

ILLINOIS TERRORISM TASK FORCE
Minutes of the Full Membership Meeting
September 23, 2020
10:00 a.m.
Held via WebEx

Call to Order

Chairman Kauerauf called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone attending via WebEx.

A verbal roll call of ITTF members (agencies/organizations) participating in the meeting was as follows:

Ameren – Larry Magelitz
American Public Works Association – Vydas Juskelis, Mike Millette
American Water – Anthony Neal
American Red Cross – Scott Clarke, Valerie Goodwin
Associated Fire Fighters of Illinois – Charles Sullivan, Luke Howieson
Central Management Services – Kevin Dwyer, Brent Boesdorfer
Cities of Bloomington-Normal – Michael Humer
Cities of Champaign-Urbana – Charles Lauss
City of Chicago – Richard Guidice, Natalie Gutierrez
City of Naperville – Dan Nelson
City of Peoria – Anthony Ardis
City of Quincy – Joe Henning, Steve Salrin
City of Rockford – Derek Bergsten, Michele Pankow
City of Springfield – Tom Chi
Collaborative Health Care Urgency Group – Bill Pretzer
Cook County DEMRS- William Barnes, Ted Berger
DuPage County OHSEM – Murray Snow
Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police – Dan Ryan
Illinois Association of County Engineers – Clifford Frye
Illinois Association of Public Health Administrators – Toni Corona, Amy Fox
Illinois Association of School Boards – Ben Schwarm
Illinois Board of Higher Education – Brook Stewart
Illinois Campus Law Enforcement Administrators – Chris Ballard
Illinois Coalition of Community Blood Centers – Tara Matheson, Lindsay Mancini
Illinois College of Emergency Physicians – Jason Kegg
Illinois Commerce Commission – Eric Lounsberry, Stephen Laffey
Illinois Community College Board – Matt Berry
Illinois Council of Code Administrators – Kathryn Gruber
Illinois Coroners Association – Robert Gessner, Duane Northrup
Illinois Department of Agriculture – Sandy Gilmore
Illinois Department of Corrections – Mike Chappell
Illinois Department of Human Services – Amy Dickenson-Ferguson
Illinois Department of Innovation & Technology – Adam Ford, Dan Sluga, Jennifer Rominger
Illinois Department of Military Affairs – John Howard
Illinois Department of Natural Resources – Christian Stone, Stuart Fraser
Illinois Department of Public Health – Andrew Friend, Michelle Hanneken
Illinois Department of Transportation – Gene Felchner
Illinois Department on Aging – Rollin Barton
Illinois Emergency Management Agency – Scott Swinford, Renysa Brown
Illinois Emergency Services Management Association – Rick Grah
Illinois Environmental Protection Agency – Blaine Kinsley
Illinois Firefighters Association – William Offerman

Illinois Fire Chiefs Association – Joseph Holomy
Illinois Fire Service Institute – Royal Mortenson
Illinois Health and Hospital Association – Keneatha Johnson
Illinois Law Enforcement Alarm Systems – Jim Page, Pete Smith
Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board – Eric Arnold, Derek Carle, Heather Hotz
Illinois Medical Emergency Response Team – Mary Connelly, Chris Jansen, Moses Lee
Illinois Public Health Mutual Aid System – Stephen Melega, Nita Ludwig
Illinois Public Work Mutual Aid Network – Barb Stiehl, Ed Markison
Illinois School Psychologists Association – Michael Grenda
Illinois Sheriffs’ Association – Jon Sandage
Illinois State Board of Elections – Bernadette Matthews
Illinois State Police – Chris Trame, William Sons, Aaron Kustermann
Lake County Emergency Management Agency – Dan Eder
Logan County EMA – Kendall Caruthers
McHenry County Emergency Management Agency – David Christensen
Metro-East (St. Clair – Madison Counties) – Don Feher, Bryan Whitaker
Mid-West Truckers Association – Don Schaefer
Mutual Aid Box Alarm System – Glenn Erickson, Bernie Lyons
Nicor Gas – Mark Guth
Office of the Illinois State Fire Marshal – Alix Armstead
Ogle County Emergency Management Agency – Brian VanVickle
People’s Gas – Edwin King, Martin Garza
Quad Cities – Jeffrey Yerkey
Regional Superintendents of Schools – Jeff Vose, Shannon Fehrholz
Secretary of State Police – Ron Lewis
Will County – Harold Damron

Minutes

- *Motion to approve the June 24, 2020, Full Membership Meeting Minutes.*

Motion to Approve: Joe Holomy, IL Fire Chiefs Association
Seconded: Gene Felchner, IL Department of Transportation
Motion Carried

National and Illinois Homeland Security Updates

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

Cybersecurity Briefing

Adam Ford, Chief Information Security Officer, Illinois Department of Innovation and Technology, provided a briefing on cybersecurity issues. The following key points were discussed:

- October is National Cybersecurity Month, a perfect time to highlight security awareness training and to focus on organizations’ security incident response plans.
- Ransomware is still popular and is changing slightly. NetWalker is example of some ransomware families that are aggressively threatening to publish victims’ data on the internet if ransoms are not paid. This is different from previous forms of ransomware that encrypted an organization’s data and then ransomed the access to it. Various groups are becoming more organized and being operated like a cartel. They are actively recruiting workers.
- The Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) warned in a September 18, 2020, emergency directive to follow Microsoft’s warning for a patch escalation. The warning cites the

"high potential for a compromise of agency information systems" if left unpatched. Microsoft issued a software upgrade for the server vulnerability on August 11, 2020. Failure to patch could permit unauthorized attackers to access and take over domain controllers' identity services.

