

ILLINOIS TERRORISM TASK FORCE
Minutes of Membership Meeting
March 22, 2017
Attendees

Members

AIR-ONE – Brian VanVickle
Am. Public Works Association – Vydas Juskelis
American Red Cross – Scott Clarke
Archer Daniels Midland Co. – Lehman Waisvisz
Associated Fire Fighters of IL –
Center for Public Safety & Justice– Jason Stamps
CMS – Diane Hoots
CHUG – Bill Pretzer
City of Aurora –
Cities of Bloomington/Normal – Mick Humer
Cities of Champaign-Urbana –
City of Chicago – Alicia Tate-Nadeau
City of Joliet – Joe Formhals
City of Naperville – Dan Nelson
City of Peoria – Charles Lauss, Mike Vaughn
City of Quincy – Joe Henning
City of Rockford – Michelle Pankow
City of Springfield – Mike Midiri
Cook County DHSEM – Gene Ryan
DuPage County OHSEM –
IL Association of Chiefs of Police –
IL Association of Public Health Admin. – Toni Corona, Amy Fox
IL Association of School Boards – Zach Messersmith
IL Board of Higher Education – Brook Stewart
IL Campus Law Enforcement Admin. –
IL Coalition of Comm. Blood Centers – Lee Milner
IL College of Emergency Physicians –
IL Community College Board – Susan Drone
IL Council of Code Administrators – Jerry Tienstra
IL Coroners Association –
IL Criminal Justice Authority – Junaid Afeef
IL Dept. of Agriculture – Steve Chard
IL Dept. of Corrections – David White
IL Dept. of Human Services –
IL Dept. of Military Affairs – Robert Bland, Joseph Schweickert
IL Dept. of Natural Resources –
IL Dept. of Public Health – Win Rawls
IL Dept. of Transportation – Amy Eller, Tom Korty
IL Dept. on Aging –
IEMA – Jennifer, Johnson, Joe Klingler
IESMA –
IEPA – Roger Lauder
IL Firefighters Association –
IL Fire Chiefs Association–Joe Holomy, Tony Nichols
IL Fire Service Institute – Royal Mortenson
ILEAS – Jim Page, Larry Evans, Pete Smith
ILETSB – Brent Fischer
IMERT – March Conelly
IL OSFM – Matt Perez
IL Public Health Mutual Aid System –
IL Public Works Mutual Aid Network – Don Wenzel
IL Sheriffs' Association –
IL State Police – Chad Peterson
IL State's Attorneys Association –
Lake County ESDA –
Logan Co. EMA - Dan Fulscher, Bucky Washam
McHenry Co. EMA – Dave Christensen
Metro East – Don Feher
MABAS – Jay Reardon
Quad Cities – Robert DeFrance
Reg. Superintendents of Schools – Shannon Fehrholz
Secretary of State Police – Jason Dunn, Paul Earley
Will County EMA – Harold Damron

Staff Members

Rodger Heaton, Director of Public Safety

Aders, Darrell – ISP
Albaugh, Keith - ING
Anello, Phil - IEMA
Barnett, Cara - IDPH
Clark, Deb - ILEAS
Clark, Ron – WIU
Damm, Abby – WIU
Desai, Lisa – IEMA
Dragoo, Darryl – IEMA
Dunne, Bob – Cook County DHSEM
Evans, Bob – IEMA
Felchner, Gene - IEMA
Fleming, Bob – IEMA
Gelletta, Jon – ARC
Gray, Nick - WIU
Harney, Tim - ISP
Kustermann, Aaron – ISP
Lewis, Walt - IEMA
Morgan, Gwen – ISP
Paholke, Jonathon - MABAS
Pfeifer, Julie – WIU
Piazza, Pete – SOS
Rasch, Paul - IEMA
Riechert, Ashley - WIU
Sassen, Debbie - IDOT
Sorrentino, Alana - WIU
Stewart, Jay – ISP
Thompson, Patti – IEMA
Tyrell, Dora – ISP
White, Kim – IFSI
Williams, Jason - IEMA

Federal Advisory Members

Bond, Bill – U.S. Department of Homeland Security
Gruzzalski, Phil – U.S. Department of Agriculture

Advisory Members

Lyle, Dennis – IL Broadcasters Association

Other

Illinois Terrorism Task Force (ITTF) – Full Meeting – March 22, 2017 – 1:00 p.m.
Held at the Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA)

Call to Order

Rodger Heaton, Director of Public Safety and Homeland Security Advisor, welcomed everyone attending the meeting at IEMA.

