

ILLINOIS TERRORISM TASK FORCE
Minutes of Council of Chairs Meeting
May 26, 2021
ATTENDEES

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
Rominger, Jennifer - IL DoIT

Emergency Management:

Sullivan, Marc - IL Emergency Management Agency
Nelson, Dan - City of Naperville

Fire Mutual Aid:

Keiken, Jim - IL Fire Service Institute
Ericksen, Glenn - Mutual Aid Box Alarm System

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:

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

Staff/Members

Beamer-Pfeifer, Julie – WIU
Brewer, Troy – IEMA
Chiappini, Dominic – ISP
Clark, Deb – ILEAS
Corso, Joe – IEMA
Doiron, Mark – ISP
Donaldson, Abby – IEMA
Eller, Amy – IDOT
Evans, Bob – IEMA
Grah, Rick - IESMA
Harney, Tim – ISP
Kustermann, Aaron – ISP
Lyons, Bernie – MABAS
Perez, Matt - OSFM
Porter, Tammy – IEMA
Reichert, Ashley – ISP
Savage, Gloria – ILEAS
Sedory, Laura – IEMA
Sluga, Dan - DoIT
Smith, Pete – ILEAS
Strayer, Nichole – IEMA
Trame, Chris – ISP
Workman, Byron – ISP

Call to Order

Chairman Don Kauerauf called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone attending via the WebEx meeting. Quorum was established. Laura Sedory was introduced as a new IEMA employee who will be providing administrative support for the ITTF. The June meeting is proposed as an in-person meeting for designated chairs, one designee per agency. Chairman Kauerauf thanked Scott Swinford, IEMA, and Murray Snow, DuPage County OHSEM, for their service to the Emergency Management (EM) Committee over the last several years and introduced two new co-chairs for the EM Committee, Marc Sullivan, IEMA, and Dan Nelson, City of Naperville.

Minutes

- *Motion to approve the minutes of April 14, 2021, Council of Chairs meeting.*

Motion to Approve: Glenn Ericksen, MABAS

Seconded: Vydas Juskelis, APWA

National and Illinois Homeland Security Updates

National and State Intelligence Briefing – Aaron Kustermann, Chief Statewide Terrorism Intelligence Center (STIC), Illinois State Police, provided a briefing on national and Illinois security issues.

Chairman Kauerauf stated that DoIT would be providing the Cyber Security update at the next meeting.

Homeland Security Strategy and Targeting Domestic Violent Extremists Focus Groups

Chairman Kauerauf thanked those participants in the Homeland Security Strategy Focus Group and stated the Vision 2025 Strategy Focus Group would continue to meet monthly to prepare the future strategy. He encouraged the co-chairs of the Public Health Committee to identify public health representatives to join the focus group, stating they don't have to be members of ITTF to join that group.

Chairman Kauerauf noted the Targeting Domestic Violent Extremists Focus Group has received new guidance from the federal government again. This group now consists mostly of Illinois State Police (ISP) representatives, and he encouraged other sectors from emergency management, public health, critical infrastructure, etc. to consider joining this focus group to provide more diversified guidance. He also discussed limiting the focus groups to 10 or fewer individuals as WebEx facilitation is cumbersome with more participants.

Communications Interoperability

Chairman Kauerauf reported he and Jim Page, ILEAS, discussed the radio communications equipment purchased in 2000 and its current worn-out, outdated state. He mentioned creating a (short-term) focus group centering around strategy to find a solution to this issue and how it's critical we discuss interoperability regarding communication - where do they see communications going forward and what plan is there to fund that vision to replace what we currently own? Discussion followed. Jim Page, ILEAS, reported on a review of the investment in radios provided to counties over the past decades and estimated that it would cost \$7.5 million to replace those radios. Chairman Kauerauf concluded by asking Jim Page to create the focus group of stakeholders and interoperability representatives, and he would include the State-wide Interoperability Coordinator (SWIC). He also asked Urban Area Committee co-chairs William Barnes, Cook County DEMRS, and Richard Guidice, Chicago OEMC, to identify representatives to be a part of this focus group, and asked Critical Infrastructure Co-chair Gene Felchner, IDOT, to participate himself or identify another individual in light of the new communications center IDOT has built.

