will be an on-going process and the list will be updated to add or remove projects recommended by the Council of Chairs with approval of the full membership.

The committees were asked to:

1. Identify unfunded projects (or expansion of existing projects) that support Illinois' homeland security preparedness based on the criteria below.
2. Discuss the need for the project(s) and prioritize.
3. Vote to approve the prioritized project list.

Below are the criteria the committees should use to consider and prioritize their projects.

- Does the project align with an ITTF Homeland Security Priority?
 - Cyber Security
 - Protection of Soft Target/Crowded Spaces (including Schools)
 - Information and Intelligence Sharing

- Emerging Threats (e.g., Mass care for COVID, Weapons of Mass Destruction, Election Security, etc.)
- Domestic Terrorism/Homegrown Extremists
- Is there a sustainment cost that will be the responsibility of the ITTF in future years?
 - Is there maintenance, technology, service fees, etc. associated with the project?
- Does the project support a statewide system or have statewide use?
- Is the project scalable?
 - Does the project need to be funded at 100% of the proposed cost, or can it be implemented in definable portions that have a homeland security benefit?
 - If only a portion of the cost of the project is authorized, can it exist if no additional funds are approved in the future?
- Most importantly, can the project be fully completed by June 30, 2021?

The committees should work with a budget of \$750,000 in total for all projects that are approved and prioritized (meaning the total budget for all projects cumulatively prioritized should be less than \$750,000).

Committee Chairs presented their projects and discussion followed. It was determined that the prioritized list and the PAR Tier 2 list would be incorporated and provided to the Chairs for their review. A Council of Chairs meeting will be held in November to approve the updated project list.

Upcoming Meetings

The next Council of Chairs meeting will be held in November, date to be determined, at 10:00 a.m. via WebEx.