Director Heaton introduced Governor Bruce Rauner, and he addressed the membership. He expressed his appreciation and thanked the membership for their work, and he emphasized the importance of their jobs as they provide support for the safety of the citizens of Illinois. He also stated that it is critically important to have a cohesive and thorough homeland security strategy that addresses a number of threats to include cyber security, radicalization in communities, biological and chemical weapons, and conventional methods that can be used against the citizens of Illinois.

Minutes

Director Heaton called the following motion:

- *Motion to adopt the minutes from the December 14, 2016, Full Meeting.*

Motion to Adopt: Jay Reardon, MABAS
Seconded: Royal Mortenson, IFSI
Motion Carried

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.

Committee Reports

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

The Public Health Committee met on March 16, 2017, at 10:00 a.m. at the IDPH.

Cara Barnett, Public Health Intel Officer, briefed on STIC See Something-Say Something and the Public Health Information Sharing programs. IDPH staff briefed on the Hospital Preparedness Program and Healthcare Coalitions. Red Cross provided updates on past and ongoing projects.

Discussed the core capability prioritization survey that will be provided to committee members from the IEMA Director (SAA) and encouraged members to participate in the survey and provide input.

The following key priorities were discussed:

- Center for Medicaid/Medicare Medical Services (CMS) Preparedness Rule - to ensure that stakeholders are aware and educated
- Crisis Standards of Care Annex and Framework – will be completed June 30

A committee meeting will be scheduled for the month of April (TBD) to discuss the committee's priority issues to provide to the Council of Chairs. The May committee meeting will be held May 18, 2017.

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

The committee met on March 15, 2017, at the Office of the Illinois State Fire Marshal (OSFM).

The chair and vice chair provided a review of the February 23, 2017, ITTF Chairs meeting.

- Critical infrastructure
- THIRA
 - Identification of capability gaps
 - Discussed balancing limited resources relative to THIRA identified shortfalls
 - Discussed understanding choices in a constrained resource environment
 - Maintenance of equipment
 - Training
 - Exercises
- Future funding environment – state vs federal

Chief Jay Reardon, MABAS, provided a briefing on MABAS team training assessment and capability assessment. This included the impact on MABAS team capability of funding reductions over the years and a review of background associated with team and maintenance costs.

Royal Mortenson, IFSI, and Chief Matt Perez, OSFM, discussed the importance of the committee being able to articulate what the committee priorities are:

- What is the best way for the committee to provide its priorities to the ITTF Chair?
- All agreed that the role of the Fire Mutual Aid committee is to focus on fire service issues and advocated for those issues across the spectrum of capability.

Chief Joe Holomy, Illinois Fire Chiefs Association, and Chief Perez, OSFM, discussed the firefighter basic standards, the future impact of changing demographics, and the associated impacts on the volunteer firefighter.

Chief Reardon provided an update on the license plate bill and historical overview of ITTF funding.

Following are future meeting dates for the committee:

April 11, 2017

May 9, 2017

June 14, 2017

July 11, 2017

August 8, 2017

September 13, 2017

October 19, 2017

November 8, 2017

December 5, 2017

The April 11, 2017, meeting will be held at 10:00 a.m. at MABAS headquarters in Wheeling, Illinois. The recommended topics for this meeting are:

- Provide an update on the March 22, 2017, ITTF Chairs and full meeting.
- Review statewide capabilities
 - Mobilization
 - Equipment and teams
 - Specialized gear/capability
- Where do we see risk as a fire committee – relative to the areas we are responsible for?

