ILLINOIS TERRORISM TASK FORCE
Minutes of Council of Chairs Meeting
March 24, 2021
ATTENDEES

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

Staff/Members

Armstead, Alix – OSFM
Beamer-Pfeifer, Julie – WIU
Brewer, Troy – IEMA
Brown, Renysha – IEMA
Chiappini, Dominic – ISP
Clark, Deb – ILEAS
Corso, Joe - IEMA
DeRousse, Madison – UIS
Evans, Bob – IEMA
Findley, Liz – IEMA
Gutierrez, Natalie – City of Chicago
Hanneken, Michelle – IDPH
Harney, Tim – ISP
Holloway, Jennifer - IDPH
Juhl, Leona – IDPH
Kustermann, Aaron - ISP
Lyons, Bernie – MABAS
Porter, Tammy – IEMA
Reichert, Ashley – ISP
Savage, Gloria – ILEAS
Sluga, Dan – IL DoIT
Smith, Pete – ILEAS
Statham, Anna – City of Chicago
Strayer, Nichole – IEMA
Trame, Chris – ISP
Workman, Byron – ISP

Committee Chairs

Critical Infrastructure

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

Cyber Security

Adam Ford   - IL DoIT
Rominger, Jennifer - IL DoIT

Emergency Management

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

Fire Mutual Aid

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

Law Enforcement Mutual Aid

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

Public Health

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

Urban Area

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

Advisory Members

Other Attendees

<u>Illinois Terrorism Task Force (ITTF) Council of Chairs Meeting – March 24, 2021, Illinois Emergency Management Agency, 2200 South Dirksen Parkway, Springfield, IL 62703 via WebEx</u>

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 February 24, 2021, Council of Chairs meetings.*

    Motion to Approve: Bill Barnes, Cook County DEMRS

    Seconded: Glenn Ericksen, MABAS

National and Illinois Homeland Security Updates

Director Tate-Nadeau, Governor's Homeland Security Advisor, discussed the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) FFY 21 priorities, which align with the national security strategy for the United States. The priorities are Critical Infrastructure Protection, Cyber Security, Soft Targets/Crowded Places, Information and Intelligence Sharing, Domestic Violent Extremism, and Emergent Threats (including mass vaccinations, school safety, CBRNE threats, supply chain and unmanned aircraft systems). She also recognized the importance of including Public Safety Mutual Aid, Risk Communications Messaging and Individual Preparedness in our overarching state strategy. She is currently interacting with the Governors Homeland Security Advisors Council (GHSAC) and meeting with congressional staffers to talk about the priorities in the national strategy and the funding mechanisms. As part of the of FFY 2021, baseline percentage of funds expended will continue to be required by FEMA for all states in the categories that were previously discussed in order to receive federal funding. It is important for the committees to submit their annual reports, which identify gaps and provide feedback to support mutual aid and other priorities.

Aaron Kustermann, Chief, Statewide Terrorism and Intelligence Center (STIC), Illinois State Police, provided a briefing on national and Illinois security issues. Chairman Kauerauf encouraged any member who wanted to serve on the special teams' information sharing focus group that Chief Kustermann discussed at the last chairs meeting to contact the Chief Kustermann.

ITTF Chair Report

Chairman Kauerauf acknowledged Royal Mortenson, Fire Services Mutual Aid Committee co-chair, for leading the ITTF Policy Development Focus Group for School and Public Safety Trainings. The focus group provided a series of briefings, as well as holding a tabletop exercise, and recommended its full endorsement of the IFSI Active Shooter Incident Management (ASIM) and School Safety and Violent Event Incident Management (SSAVEIM) Reunification Programs.

He also discussed the Mail-Suspicious Package-Threat Checklist Focus Group that Lieutenant Jason Dunn, Illinois Secretary of State Police, oversaw. The group reviewed and provided recommendations to update the document. A draft has been developed and will be provided to the ITTF membership for their review.

Chairman Kauerauf reported there are over 3,000 Stop the Bleed Kits stored at ILEAS. Jim Page is working with the Regional Superintendents of Schools on distribution of the kits. Other possible avenues for distribution will be discussed later.

