

ILLINOIS TERRORISM TASK FORCE
Minutes of the Full Membership Meeting
July 27, 2022, 10:00 a.m.
Cook County Emergency Operations Center
15900 S. Cicero Avenue, Oak Forest, IL
and via WebEx

Call to Order/Welcome

IEMA PGA Grants Section Manager Bob Evans welcomed everyone to the meeting in place of Acting Chair Jim Page, who was experiencing transportation issues en route to the meeting site. Bob thanked Cook County Department of Emergency Management and Regional Security (EMRS) staff for hosting the meeting.

EMRS Executive Director Ted Berger welcomed attendees, gave remarks about the role of Cook County EMRS, and offered facility tours following the meeting.

State Homeland Security Updates

Alicia Tate-Nadeau, IEMA Director/Governor's Homeland Security Advisor (HSA), provided an update on current areas of homeland security focus, including Illinois' Safe2Help program, prevention of domestic violent extremism, cybersecurity and election security issues, and monkeypox vaccination roll-out.

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

Roll Call

A roll call was conducted of attendees, and it was determined there was a quorum.

Meeting participants:

ITTF Member Appointees

Ameren – Larry Magelitz, via WebEx
American Public Works Association (APWA) –
American Water –
American Red Cross – Scott Clarke, in person
Associated Fire Fighters of Illinois (AFFI) – Jeffrey Maher, via WebEx
Aurora University – Murray Snow, via WebEx
Central Management Services (CMS) –
Cities of Bloomington-Normal – Michael Humer, Douglas Barnett, via WebEx
Cities of Champaign-Urbana – Kent D. Dade, via WebEx
City of Chicago – Natalie Gutierrez, in person; Anna Statham, Richard Guidice, via WebEx
City of Joliet –
City of Naperville –
City of Peoria –
City of Quincy – Steven Salrin, via WebEx
City of Rockford – Tim O'Keefe, via WebEx
City of Springfield –
Collaborative Health Care Urgency Group (CHUG) –Bill Pretzer, via WebEx
Cook County Department of Emergency Management and Regional Security (DEMRS) – Kim Hayward-Buys,
via WebEx
DuPage County Office of Homeland Security Emergency Management (OHSEM) – Craig Dieckman, via WebEx
Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police – Dan Ryan, via WebEx
Illinois Association of County Engineers – Cliff Frye, via WebEx

Illinois Association of Public Health Administrators (IAPHA) –
Illinois Association of School Boards (IASB) – Zach Messersmith, via WebEx
Illinois Board of Higher Education – Brook Stewart, via WebEx
Illinois Campus Law Enforcement Administrators – Chris Ballard, via WebEx
Illinois Coalition of Community Blood Centers – Lee Milner, Jim Watts, via WebEx
Illinois College of Emergency Physicians – Jason Kegg, via WebEx
Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC) – James Harmening, Stephen Laffey, Eric Lounsberry, via WebEx
Illinois Community College Board (ICCB) – Jeff Newell, via WebEx
Illinois Council of Code Administrators –
Illinois Coroners Association – Jim Allmon, via WebEx
Illinois Department of Agriculture – Joe Kienzler, via WebEx
Illinois Department of Corrections (IDOC) – Mike Chappell, via WebEx
Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS) –
Illinois Department of Innovation & Technology (DoIT) – Jennifer Rominger, via WebEx
Illinois Department of Military Affairs (Illinois National Guard) – John Howard, via WebEx
Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) – Stuart Fraser, via WebEx
Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) – Andrea Dos Santos, Bobby Elzie, in person
Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) – Amy Eller, via WebEx
Illinois Department on Aging – Rollin Barton, Anthony Wanless, via WebEx
Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA) –
Illinois Emergency Services Management Association (IESMA) –
Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) – Tony Falconio, via WebEx
Illinois Firefighters Association – William Offerman, via WebEx
Illinois Fire Chiefs Association (IFCA) – Joseph Holomy, via WebEx
Illinois Fire Service Institute (IFSI) – Jim Keiken, in person
Illinois Health and Hospital Association (IHHA) – Keneatha Johnson, via WebEx
Illinois Law Enforcement Alarm System (ILEAS) – Jim Page, Pete Smith, in person; Larry Evans, via WebEx
Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board (ILETSB) – Heather Hotz, via WebEx
Illinois Medical Emergency Response Team (IMERT) – Chris Jansen, Moses Lee, via WebEx
Illinois Public Health Mutual Aid System – Nita Ludwig, via WebEx
Illinois Public Works Mutual Aid Network (IPWMAN) – Mark Runyon, via WebEx Mark Doerfler, in person
Illinois School Psychologists Association – Michael Grenda, via WebEx
Illinois Sheriffs' Association –
Illinois State Board of Elections – Bernadette Matthews, via WebEx
Illinois State Police (ISP) – Aaron Kustermann, J.W. Price, Chris Trame, via WebEx
Illinois Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee (SIEC) – Chris Miller, Randy Neal, via WebEx
Lake County Emergency Management Agency – Domingo Kaller, via WebEx
Logan County Emergency Management Agency – Kendall Caruthers, via WebEx
McHenry County Emergency Management Agency – David Christensen, in person
Metro-East Emergency Management Agency (St. Clair – Madison Counties) –
Mid-West Truckers Association – Don Schaefer, via WebEx
Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MABAS) – Glenn Ericksen, in person
Nicor Gas – Kevin Davis, Mark Guth, via WebEx
Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM) –
Ogle County Emergency Management Agency – Brian VanVickle, via WebEx
People's Gas and Northshore Gas Companies – Martin Garza, Charles Graham, via WebEx
Quad Cities – Jeff Yerkey, via WebEx
Regional Superintendents of Schools – Shannon Fehrholz, Darlene Ruscitti, via WebEx
Secretary of State Police (SOS) – Jason Dunn, via WebEx
Will County Emergency Management Agency – Allison Anderson, via WebEx