Status of SFY 21 Preparedness and Response Grant (PAR) Funds

Bob Evans, IEMA Preparedness Grants Section Manager, displayed the current SFY 21 PAR budget spreadsheet status and discussed the importance of grantees identifying unexpended funds to be returned to IEMA. Chairman Kauerauf acknowledged Major Sons' dedication to this and encouraged the other grantees to emulate his action of calling vendors and contractors individually to determine if there are ANY unspent funds because of discounted purchases, delayed shipments to the next FY, etc. so the funds can be reallocated to MABAS to complete the purchase of radios. Grantees are to provide the amount of unexpended funds to Bob and Chairman Kauerauf by June 4, 2021. It was also discussed that all purchase orders must be completed by June 30, 2021, and reimbursement forms are to be submitted to IEMA by July 30, 2021, or sooner if possible.

SFY 22 Preparedness and Response Grant (PAR) Projects

Chairman Kauerauf presented the Alignment of HSGP and PAR Performance Periods graphic to explain the concurrent performance periods of both. Some key points:

- 1) Beginning on July 1, 2021, grantees will be spending their FFY 2020 Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) funds (to cover through June 30, 2022). This applies to personnel costs, maintenance contracts, etc.
- 2) The exact same time period applies to the SFY 2022 Preparedness and Response (PAR) funds (which will be discussed today). When the FFY 2021 grant (effective July 1, 2022) was compiled, equipment, maintenance and capital expenditures were moved to PAR funds.
- 3) 2023 PAR funds will start June 30, 2022.

Chairman Kauerauf then presented the proposed SFY 22 PAR Projects spreadsheet for the Chairs to review, discuss, and to determine if there are items to be moved to the SFY 2022 grant, reminding them to not request funds for items already covered in previously-approved agreements, and also reminding them about the unspent funds that are always available.

- Each of the Chairs presented their respective lists of requests and explanations.
- Chairman Kauerauf agreed to forward an email received from EPA to IDOT's Gene Felchner regarding requested response vehicles that had been taken off this list due to a lower priority.
- Bob noted he highlighted funds only eligible for PAR projects (i.e., that won't be available for additional HSPG funds). Chairman Kauerauf noted finalizing this list will be the focus of the June meeting.

Role, Membership, and Responsibilities of the ITTF Committees

Chairman Kauerauf discussed the importance of committee members being a good representation of that committee's focus, and while they are open to all members, it is sometimes difficult to reach a quorum and conduct business with too many members. He asked for suggestions to help committees become more efficient in operations. Discussion followed.

- Law Enforcement Committee Co-Chair Jim Page, ILEAS, advised that all members have the opportunity to join a committee to provide a path of communication and that continued transparency among members routinely discussing topics outside of formal meetings is important.
- Fire Mutual Aid Committee Co-Chair Glenn Ericksen, MABAS, noted his organization doesn't have any issues with participation or lines of communication, either.
- Emergency Management Co-Chair Marc Sullivan, IEMA, noted his committee needs better representation than only that of teachers. While he values their perspective, he'd like to see one

emergency manager from each region on his committee so they may relay information from the ITTF to essential staff in their regions. Chairman Kauerauf responded that he will review the by-laws and charter regarding subject matter expert participation, and he proposed that Co-Chair Sullivan discuss with IESMA how to link emergency managers to the EM Committee.

- Critical Infrastructure/Transportation Committee Co-Chairs Gene Felchner, IDOT and Vydas Juskelis, APWA, reported their attendance doubled and tripled since meetings began to resume after COVID-19 started. Chairman Kauerauf commended them for drawing members into their methodology-based committee by actively engaging them.

Other Business

Chairman Kauerauf requested that chairs ponder whether the ITTF would be more efficient and productive if there were fewer members representing disciplines (currently ITTF has 70 members). He stated he'll initiate research efforts into the question, as well, and this topic will be discussed at the next meeting. Co-Chairs Jim Page, ILEAS, and Major Sons, ISP, noted the structure of the Council of Chairs remedied issues existing previously, but not meeting as a group (in person) has been very challenging. They both believe meeting in person will improve interaction (note - 33 people on today's WebEx meeting and only eight spoke).

Upcoming Meeting

Council of Chairs Meeting will be held June 22, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. in person (for designated chairs representing each organization only at IEMA and via WebEx for other participants). The SFY 22 PAR budget will be finalized at this meeting. Notify Bob Evans or Chairman Kauerauf with any revisions prior to the meeting. (Note: Only federal funds need full ITTF approval.)