Chairman Kauerauf thanked ITTF members/groups for providing their upcoming meeting dates, which will provide staff the opportunity to meet and discuss the development of the State of Illinois Homeland Security Strategy – Vision 2025. On the IEMA website, a page will be added for Vision 2025 with documents being added as they become available. An assessment tool will soon be released to every public safety organization within the state to identify homeland security priorities, strengths and weaknesses, concerns going forward,

etc. UIS Intern Madison DeRousse is supporting the project and will soon be reaching out to the ITTF members to schedule meetings to discuss the strategy.

<u>Old Business</u>

<u>SFY 21 Preparedness and Response Grant (PAR) Project Requests and FFY 18 SHSP funds</u>

Bob Evans, IEMA Preparedness Grants Section Manager, discussed the current status of the SFY 21 PAR projects spreadsheet. Funds are to be expended by June 30, 2021. There have not been any changes since the last chairs meeting. Chairs were told to notify ITTF staff as soon as possible if they know of any remaining project funds that will not be expended. As of this time, the status of SFY 22 PAR funds is unknown.

He also discussed the FFY 18 SHSP funds. Currently there is $400,000 in state UASI unallocated funds available and $225,000 state/local unallocated funds. Again, chairs are encouraged to let staff know if they will not be using all of their allocated funds, which have to be expended by July 1, 2021.

Chairman Kauerauf reported that as of this date, there is no notice of confirmation of the appropriation amount for the SFY 22 PAR funds.

<u>New Business</u>

<u>Discussion on Illinois' FFY 2021 Homeland Security Grant Program Application</u>

Chairman Kauerauf expressed his appreciation to the committee chairs on how they conducted the new project development and budget process for the FFY 2021 SHSGP application. As discussed at the February 24, 2021, Council of Chairs meeting, the committee projects must address the required federal and state priorities (investments) of the State of Illinois for the FY 2021 HSGP. Below are the identified investments, including descriptions of the overall project and gaps identified in federal documents and/or by ITTF committees.

Investment #1:
Enhancing Cybersecurity

- <u>Description</u>
    - Cybersecurity investments must support the security and functioning of critical infrastructure and core capabilities as they relate to preventing, preparing for, protecting against, or responding to acts of terrorism.
- <u>Eligible Project Categories</u>
    - *Identify* – Implement activities that develop an organizational understanding to manage cybersecurity risk to systems, people, assets, data, and capabilities.
    - *Protect* – Implement activities that develop and implement appropriate safeguards to ensure delivery of critical services.
    - *Detect* – Develop and implement appropriate activities to identify the occurrence of a cybersecurity event.
    - *Respond* – Develop and implement appropriate activities to take action regarding a detected cybersecurity incident.
    - *Recover* – Develop and implement appropriate activities to maintain plans for resilience and to restore any capabilities or services that were impaired due to a cybersecurity incident.

Investment #2:
Enhancing the Protection of Soft Targets/Crowded Places

- <u>Description</u>
    - Soft Target/Crowded Places investment must support the state's efforts to collaborate to enhance security of locations such as transportation centers, parks, restaurants, shopping centers, special event venues, and similar facilities.

- Eligible Project Categories
  - *Understand the Basics* – Provide training and education to facility security on the recognition of threats at events and at-risk locations
  - *Identify Suspicious Behavior* – Implement activities to help citizens, business owners, and employees understand what suspicious behaviors may pose a threat and what steps to take to report the behavior to authorities.
  - *Protect, Screen, and Allow Access to Facilities* – Implement activities to screen patrons before allowing them to enter facilities and/or employ a credentialing process
  - *Protect Against Unmanned Aircraft Systems* – Implement activities to understand the threat and steps that businesses, the public, and first responders can take to protect against the malicious use of drones.
  - *Prepare and Respond to Active Assailants* – Implement activities to help prepare for and respond to active assailant incidents, including in-person and online training, tools to prepare emergency action plans, and guidance on the actions to take during an incident.
  - *Prevent and Respond to Bombing* – Implement activities to increase the capabilities of everyone—the public, business owners and staff, government employees, law enforcement, and first responders—to prevent, protect against, and respond to bombing incidents.