- Election security efforts were discussed.

Homeland Security Presentations

Western Illinois University (WIU) Shooting

Eric Arnold, Illinois School and Campus Safety Program Director, Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board Executive Institute, provided a briefing on the response/assistance (ITTF resources/law enforcement/mutual aid) to the WIU shooting that recently occurred.

Illinois State Assessment for Infrastructure Resilience (ISAFIR)

Scott Gauvin, Manager of Strategic Operations and Preparedness, IEMA, provided an update of the critical infrastructure statewide assessment project that has been supported by the ITTF. The purpose of this State Risk and Disaster Resilience Infrastructure Protection Plan (SRDRIPP), also referred to as "The Plan," is to guide the state of Illinois' multi-agency, multi-disciplinary, and public/private-sector collaborative efforts to enhance the all hazards protection and resilience of identified critical infrastructure (CI) assets, systems, and functions within the state over a multi-year period. This is a three-phase approach: Phase I – Plan Development (completed), Phase II – Assessment Program Development (currently on-going), and Phase 3 – Test Program via On-site Assessment Government Facilities. Discussion followed.

New Business

Strategy and Expectations of ITTF Members

Chairman Kauerauf provided a brief background of his work history to those ITTF members who do not know him. He also discussed his vision and strategy for the ITTF.

- Strategy drives funding; funding does not drive strategy
 - Beginning January 2021, develop a new multi-year homeland security strategy similar to the process utilized for Vision 2020.
- Meet with all ITTF member organizations
 - Gain a better understanding of why each organization wants to be a member
 - Meetings (WebEx) will be scheduled in the upcoming months
 - Ongoing evaluation of ITTF will be part of culture
 - Will seek out membership (non-committee chair) to assist with policy, strategy, and prioritization of efforts.
 - Add to future meeting agendas: Member Update – if an organization has a need or something relevant (new rule or law, etc.) to share with the ITTF membership and requires support from the ITTF to implement, this will be an opportunity to bring forward to the membership for discussion.
- Purpose of ITTF membership meetings
 - Finalize homeland security policies and strategy
 - Prioritize programs that support the state's homeland security strategy
 - Take leadership role in approving programs, policies and procedures to support statewide standardization
- Committees
 - Committees generate program and policy recommendations for membership to approve
 - All ITTF member organizations are assigned to a committee and are encouraged to participate to ensure all members' voices are heard.
 - Committees will be added based on the need to support new homeland security strategy

Chairman Kauerauf also stressed that he is a firm believer in prevention and mitigation.

Old Business

SFY 21 Preparedness and Response Grant (PAR) Project Requests

Bob Evans, IEMA Preparedness Grants Section Manager, shared the SFY 21 PAR projects spreadsheet that was approved at the June 24, 2020, full membership meeting. At this time, SFY 21 PAR grants have been completed, returned, and executed. At the October Chairs meeting, each of the grantees on these projects will provide a status update. This will allow the identification of unspent funds to be reallocated at the March full membership meeting. Funds are to be expended by June 30, 2021. He also noted that the grantees will soon be receiving their first quarter reimbursement request and reporting form to be completed and submitted for the time period of July 1 – September 30, 2020.

Status updated on projects using FFY 18 SHSP funds

Bob Evans provided an update on the FFY 18 SHSP funds. Chairman Kauerauf explained the need to develop a projects list for future unobligated funds. Throughout the year, the Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA) receives unspent funds from FEMA HSGP projects that cannot be completed or have come in under cost. He requested ITTF Committees and members meet before the October 28th Council of Chairs meeting to develop a list to be approved at the December full membership meeting. This approved list would be available to IEMA so they can quickly re-obligate available funds without delay. Committees are asked to do the following:

- Revise Unmet Needs and New Projects List
 - Committee to meet at least once prior the October 28th Council of Chairs meeting
 - Committees should identify projects, prioritize, and vote to approve
 - Currently, there is a projected balance of \$300,000 to \$400,000 in SHSP funds as early as December (this amount will continue to grow)
 - ITTF members are encouraged to attend their assigned committee meetings
 - At the December 7, 2020, full membership meeting, membership will discuss and approve the projects.

He asked committees to use the following criteria to consider and prioritize projects:

- Does the project align with an ITTF Homeland Security Project?
 - Cyber Security
 - Protection of Soft Target/Crowded Spaces (including schools)
 - Information and Intelligence Sharing
 - Emerging Threats (i.e., Mass care for COVID, Weapons of Mass Destruction, Election Security, etc.)
 - Domestic Terrorism/Homegrown Extremists
- Project Evaluation Criteria
 - Are there sustainment costs that will be the responsibility of the ITTF in future years?
 - Is there maintenance, technology, service fees, etc. associated with the project?
 - Does the project support a statewide system or have statewide use?
 - Is the project scalable?
 - Does the project need to be funded at 100% of the proposed cost, or can it be implemented in definable portions that have a homeland security benefit?
 - If only a portion of the cost of the project is authorized, can it exist if no additional funds are approved in the future?
- Can the project be fully completed by June 30, 2021?

Upcoming ITTF Meetings

- Council of Chairs Meeting – October 28, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. via WebEx.
- Full Membership Meeting – December 9, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. via WebEx.

- Motion to Adjourn: Royal Mortenson, IFSI
Seconded: Murray Snow, DuPage OHSEM
Motion Carried