Other Participants (**Advisory)

Paul Adams – Illinois Education Association (in person)
Scott Ahrens – ISP (via WebEx)
Julie Beamer-Pfeifer – Western Illinois University (WIU) (in person)
Chris Bollinger – U.S. Coast Guard** (in person)
Renysha Brown – IEMA (in person)
Dominic Chiappini – Illinois State Police (in person)
Bruce Coffing – City of Chicago (via WebEx)
Louise Conway – IEMA (via WebEx)
Wally Dandridge – DoIT
J. Dwyer – Champaign County (via WebEx)
Jonathan England – IEMA (via WebEx)
Bob Evans – IEMA (in person)
Doug Hoyt – NWCDs (via WebEx)
Pamela Jacobs – Effingham County (via WebEx)
Myong-Ae Kim – IEMA (via WebEx)
George Lewis – ComEd (via WebEx)
Corey Mulryan – ComEd (via WebEx)
Scott Peirson – Cook County DEMRS
Tammy Porter – IEMA (via WebEx)
Charles Ruehling – Cook County (in person)
Jason Sanford – IEMA (in person)
Dale Simpson – OSFM (via WebEx)
Jeffrey Singer – Cook County (via WebEx)
Tom Sivak – FEMA** (in person)
Nichole Strayer – IEMA (via WebEx)
Kevin Sur – IEMA (in person)
Alicia Tate-Nadeau – IEMA (via WebEx)
Colin Vasconcelles – IEMA (via WebEx)
Kyara Wright – Cook County (via WebEx)

Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes of the April 27, 2022, full membership meeting.

Motion to Approve: Dave Christensen, McHenry Co. EMA

Seconded: Jim Keiken, IFSI

Motion carried.

FEMA Update

Director Thomas Sivak, Federal Emergency Management Agency Region V Administrator, provided an update on FEMA Region V, stressing the importance of building partnerships and capacity; serving communities before, during and after disasters; and crafting a strategic plan that focuses on equity, climate resilience, and readiness.

Cybersecurity Update

Chuck Ruehling, Chief Information Security Officer for Cook County, and Bruce Coffing, Chief Information Security Officer for City of Chicago, provided an update on current cyber issues and challenges facing the city, county and state.

Old Business

- ITTF Bylaws Update – The most recent revised draft, reflecting ITTF members’ input, was distributed in advance of the meeting. Acting Chair Page called attention to draft language that would limit member organizations’ voting delegates to one appointee and one or two alternates. He said the goal is to vote to accept the revised bylaws at the October full membership meeting.
- Grant Program Updates – Bob Evans reported on the closeout of FFY17 HSGP and SFY22 PAR grants, thanking everyone for their contributions. He mentioned the upcoming release of FFY22 grant awards, as well as the upcoming grantee workshops being held during the IEMA Training Summit in September.
- Vision 2025 – Jason Sanford, policy advisor to the HSA, explained that there have been some changes to the previously approved Vision 2025 Homeland Security Strategy in order to achieve Emergency Management Accreditation Program compliance.

Motion to approve the revised Illinois Homeland Security Strategy “Vision 2025” as presented with the following updates: revised section on strategic plan, deleted “implementation” in executive summary and purpose sections, revised plan maintenance and evaluation section, added Cybersecurity Commission, and added Appendix F benchmarks.

*Motion to Approve: Glenn Erickson, MABAS
Seconded: Dave Christensen, McHenry County EMA
Motion carried.*

New Business

ITTF Priorities – Acting Chair Page discussed the ITTF’s role and responsibility in making recommendations to the HSA and governor regarding homeland security initiatives and how those initiatives have been severely limited by a continuous decrease in federal funding. He explained that it takes approximately \$13 million just to maintain the essential core programs in Illinois: ILEAS, MABAS, SWMDT, STIC, and Safe2Help. With Illinois receiving \$13.8 million during the last federal funding cycle, very little is left over for new programs and capital replacement. Page contends that a stable, dedicated funding source, i.e., an increase in state Preparedness and Response (PAR) grant funds, is critical. He is currently preparing a gaps report for the governor and the Illinois General Assembly and will be surveying ITTF members to garner their input on this topic.

Upcoming ITTF Meetings

- CANCELLED – August 24 Council of Chairs Meeting
- IEMA Annual Training Summit – September 6-9, 2022
- Council of Chairs Meeting – September 28, 2022, at 10:00 a.m.
- Full Membership Meeting – October 26, 2022, at 10 a.m.
- Council of Chairs Meeting (combined November/December) – December 14, 2022, at 10 a.m.

Adjournment

*Motion to Adjourn: Scott Clarke, Red Cross
Seconded: Dave Christensen, McHenry County EMA
Motion carried*