Investment #3:
Enhancing Information and Intelligence Sharing and Analysis and Cooperation

- Description
  - The Information and Intelligence Sharing and Analysis and Cooperation investment addresses access to, analysis of, and the timely sharing of open source, unclassified, and classified information, suspicious activity reports, tips/leads, and actionable intelligence on indicators and behaviors to accurately identify, assess, and mitigate a wide array of threats against the United States, including terrorism, threats to life, targeted violence, and other threats within the DHS mission space.

- Eligible Project Categories
  - *Synchronized, Cohesive Enterprise* – Implement activities that integrate intelligence into operational functions and drive actions to mitigate all threats to the homeland, including Counterintelligence, Counterterrorism, Cyber, Economic Security, and Transnational Organized Crime.
  - *Multi-Directional Information Exchanges* – Implement activities with state, local and private sector partners to fill critical information and intelligence gaps.
  - *Production of Strategic Intelligence Products* – Implement activities that produce strategic intelligence products that leverage law enforcement, unique DHS data and intelligence community (IC) holdings to facilitate intelligence-driven decision making.
  - *Access to Data and Systems* – Implement activities that deliver access to data and systems, infrastructure and analytic expertise, mission readiness services and intelligence community capabilities.
  - *Maintain Cadre of Intelligence Professionals* – Implement activities that invest in high-performing homeland security intelligence professionals, who are critical in achieving the above operating principles.

Investment #**4**:
Combating Domestic Violent Extremism

- <u>Description</u>
  - The Combating Domestic Violent Extremism investment will support the state's efforts to combat the rise, influence, and spread of domestic violent extremism.
- <u>Eligible Project Categories</u>
  - *Provide Security Presence at Designated Events* – Implement activities that ensure law enforcement and other key security personnel will protect governmental facilities and other key sites.
  - *Enhance State and Local Coordination and Threat Intelligence* – Implement activities that collect, analyze and widely share information from a variety of sources to advance all-hazard threat intelligence.
  - *Implement Deradicalization and Violence Interruption Programs* – Implement activities that identify and respond to individuals at risk for mobilization to violence before criminal acts occur.
  - *Conduct Training and Education on Reporting Suspicious Activity* – Implement activities to empower communities to protect themselves from activities that could lead to terrorist acts by understanding how to report indicators of that behavior.
  - *Implement Public Safety, Community and Private Sector Information Sharing* – Implement activities that curb radicalization and mobilization by engaging with community and private sector through robust information sharing initiatives that provide early indicators of domestic terrorism.

Investment #**5**:
Addressing Emergent Threats

- <u>Description</u>
  - The Addressing Emergent Threats investment will focus on preparedness, prevention, protection, response, and recovery activities to address the spread of rapidly evolving threats and new and emerging dangers for homeland security to which the state is vulnerable.

- <u>Eligible Project Categories</u>
  - *Enhance Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) and/or Improvised Explosive Device (IED) Capabilities* – Implement activities to support a community's ability to prevent, detect, respond to and recover from WMD and IED events, including chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, and explosive (CBRNE) devices
  - *Protect Against Unmanned Aircraft Systems* – Implement activities to understand the threat and steps that businesses, the public, and first responders can take to protect against the malicious use of drones.
  - *Enhance State and Local Coordination and Threat Intelligence* – Implement activities that collect, analyze and widely share information from a variety of sources to advance all-hazard threat intelligence.
  - *Protect Physical and Cyber Critical Infrastructure* – Implement preparedness, training, prevention, and protection activities that harden critical infrastructure and make this sector more secure and resilient.
  - *Prepare for Disruptions in Life Safety Resources (Supply Chains)* – Implement statewide, regional and local activities to plan (contingency planning) for disruptions in critical supplies following a disaster.
  - *Protect Schools and Campuses from Threats and Hazards* – Implement preparedness activities to provide a safe and healthy learning environment for public and nonpublic schools and campuses to keep them safe from threats and hazards.