Adjournment

INITIAL REQUESTS FOR SFY 2022 PAR

Subrecipient	Project Name and Description	SFY 2022 7/1/2021-6/30/2022 Potential PAR Project	SFY 2023 7/1/2022-6/30/2023 Potential PAR Project
Chicago	Gators (ATV) with Flatbed for emergency management staff	\$50,000.00	
Chicago	Trailer for Gator to transport additional equipent and supplies to CERT volunteers, emergency management working along the lake and around vensues during festivals, traffic management personnel working in congested areas, etc)	\$15,600.00	
Chicago	Media Campaign (I Heart Radio most likely to be used which can reach majority of audience in Urban Area. Includes 30/60 second air commercial spots, impressions, social media posts etc)	\$100,000.00	
Chicago	E350-type Passenger Vans for Chicago Police Dept	\$440,000.00	
Chicago	Transit Connect-type Cargo Vans for Chicago	\$224,000.00	
Chicago	ew-Cab Pick-up	\$94,000.00	
Chicago	Protective Boots - PPE	\$300,000.00	
Illinois Department of Innovation and Technology (DOIT)	Endpoint Detection licenses- 8500 licenses which are deployable Statewide to entities. This service monitors endpoints and reports suspicious behaviors to the State Security Operation Center (SOC) which contacts the entity with the information and suggestions for how the entity should respond.		\$317,000.00
Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA)	Safe2Help Illinois promotional items, digital purchaes, and marketing	\$500,000.00	
Illinois Fire Service Institute (IFSI)*	First Responder Training - Equipment		\$538,538.00
Illinois Fire Service Institute (IFSI)*	Technical rescue and HAZAMAT equipment, Large prime mover, Medium prime mover, and set of 40 ft trailers	\$240,000.00	
Illinois Law Enforcement Alarm System (ILEAS)	Communications - equipment replacement	\$125,000.00	\$292,600.00
Illinois Law Enforcement Alarm System (ILEAS)	ILEAS Deployable Teams (SRT)- Sustainment of law enforcement special response teams to include Weapons of Mass Destruction Special Response Teams, Mobile Field Force, and bomb squads to include purchase of equipment, training, exercises and staff.	\$670,000.00	\$500,000.00

FFY 20 HSGP funding

Actual SFY22 Comms request and a reduction of the SFY23 to reflect a 5 year radio replacement plan

Illinois Law Enforcement Alarm System (ILEAS)	Operational Expenses - staff, fuel, Insurance	\$42,500.00	\$47,500.00
Illinois State Police (ISP)- STIC	Statewide Terrorism and Intelligence Center (STIC)Watch Center Maintenance/Intelligence Sharing and Terrorism Prevention Activities- Salaries for 15 Terrorism Research Specialists in fusion center as well as travel and maintenance of computer software/hardware systems.	\$25,000.00	\$500,000.00
Illinois State Police (ISP)- STIC	Safe2Help Illinois	\$900,000.00	\$900,000.00
Illinois State Police (ISP)- SWMDT	State Weapons of Mass Destruction Team (SWMDT) Operations and Maintenance- Continue to maintain/improve the current level of operational readiness through training, attendance at conferences and workshops; perform two exercises each year with the goal of one being a full-scale scenario.	\$430,000.00	\$510,000.00
Illinois State Police (ISP)- SWMDT	State Weapons of Mass Destruction Team (SWMDT)-Operational Response and travel	\$100,000.00	
Logan County	All Hazards Radios - Purchase Portable All Hazards Alert Radios for Citizen Alerting		\$4,750.00
Logan County	Emergency Management Assistance Team (EMAT) and IMT- lodging/meals for mandatory training, planning meetings and exercises related expenses; purchase portable digital still cameras, video cameras, shelters, computer hardware/software, internet service		\$4,000.00
Logan County	Generator Maintenance and Project Support-Provide routine preventative maintenance for IESMA generators & support trailers; potential for purchase new generator.		\$60,000.00
Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MABAS)	Fire Mutual Aid Critical Systems Support (CSS)- Support for statewide dispatch center; testing and maintenance to ITTF funded response vehicles; support to statewide data processing network maintained by MABAS; Support for MABAS Readiness Center; annual MABAS Summit; travel expenses		\$84,000.00
Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MABAS)	Interoperable radio replacement USR	\$550,000.00	
Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MABAS)	Mutual Aid operational costs, insurance and fuel	\$110,000.00	\$110,000.00
Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MABAS)	MABAS Special Teams Equipment Maintenance and Replacement- Calibrate and replace worn or outdated equipment for local hazardous materials, technical rescue, water rescue, and Urban Search and Rescue teams.	\$90,000.00	\$477,895.00
Western Illinois University (WIU)	ILETSB MTU training props with munitions	\$20,000.00	
Total Amount Requested		\$5,026,100.00	\$4,346,283.00

SFY22 - Bearcat, High Angle Response Equipment, Rifle Rated Shields, Uniforms SFY23 Andros Robot SOS, Vapor Wake K9