

ILLINOIS TERRORISM TASK FORCE  
Minutes of Council of Chairs Meeting  
February 23, 2017  
ATTENDEES

Committee Chairs

Heaton, Rodger – Illinois Terrorism Task Force- Chair

Emergency Management

Tate-Nadeau, Alicia – Chicago OEMC  
Ricker, Jennifer – IL Emergency Management Agency

Fire Mutual Aid

– IL Fire Service Institute  
Reardon, Jay – Mutual Aid Box Alarm System

Law Enforcement Mutual Aid

Page, Jim – IL Law Enforcement Alarm System  
– IL State Police

Transportation & Critical Infrastructure

– IL Dept. of Transportation  
Juskelis, Vydas – Am. Public Works Association

Public Health

– IL Dept. Public Health  
Fox, Amy – IL Association of Public Health Administrators

Staff/Members

Clark, Deb – ILEAS  
Desai, Lisa – IEMA  
Armstead, Alix – OSFM  
Perez, Matt – OSFM  
Evans, Larry – ILEAS  
Eller, Amy – IDOT  
Johnson, Jenifer – IEMA  
Morgan, Gwen – ISP

Illinois Terrorism Task Force (ITTF) Council of Chairs Meeting – February 23, 2017 - 1:00 p.m. held at the Illinois Emergency Management Agency, 2200 South Dirksen Parkway, Springfield, IL 62703

Call to Order

Rodger Heaton, Director of Public Safety and Homeland Security Advisor, welcomed everyone attending the meeting at IEMA and expressed his appreciation to the chairs and vice chairs for their willingness to serve on the ITTF committees.

National/State Homeland Security Update

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

Discussion followed.

Administrative Update

Director Heaton discussed the governor's office concern over recent threats against Jewish community centers within the state. He asked the chairs to provide input to the governor on what the task force may need to do to prepare vulnerable groups or entities that might be the subject of this kind of hate crime. Director Heaton is aware of upcoming active shooter training in the city of Chicago, which will be provided to Jewish congregations/centers in March. The following recommendations were discussed:

- Identify representatives of Jewish communities within the metro Chicago area (Jewish Federation and/or Consulate General of Israel) and have an initial dialogue about their needs.
- In addition to Jewish groups, identify other groups/populations/entities that have dealt with anti-Semitic threats.
- Lessons learned from previous homeland security funds allocated to the urban area, which provided target hardening, threat assessments, equipment, etc. for the synagogues, Jewish communities/centers, etc.
- Formation of a temporary ad-hoc committee from the disciplines represented on the ITTF to provide a proposed advisory plan for the governor's chief of staff to review. Emergency Management and Law Enforcement Committees will provide oversight.

Director Heaton also discussed the concern/issue of potential threats toward hospitals (soft targets). He requested the Public Health Committee strategically research and provide analysis on plans, training, and awareness within the hospitals to address the potential threats.

Committee Reports

Emergency Management Committee – Director Alicia Tate-Nadeau, chair, and Jennifer Ricker, vice chair

The committee met on February 14, 2017, at Logan County Emergency Management Agency. Emergency Management Committee Chair Tate-Nadeau called the meeting to order. She provided a brief overview of her career.

Public Safety Director Heaton provided a briefing via conference call on his vision of ITTF and the Council of Chairs. He stated that the ITTF is the governor's primary advisory body regarding terrorism threats facing the state and the gaps in our ability to address the threats. It is vital that the governor receive this input so that he can make the decisions necessary to protect the residents of Illinois. He discussed the new ITTF committee structure for the following five standing committees: Emergency Management, Fire Mutual Aid, Law Enforcement Mutual Aid, Transportation & Critical Infrastructure and Public Health. Each committee will have a chair and vice chair with state and local/non-state agency representation. The Council of Chairs will meet regularly to think strategically (long-term vision) and across committee lanes. Although the emergency

management committee recommended IESMA to serve as the local representative, Director Heaton felt it was importation for Chicago and Cook County to be more involved with the ITTF so that we have full engagement from the urban area.

Dan Fulscher asked for Director Heaton's overview of the process from here on out. Director Heaton stated that he did not want to micromanage committees but wants them to meet regularly. He will be looking for feedback as to how they are working, and the new structure will be evaluated over the next year.

Chair Tate-Nadeau expressed that our collective role/responsibility is to keep all of the residents of Illinois safe. To do that we need to start the high-level threat and hazard analysis and identification of existing capability gaps, and that is why Aaron Kustermann and Darryl Dragoo were asked to present.

Aaron Kustermann, chief, Statewide Terrorism and Intelligence Center (STIC) Illinois State Police, provided an intelligence brief.

Darryl Dragoo, IEMA Strategic Planning Cell, provided a briefing on the outcomes of the 2016 Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment/State Preparedness Report (THIRA/SPR).