Investment #6:
Homeland Security Planning, Coordination and Communications

- Description
    - The Homeland Security Planning, Coordination and Communications investment will assist state and local preparedness efforts to build, sustain, and deliver the capabilities aligned with the Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment/State Preparedness Report (THIRA/SPR) necessary to prevent, protect against, respond to, and recover from acts of terrorism.

- Eligible Project Categories
    - *Conduct Statewide and Regional Risk and Capability Assessments* – Implement activities to complete statewide and regional assessments to support the jurisdiction's understanding of the risks and threats to which they are vulnerable and that need to be addressed to improve their ability to prevent, protect against, respond to, and recover from acts of terrorism.
    - *Develop Statewide Homeland Security Plans* – Implement planning activities and address gaps identified through the THIRA/SPR that engage the whole community, as appropriate, in the development of executable strategic, operational, and/or tactical-level procedures and protocols.
    - *Conduct Statewide Homeland Security Training and Exercises* – Implement training and exercises that address gaps identified through the THIRA/SPR that engage the whole community, as appropriate, and are tied to the National Preparedness Goals.
    - *Develop Public Information and Warning Systems and Messages* – Implement risk communications and warning messages that deliver coordinated, prompt, reliable, and actionable information to the whole community to effectively relay information regarding any threat or hazard and, as appropriate, the actions being taken and the assistance being made available.
    - *Develop Operational Coordination Systems* – Implement activities to establish and maintain a unified and coordinated operational structure and process that appropriately integrates all critical stakeholders and supports the execution of core capabilities.

Chairman Kauerauf stressed the importance of the task force maintaining a strategic, rather than tactical view, as it strives to update and adjust priorities based on continuously evolving threats to homeland security. He also discussed a possible revision of the current committee structure.

Bob Evans displayed a spreadsheet that contained the projects identified to support the investments. Committee chairs presented their projects within the respective investments, and discussion followed (summarized below).

Soft Target Investment Justification -

- Not enough planning, training, education at the local levels
- Local inclusion to tie them together – establish workgroups
- Struggled to put certain projects in the correct investment
- Duplication with soft targets, domestic violence extremism investments and emerging threats?
- Screening Facilities (i.e., protect, screening, and allowing access to the facility) - Is there a role, other than from a planning standpoint, for ITTF to have a project(s) for screening from facilities (e.g., Civic Center in Peoria, Illinois State Fairgrounds, Farm Project show, etc.) ISP is actively engaged in these projects on a regular basis. State assets are available.

Information and Intelligence Sharing Investment Justification -

- Is there a need for a liaison for public official standpoint (e.g., Chamber of Commerce, Mayor's Office, etc.)? or do we rely on the emergency management, fire, public health liaisons, etc.? Although many entities interact with the STIC liaisons after they have been vetted to receive information, suggestion to ask the potential/trusted partners (e.g., mayors or city managers, Associated County Officials in Illinois, United Council of Counties, etc.) to see if they are receiving and understanding the information received.

Domestic Violent Extremism (DVE) Investment Justification -

- Need to enhance the training and education component for the application.
- NIMS ICS training is a component of this investment and is multi-functional. Fire service, law enforcement, public officials, local hospitals, etc. take the NIMS training.
- Form a working/focus group to review and discuss how to address this before it happens - influencing behavior. The working group recommendations would provide a strategic road map for the future for ITTF on how to address the DVE investment justification.

Emerging Threats Investment Justification -

- Supply chain – the community impact due to lack of resources. Has this been addressed within the projects?
- Private Sector – expand public/private partnership.
- Form a working/focus group to review and discuss how to address these issues.

Timeline

It was determined that a special ITTF Council of Chairs meeting will be held on April 14, 2021 – 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. via WebEx to review, discuss and approve the consolidated HSGP Projects List for FFY 2021.

The next full membership meeting will be held April 28, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. via WebEx.