

ILLINOIS TERRORISM TASK FORCE
Minutes of Council of Chairs Meeting
August 26, 2020
ATTENDEES

Alicia Tate-Nadeau – Homeland Security Advisor
Mike Chamness – 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

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

Hanneken, Michelle - IL Dept. of Public Health
Fox, Amy - IL Association of Public Health Administrators

Urban Area

Guidice, Richard – City of Chicago OEMC
– Cook County DEMRS

Staff/Members

Armstead, Alix – OSFM
Beamer-Pfeifer, Julie – WIU
Brown, Renysha - IEMA
Clark, Deb – ILEAS
Clark, Rebecca - IEMA
Corso, Joe - IEMA
Eller, Amy - IDOT
England, John – IEMA
Evans, Bob – IEMA
Findley, Liz - IEMA
Gutierrez, Natalie – City of Chicago
Lyons, Bernie - MABAS
Sluga, Dan – IL DoIT
Statham, Anna – City of Chicago
Smith, Pete – ILEAS

Advisory Members

Other Attendees

Heaton, Rodger
Wieties, Lisa

Illinois Terrorism Task Force (ITTF) Council of Chairs Meeting – August 26, 2020, Illinois Emergency Management Agency, 2200 South Dirksen Parkway, Springfield, IL 62703 via WebEx

Call to Order

Chairman Mike Chamness 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 July 22, 2020, Council of Chairs meetings.

Motion to Approve: Jim Page, ILEAS
Seconded: Glen Ericksen, MABAS
Motion Carried

Update on Safe2Help Illinois Project

Chairman Chamness reported that the Safe2Help website is built, tested, and ready to move from the beta testing mode to production mode. Anticipated launch date of the live website is September 15th. A pilot launch of the program with a school district (to be determined) is still anticipated. The training for analysts is continuing. They are moving beyond basic navigation of the software to gaining an understanding of the full functionality through scenario-based training. Two separate software platforms will work in concert with each other in an operational setting. The sixth analyst position has been posted, and interviews will be scheduled once CMS provides the applicant list. Discussion followed on the need to provide more emphasis on the issues of mental health, cyber bullying, etc. as students continue to attend school remotely.

Cyber Security Briefing

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

New Business

Bob Evans, IEMA Preparedness Grants Section Manager, discussed the FEMA cybersecurity assessment survey. Each organization that receives HSGP funds must complete the survey per FEMA grant guidelines. The National Cybersecurity Review (NCR) Survey is to be submitted by December 31, 2020. Jennifer Rominger, IL DoIT, explained that the survey is a self-assessment of an organization's cybersecurity framework. She is available to provide guidance if needed.

Bob Evans also reported that IEMA received the FFY 20 HSGP award. IEMA's Legal Office is currently reviewing the award and the template for the grant agreement. IEMA has 15 days to review before the award is accepted. Using subject matter experts, FEMA conducted a further review of the projects submitted based on the national priorities, resulting in some grantees having holds placed on them. Bob Evans will contact the grantees to discuss the paperwork required to have the holds released. Grantees will receive their grant agreements when everything has been approved.

Chairman Chamness requested that committees begin work on their reports for the 2020 ITTF Annual Report. We will use the same abbreviated format that was used last year.

Old Business

SFY 21 Preparedness and Response Grant (PAR) Project Requests

Bob Evans reported that all SFY 21 PAR grants have been completed, returned, and executed. Chairman Chamness explained that if the project funds are not all expended, they will return to IEMA, at which point the Chairs will discuss reallocation of funds. These funds expire on June 30, 2021.

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 \$45,202.59 SHSP (local) and \$30,733.78 UASI (state-retained). Projected payroll returns are ongoing. At the September Chairs meeting, attendees should be prepared to discuss, review, and prioritize projects for the anticipated unallocated funds to present at December's ITTF full membership meeting.

Status update on projects using FFY 17 funds

Bob Evans provided a status update on unallocated FFY 17 SHSP funds. Currently, all FFY 17 SHSP (local) and state retained UASI unallocated funds have been obligated to the approved upgrade of the Illinois State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) project. These funds expire August 31, 2021.

Other Business

Director Tate-Nadeau recognized the retirement of Mike Chamness, ITTF Chair. She announced that Don Kauerauf will assume the role of ITTF Chair.

Upcoming ITTF Full Membership Meeting

The next full membership meeting will be held September 23, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. via WebEx.

Motion to Adjourn: Jim Page, ILEAS
Seconded: Glenn Ericksen, MABAS