The report is based on five scenarios:

- Earthquake
- Agricultural Epidemic
- Pandemic Influenza
- Cyber Attack
- Improvised Nuclear Attack

The 32 core capabilities are then applied against the scenarios.

Criteria for evaluation - Planning, Organization, Equipment, Training and Exercises (POETE)

Critical areas and deficiencies - Planning, Training, & Exercises. There is an overall lack of coordination and consistency in planning documents across the state and local levels. There is a tendency to gravitate towards response activities, and exercises don't often test things for which a comfort level doesn't already exist. It must be determined how to address identified weaknesses.

Information for the THIRA/SPR has not been adequately considered when determining priorities or strategies. Critical areas identified as deficient have not been incorporated beyond justifications, limiting enhancements and improvements. Illinois' future recognition, awards and approvals by DHS may be hindered by not addressing identified criticalities through investment.

Chair Tate-Nadeau recommended using the state THIRA and SPR as the foundation for recommendations to the ITTF. She recommended a five-year strategic plan/timeline. Outline as follows:

- Common Operating Picture – Planning – Training – Exercises
- Recommendations based upon GAP analysis and metrics to measure progress against - need to address the yellow and red areas
  - Nested plans between state, county, local levels.

Discussion took place regarding what entities are included in creating the THIRA. IEMA Manager of Field Operations Brian Brackemyer mentioned a new core capability assessment tool that IEMA is releasing for counties and municipalities. Scott Clark, Illinois Red Cross asked what it takes to move from a 2 to a 3, for instance. What level of effort? Several agreed we need more detail and a legend to go with the heat map.

Chair Tate-Nadeau asked for Mr. Dragoo to return to provide greater detail on capabilities ratings and the heat map and asked for the Illinois National Guard to facilitate the creation of a matrix.

The committee determined that future meetings will be the third Tuesday of every month. Future meeting locations were discussed.

The committee provided the following recommendation on definition of Critical Infrastructure – use the identified DHS 16 Critical Infrastructure Sectors.

Discussion followed for the need of a central training database for all disciplines and an equipment/resource (i.e. category) database.

Public Health Committee – Win Rawls, IDPH, chair, and Amy Fox, IAPHA, vice chair

Committee did not meet in February.

Transportation and Critical Infrastructure – Tom Korty, IDOT, chair, and Vydas Juskelis, APWA, vice chair

The committee met on February 15, 2017, at IEMA. Chairman Korty reported that the first Council of Chairs meeting was held on January 27 and some new guidelines were set forth.

The ITTF chair and vice chair appointments were made as follows: Law Enforcement: Chair Jim Page (ILEAS), Vice Chair Chad Peterson (ISP); Fire: Chair Royal Mortenson (IFSI), Vice Chair Jay Reardon (MABAS); Emergency Management: Alicia Tate-Nadeau (OEMC), Vice Chair Jennifer Ricker (IEMA); Public Health: Chair Win Rawls (IDPH), Vice Chair Amy Cox (IAPHA); and Critical Infrastructure/Transportation: Chair Tom Korty (IDOT), Vice Chair Vydas Juskelis (APWA). These appointments are for one year, and chair/vice chair are split between state and local.

There is a new ITTF Committee Reporting Template. This form must be completed after committee meetings and submitted to the full ITTF to keep them abreast of committee progress and give committees an opportunity to put forth any questions or discussion for the full group. Chair/vice chair will complete the form and send it out for review and comment prior to submission.

IEMA Planning Cell staff provided a briefing on the outcomes of the 2016 Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment/State Preparedness Report (THIRA/SPR). The briefing showed shortfalls and addressed training and planning gaps.

A continuing resolution for funding is ongoing due to the new administration.

At the January Council of Chairs meeting, the committee chairs asked each committee to define critical infrastructure and report back at the February 23 chairs meeting. Chairman Korty provided the DHS 17 Critical Infrastructure Sectors to the committee and requested members identify any correlations to each committee and combine these sectors to be more manageable. More discussion about this project will take place later. The committee needs to redefine its priorities and purpose.

Chairman Korty reported the transportation committee is in the process of updating the membership roster. An email was sent to members to determine if they are interested in continuing to serve and if they will be voting or advisory members.

He also recommended that committee members view the FEMA Independent Study Courses, IS 921a and 913.a and offer suggestions on how to combine the 16 critical sectors into a more condensed version. The link will be sent out. Also a link for the First Observer Plus program through TSA will be provided.

Vice Chair Juskelis reported that there are several Star Com radios available (refurbished) through Russ Gentry if people need them.