- Where can the statewide system/capabilities help in other non-fire/MABAS response areas of risk (THIRA heat matrix)?

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

The Critical Infrastructure Committee met on March 9, 2017, at 10:00 a.m. at IEMA.

Initiatives

- Redefining the Transportation Committee to include critical infrastructure (16 DHS Critical Infrastructure Sectors). Not all sectors are affiliated with transportation, but by redefining the committee we are ensuring that it will encompass what sectors are critical for this committee to begin providing our attention to.
- A proposal to rename the committee to the Critical Infrastructure Committee was discussed, as well as forming subcommittees to address the 16 DHS sectors.
- The committee’s new name and three sub committees that have been proposed and are being discussed with committee member organizations are:
 - Transportation (Highway/Motor Carrier, Aviation, Maritime, Freight Rail and pipelines)
 - Utilities (Energy, Water/Waste Water, Dams, and Information Technology)
 - Facilities (Governmental, Commercial and Industrial)

After restructuring the subcommittees, the committee will begin to define the purpose and the mission moving forward.

Priorities

- The merger of ongoing existing programs to the new structure, to ensure a comprehensive overall unification.
- Defining of the membership organizations to ensure all critical infrastructures are covered.

Next Meeting Date

April 12, 2017, 10:00am
IEMA - SEOC - Springfield, Illinois

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

The Emergency Management Committee met on March 21, 2017 at IEMA.

Chair Tate-Nadeau called the meeting to order. She began the meeting speaking about the recently released President's Report, specifically the FEMA 25 percent match, underlining the fact that while we still do not know what that might mean, it is most likely a key element moving forward.

The Motion to Approve the Minutes from the last meeting had to be postponed due to not having a quorum.

Colonel Joe Schweickert, Illinois Department of Military Affairs, presented a Course of Action (COA) Analysis Brief to help the committee come to some agreement on the development of a course of action to recommend to the full ITTF to improve the state's FEMA State Preparedness Report (SPR) Ratings. Five proposed evaluation criteria include:

- Legislative
- Funding
- Time

- Impact on Planning
- Impact on Training

A decision matrix was identified as a common goal and a way to apply a numeric score that can eliminate the bias which would lead to more analytical decision-making.

Colonel Schweickert, stated that it is necessary to spend time deconflicting the plans, and the way to do this is by getting all the plans and the planners in one place at a tabletop exercise in the future. This process could be used to create a five-year plan, but it cannot happen in one year. Director Tate-Nadeau added that the purpose of this presentation is just to introduce this process as an option as the committee begins to move forward to develop criteria to evaluate Planning Organizing, Equipment, Training and Exercising (POETE). She pointed out that this is going to take a lot of time and a lot of energy.

Ron Graziano, IESMA, asked why we should rewrite a plan when a huge amount of work and money has already been invested in the creation of a plan (3 years/\$6 million). Director Tate-Nadeau replied that we should use what we already have and that once we identify a process we can use the other plans in place to measure criteria against. It was agreed that we should look at current plans and that a deconfliction process is necessary.

Harold Damron, Will County, asked if this process would be customizable and how it might translate to the entire state. Director Tate-Nadeau responded that this process is strong because it is so flexible and can be used in multi-echelon training and evaluation.

Darryl Dragoo, IEMA Strategic Planning Cell, stated that analysis can only be done with absolutes and that there are currently tools for different organizations to use for assessment: the Core Capabilities Assessment tool, the State Preparedness Report tool, and the webinar series coming out soon. The question was asked how the metrics were determined in the THIRA/SPR, so Chair Tate-Nadeau asked Darryl Dragoo to provide greater detail on SPR numeric assessment at the next meeting.

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

The topic of Committee Priorities was tabled until the next meeting due to the lack of time.

Chair Tate-Nadeau reminded committee member that to ensure a quorum is met, attendance must be in person, and calling in on the conference line is not counted toward quorum.

