

ILLINOIS TERRORISM TASK FORCE  
Minutes of Council of Chairs Meeting  
Sept. 28, 2022  
2200 South Dirksen Parkway, Springfield, Illinois 62703  
and via WebEx

**ATTENDANCE**

- Jim Page – Acting Illinois Terrorism Task Force Chair, in person

**Committee Chairs**

**Critical Infrastructure:**

- Felchner, Gene – IL Department of Transportation, in person

**Cybersecurity:**

- Jennifer Rominger – IL Department of Innovation and Technology, in person

**Emergency Management:**

- Dan Nelson – City of Naperville, via WebEx
- Marc Sullivan – IL Emergency Management Agency, in person

**Fire Mutual Aid:**

- Ericksen, Glenn – Mutual Aid Box Alarm System, in person

**Law Enforcement Mutual Aid:**

- Page, Jim – IL Law Enforcement Alarm System, in person
- Price, J.W. – IL State Police, via WebEx

**Public Health:**

- Dos Santos, Andrea – IL Department of Public Health, via WebEx

**Urban Area:**

- Berger, Ted – Cook County DEMRS, via WebEx

**Staff/Members:**

Ahrens, Scott – ISP, in person  
Arnold, Eric – ILETSB, via WebEx  
Beamer-Pfeifer, Julie – WIU, in person  
Doerfler, Mark – IPWMAN, via WebEx  
Elzie, Bobby – IDPH, via WebEx  
Evans, Bob – IEMA, in person  
Evans, Larry – ILEAS, in person  
Hayward-Buys, Kimberly – Cook County DEMRS, via WebEx  
Hershey, Michael – IEMA, in person  
Holloway, Jennifer – IDPH, via WebEx  
Lyons, Bernie – MABAS, via WebEx  
Miller, Matt – IEMA, via WebEx  
Moore, Heather – IFSI, via WebEx  
Porter, Tammy – IEMA, via WebEx  
Smith, Pete – ILEAS, via WebEx  
Starr, Matthew – IEMA, in person  
Statham, Anna – City of Chicago OEMC, via WebEx  
Strayer, Nichole – IEMA, via WebEx  
Trame, Chris – ISP, via WebEx

## Call to Order

Acting ITTF Chairman Jim Page greeted everyone and called the meeting to order.

## Minutes

- ***Motion to approve the minutes of June 22, 2022, Council of Chairs meeting.***  
***Motion to Approve: Gene Felchner, IDOT***  
***Seconded: Jennifer Rominger, DoIT***  
***Minutes of June 22, 2022, Council of Chairs meeting approved.***

## ITTF Chair Report

Acting Chair Page announced that he has been offered the position of ITTF Chair and has accepted. His start date is pending background check paperwork, etc.

## Old Business

- Discussion of survey of ITTF membership: Page reported that 55 ITTF member organizations completed the survey. He summarized the results, highlighting the gaps members see in homeland security coverage due to lack of focus and/or funding. Overall, members are happy with the committee and meeting structure and offered some suggestions that will be taken under consideration.
- Discussion of ITTF Bylaws: Page explained that the most recent change reflects IEMA legal counsel's opinion that, according to the Executive Order that created the ITTF, the governor's homeland security policy advisor is actually the ITTF chair. To distinguish the distinct roles, the position that has, up until now, been referred to as the "chair" will be referred to as the "chair pro tempore."
  - ***Motion to approve the revised ITTF Bylaws and present to the full ITTF membership at the October 26, 2022, meeting.***  
***Motion to Approve: Glenn Ericksen, MABAS***  
***Seconded: Marc Sullivan, IEMA***  
***Motion carried.***

## New Business

- Reallocation for SFY23 PAR and/or FFY19 & FFY20 HSGP funding

Acting PGA Bureau Chief Bob Evans explained that each committee is being asked to complete and submit an Unmet Needs Projects List form, to include a prioritized list of unmet needs, each tied to a goal/objective from the Vision 2025 Homeland Security Strategy. The forms are due October 21. All submissions will be rolled up into a list to be approved by the ITTF. Having this approved list will facilitate the reallocation of any returned funds in a timely manner. Evans mentioned that the same process was followed last year and worked well; numerous projects from last year's list received funding.
- Gaps and Funding Report

Acting Chair Page explained the need for a document that outlines shortfalls in homeland security resulting from inadequate funding. More than 80 percent of current funds are used for five main programs: ILEAS, MABAS, SWMDT, STIC and Safe2Help, leaving very little for other innovative and worthwhile projects and emerging threats. Cuts to UASI funding and high inflation rates are exacerbating the funding shortfalls and making capital replacement cost prohibitive. There is a need for the state of Illinois to cover the cost of maintaining the five baseline programs plus capital replacement through the Preparedness and Response (PAR) grant program, allowing the dwindling federal funds to be used on other projects that address components of Illinois' homeland security strategy. The document proposes that the level of PAR funding be increased from \$5 million annually to \$17 million. Input was solicited from meeting attendees and discussion took place.

  - ***Motion to approve with suggested modifications the Proposal for Increase of Preparedness and Response Fund report to present to the full ITTF membership on October 26, 2022, meeting.***

*Motion to Approve: Marc Sullivan, IEMA*  
*Seconded: Larry Evans, ILEAS*  
*Motion carried.*

▪ Cyber Grant Update

Jennifer Rominger from the Department of Innovation and Technology reported that the 2022 State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program notice of funding opportunity was released on Sept. 16. IEMA is the state administrative agency for the grant, and DoIT is the single sub-grantee. Use of the grant will be administered by a task force with specified representation, including state, city and county, various disciplines, etc. The task force charter has been drafted, and members are being contacted. The application is due Nov. 16; funds will be awarded by Dec. 31. Illinois will receive \$4.4 million the first year of this four-year grant.

▪ Use of ITTF logo

Acting Chair Page brought up the use of the ITTF logo on vehicles, equipment, etc. Discussion took place regarding the appropriate/allowable use of the logo from this point on, keeping in mind that the logo is already on some grant-funded vehicles/equipment. Page pointed out that the role of the ITTF is as an advisory body to the homeland security advisor on policy/strategy/funding and not that of an operational entity for response, etc. Page said a draft policy will be developed and distributed for consideration at the next ITTF meeting.

▪ FFY22 HSGP

Bob Evans announced that on Sept. 13 IEMA received the FFY22 HSGP award with no funding holds on any projects. There is a workshop for subgrantees at 2 p.m. today to go over the new AmpliFund process for state application. Once applications are completed and approved, IEMA will issue the Notice of State Award. After the NOSA is accepted, grant agreements will be issued. The period of performance will begin at that time, with the targeted project activity starting July 1, 2023.

Evans also reported that IEMA has been working with the Comptroller's Office to get all current grants recertified for this year and also working to get all payments out that were on hold during the recertification process.

Upcoming Meetings

- ITTF Full Membership meeting – Oct. 26, 2022, at 10 a.m.
- ITTF Council of Chairs meeting – Dec. 14, 2022, at 10 a.m.

Adjournment

*Motion to adjourn: Gene Felchner, IDOT*  
*Seconded: Jennifer Rominger, DoIT*  
*Meeting adjourned.*