#### Subcommittee Reports:

- A. Downstate Public Transportation – No report.
- B. Evacuation/implementation – Next meeting is on March 3 at DuPage OEMC. The kingpin of all other evacuation plans will be the final version of the Central Business District’s plan.
- C. Inland Waterways and Port Security – IDNR not in attendance.
- D. Railroad Security – Paul Piekarski is planning to attend a Rail Security Seminar in April. Also the General Assembly has passed House Bill HR30 “Zombie Resolution” for October 2017; it is declared national preparedness month for natural disasters, helping people to be prepared and self-sustaining. A copy of the resolution will be forwarded.
- E. Training/Outreach – A link to the TSA First Observers Plus program will be sent out. It contains information and videos that can be edited to create individualized training programs. Tom Korty has created one for Springfield’s highway maintainers, and it fits well with the “See something, say something” concept. The HM’s are the eyes and ears of our roadways.

#### Associate Member Reports:

- A. IPWMAN – Up to 280 members, and three communities have applications submitted. Sara Harbor is the newly hired assistant. The IPWMAN Conference is in the planning stages for October in Bloomington, IL.
- B. APWA – Vydas Juskelis attended the meeting of the DuPage Directors of Public Works; they are reconstituting the county -wide public works agreements. More details to follow.

#### Federal Reports:

FHWA – Traffic Incident management (TIM) classes are ongoing. Working with IDOT, ISP, Tollway and FHWA on traffic management centers to help with critical infrastructure.

Next Meeting: – Thursday, March 9, 2017, 10:00 a.m. at SEOC Conference Room.

Fire Mutual Aid Committee – Royal Mortenson, IFSI, chair, and Jay Reardon, MABAS, vice chair

The committee met via conference call on February 21, 2017. The committee discussed and reviewed the restructuring of the ITTF, provided an overview of the creation and history of ITTF, including IFSI’s and MABAS’s involvement in the ITTF, MABAS’s core mission and how it has changed over time, the state homeland security grant and the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) funding history and current status. Discussion took place on how to link the information (capability design, interoperability, standardization) between MABAS’s subcommittees, work plans, and the identified gaps with the Fire Mutual Aid Committee members. The focus of the committee and its priorities and goals were briefly discussed. It was determined the committee will meet the second Tuesday of each month. Next meeting is scheduled for March 15<sup>th</sup> at the State Fire Marshal Office and the following meeting dates were set: April 11, May 9, June 14, and July 11. Location to be determined.

Also discussed were fire service mutual aid core awareness issues and gaps. Committee member tasks for the next meeting – What are our committee priorities and goals relative to the following:

- Preparedness of people and equipment
- What constitutes critical infrastructure?
- Maintaining capabilities
- Maintaining interoperability and standardization
- Threat spectrum
- Future funding
- StarCom Radio use

Law Enforcement Committee – Jim Page, ILEAS, chair, and First Deputy Chad Peterson, ISP, vice chair

The committee met on February 14, 2017, at the ISP Central Headquarters. The ITTF restructuring was discussed, and a list of the agencies and organization which are members of the committee was provided. It was determined at the first committee meeting that each entity represented on the committee would provide a brief presentation on who they are and what they do/expertise. The following members presented: Illinois Secretary of State Bomb Squad, ISP State Weapons and Tactics/State Weapons of Mass Destruction Team and ISP State Terrorism Intelligence Center. Each member was tasked to identify the top five threats that the state of Illinois needs to be prepared for and resources needed to respond. This will be compiled into one document to be prioritized by the committee as a whole. Committee meetings will be held the second Tuesday of each month.

#### Critical Infrastructure Discussion

The Transportation and Critical Infrastructure Committee requested guidance on the definition of critical infrastructure as it relates to the committee. It was determined that the committee would provide oversight on the following DHS sectors: Dams, Energy, Transportation Systems, and Water and Wastewater. The other sectors will be assigned to other ITTF committees' oversight, or an adhoc group will be developed when a threat arises to provide guidance/insight on how to address the issue.

#### STARCOM

Jim Page, director of ILEAS provided a briefing on the cache of ITTF StarCom radios that have been returned. Discussion followed.

#### Topics and Presentations for full meetings

Director Heaton requested chairs to submit to him any topics/presentations or key issues that would be valuable information for the full membership for future meetings.

#### New Business

Jim Page, director of ILEAS, discussed concerns about the radiation detection program for which ILEAS serves a fiduciary. (The recalibration and maintenance costs for the units are covered by the individual agency that received the units). The program, which is not state mandated, has not received funding for several years due to the decrease in grant funding. The question was raised if the detection program/system is worth maintaining, improving, and investing. Discussion followed. ILEAS will create and send out a survey to the agencies that have the units to determine if they still use the detectors, how they are used and where they are kept. Results of the survey will be provided at later date.

#### Upcoming ITTF Meetings

The next Council of Chairs meeting will be held Thursday, March 22, at 10:00 a.m. and the full meeting at 1:00 p.m. at the Illinois Emergency Management Agency, 2200 South Dirksen Parkway, Springfield, Illinois.

*Motion to Adjourn*