The next committee meeting will be April 18, 2017, at 11:00 a.m. at the McHenry County Emergency Management Agency, Woodstock, IL

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

The regular meeting of the Illinois Terrorism Task Force (ITTF) Law Enforcement Mutual Aid Committee (LEMAC) was held on Monday, March 20, 2017, at 1:00 p.m. at the Illinois State Police Central Headquarters, 801 South Seventh Street, 300-N, Springfield, Illinois.

IEMA and ILETSB provided presentations on their strengths and capabilities for response.

Committee members were asked to submit a list of the top five threats they believe the LEMAC needs to be prepared for and the resources needed to respond to each. ILEAS also conducted an online survey requesting the same information of local law enforcement agencies, and they received 80 responses. The committee member and survey responses were combined and presented to the Committee for discussion. At the end of the discussion, a preliminary general consensus was reached on the top five priorities. They will be finalized at the next LEMAC meeting in April.

Committee Key Priorities

1. Develop Systems to Improve Collaboration and Encourage Law Enforcement Partnerships
2. Planning and Threat Assessment for Active Shooter and Soft Target Attacks
3. Increase Intelligence and Regional Information Sharing
4. Maintain and Sustain Law Enforcement's Current Response Capabilities For Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) and Other Terrorist Attacks
5. Technology Challenges – Cybersecurity & Communications

Suggestions from this list covered a wide range including threats, issues, processes, concerns, etc. Some caveats:

- The universe of proposed issues was numerous. Much more work needs to be done on other issues. However, the Committee tried to focus on what is in its mission with regard to law enforcement mutual aid and terrorism.
- This list represents current thinking. The Committee realizes that circumstances change and flexibility is a strategy that should remain in place.
- The Committee has not formally adopted these priorities.

A major concern not listed below is the need to keep the capabilities that are already in place. While there is a need to conduct a comprehensive review of all of the current capabilities to ensure that the duplication of effort is minimized, committee members do not want to “walk back” current abilities. Law enforcement needs a comprehensive review of what is important and what is marginal with regard to homeland security preparedness. There is a continual need to evaluate missions, goals and activities through a Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats (SWOT) process.

Below is a more detailed description of the committee's key priorities.

1. Develop Systems to Improve Collaboration and Encourage Law Enforcement Partnerships

- Geography and overlapping jurisdictional control are often responsible for a disjointed approach to situations where multiple agencies are involved. Law enforcement should enter into activities that promote, encourage and support the building of partnerships, regional cooperation and routine collaboration. This is accomplished through regular cooperative preplanning activities, combined high-level training and joint exercises that include all responsible agencies.
- Improved mutual aid spanning the entire spectrum of agencies – not just local to local

2. Planning and Threat Assessments for Active Shooter and Soft Target Attacks

- One specific serious concern for law enforcement at both state and local levels is the increasing tactic of attacking “soft targets” with knives/vehicles and complex coordinated “swarm” attacks. This is in addition to, not in lieu of, the traditional active shooter (schools, businesses, etc.). The suggested response to this is an increased capability to do threat assessment, professional pre-planning and measured response capability for such events. This includes special event management training and exercises for such events. It also includes improved tactics for active shooter events such as the Rescue Task Force concept.
- Continued emphasis on hazardous devices and EOD response capabilities to include a more coordinated training and response plan, training for locals on bomb recognition, etc.
- Coordinated planning services from ILEAS and state agencies to assist locals with infrastructure protection, civil disorder and natural disasters.
- This also includes the development of a coordinated regional and statewide jail and prison emergency response plan to include field detention during disasters.

3. Increased Intelligence and Regional Information Sharing

- In order to prevent attacks from occurring, and to prioritize the most significant future attack profile, law enforcement should improve and increase information and intelligence sharing at all levels. This includes emphasizing the important “two way” sharing of information that occurs between local agencies and the Statewide Terrorism and Intelligence Center (STIC) and the regional sharing of information and data where possible. In this manner, an agency would be able to prepare and prioritize the scope of its training and exercise profile based on what has been identified as the most likely threat scenario.
- This includes a concern about self-radicalized and/or homegrown terrorism. There is a need for guidance and training on how to identify these types of individuals and how to feed that information back to the intelligence network.

4. Maintain and Sustain Law Enforcement’s Current Response Capabilities for WMD and Other Terrorist Attacks

- Law enforcement at both the state and local levels has made great strides since September 11th. The state has a robust WMD response capability, and locals have created a national level mutual aid system. However, given the state of Illinois’ fiscal crisis and the over 80 percent cut in federal funds since 2004, no capital replacement funding is available to maintain the current capability of responding to WMD incidents into the future. Without a near-term infusion of resources, Illinois’ current capability status will begin to degrade. An assessment should be conducted on what needs to stay and what can be sacrificed; however, emphasis should be placed on sustainment of current capabilities.

5. Training

- Improved and increased training in certain subjects was identified as an issue both by committee members and the survey. Communications, intelligence and response training were all identified as needs. A specific need is for a comprehensive list or online web portal clearinghouse of all training being conducted by the various agencies in Illinois. As work is completed on the first four issues above, how best to inform the rest of the law enforcement community on awareness is a major concern.

The following issues were suggested to the Committee; however, while very important, there is concern regarding whether or not they are within the purview of the Law Enforcement Mutual Aid Committee.

Technology Challenges – Cybersecurity & Communications -

The law Enforcement Committee’s final priority is most likely shared by every other ITTF committee. As technology advances, both benefits and vulnerabilities change. Interoperable communications and cybersecurity affect everyone. Law enforcement relies very heavily on its secured data systems. If those systems are compromised, officers and troopers will find it exceedingly difficult to perform their tasks. In the same vein, effective communications is of paramount importance. Poor communications systems (equipment coupled with knowledgeable operators) in the field during mutual aid response situations will amplify small problems into large problems.

Lack of Equipment at a Local Level -

Several agencies identified a lack of equipment of all types at the local level. There are insufficient funds for such an endeavor. However, the strategy of using Federal grant funds for regionalized equipment that can be shared addresses a portion of the lack of equipment concern.

External and Internal Procedural Justice –

This involves countering violent extremism, hiring high quality recruits, etc. These are important issues but possibly not in the scope of the LEMAC.

The committee meets the second Tuesday each month. The next meeting is scheduled for April 11, 2017, at the ILEAS training center.

Administrative Update

Chief Jenifer Johnson, IEMA, provided a briefing on the budget blueprint that was recently released. This is a vision document of the president's priorities for FFY18.

She reported on the status of the FFY 2017 Department of Homeland Security (DHS) budget. DHS continues to operate on a Continuing Resolution until April 28, 2017. The status of notice of the grant award and application is unknown at this time.

She also discussed the FFY 2017 Core Capability Prioritization memorandum and survey that were emailed to all ITTF members. Responses are due no later than Wednesday, March 29, 2017.

Director Heaton encouraged members to respond to the survey, and results will be provided to the Council of Chairs and membership.

New Business

Scott Clarke, ARC, discussed the concern about the potential FEMA cuts for the AmeriCorps funding. This could affect personnel in Illinois who support community services and volunteers. These cuts could cause a dramatic impact to state's response (i.e., damage assessment) in a disaster.

Don Wenzel, America Public Works Association, discussed concerns about the formula used by FEMA for determining public assistance eligibility after a disaster. Currently, eligibility is calculated on a population based threshold for public assistance after a disaster. Per Chief Jenifer Johnson, federal legislation has been proposed to change the eligibility threshold.

Director Heaton asked the membership to send other issues and concerns to be discussed with the governor to him as soon as possible.

Adjourn

Upcoming ITTF Meetings

The next full meeting will be held Wednesday, June 28, 2017, at 1:00 p.m. at the Illinois Emergency Management Agency, 2200 South Dirksen Parkway, Springfield, Illinois 62703.