

ILLINOIS TERRORISM TASK FORCE
Minutes of the Full Membership Meeting
April 27, 2022, 10:00 a.m., In person and via WebEx

Call to Order

Chairman Gary Schenkel called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone attending. A roll call was conducted of attendees, and it was determined there was a quorum.

Meeting participants:

ITTF Member Appointees

Ameren – Larry Magelitz, in person; Adam Proctor, via WebEx
American Public Works Association (APWA) – Michael Millette, Brian Goldman, via WebEx
American Water – Anthony Neal, via WebEx
American Red Cross – Scott Clarke, in person
Associated Fire Fighters of Illinois (AFFI) – Luke Howieson, Charles Sullivan, Jeffrey Maher, via WebEx
Aurora University – Murray Snow, via WebEx
Central Management Services (CMS) – Brent Boesdorfer, in person
Cities of Bloomington-Normal – Michael Humer, Douglas Barnett, in person
Cities of Champaign-Urbana – Charles Lauss, via WebEx
City of Chicago – Anna Statham, via WebEx
City of Joliet – Greg Blaskey, via WebEx
City of Naperville –
City of Peoria – Shawn Sollberger, via WebEx
City of Quincy – Steven Salrin, via WebEx
City of Rockford – Michele Pankow, via WebEx
City of Springfield – Joshua Stuenkel, Kenneth Scarlette, via WebEx
Collaborative Health Care Urgency Group (CHUG) – Connie Polke, Bill Pretzer, Tom Smith, in person
Cook County Department of Emergency Management and Regional Security (DEMRS) – Bill Barnes, via WebEx
DuPage County Office of Homeland Security Emergency Management (OHSEM) – Craig Dieckman, Jeff Janus, via WebEx
Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police – Dan Ryan, via WebEx
Illinois Association of County Engineers –
Illinois Association of Public Health Administrators (IAPHA) – Amy Fox, via WebEx
Illinois Association of School Boards (IASB) –
Illinois Board of Higher Education –
Illinois Campus Law Enforcement Administrators –
Illinois Coalition of Community Blood Centers – Tara Matheson, Lee Milner, Jim Watts, in person
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) –
Illinois Council of Code Administrators – Kathryn Gruber, via WebEx
Illinois Coroners Association –
Illinois Department of Agriculture –
Illinois Department of Corrections (IDOC) – Brad Baker, Kyle Donjon via WebEx
Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS) – Joe Gasparich, via WebEx
Illinois Department of Innovation & Technology (DoIT) – Dan Sluga, Jennifer Rominger, via WebEx
Illinois Department of Military Affairs (Illinois National Guard) – Mark Alessia, Matthew Garrison, 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, via WebEx
Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) – Gene Felchner, in person

Illinois Department on Aging – Rollin Barton, Anthony Wanless, via WebEx
 Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA) – Marc Sullivan, in person
 Illinois Emergency Services Management Association (IESMA) – Michael Fleming, in person
 Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) –
 Illinois Firefighters Association –
 Illinois Fire Chiefs Association (IFCA) – Joseph Holomy, via WebEx
 Illinois Fire Service Institute (IFSI) –
 Illinois Health and Hospital Association (IHHA) – Keneatha Johnson, via WebEx
 Illinois Law Enforcement Alarm System (ILEAS) – Jim Page, Larry Evans, Pete Smith, in person
 Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board (ILETSB) – Derek Carle, Heather Hotz, via WebEx
 Illinois Medical Emergency Response Team (IMERT) –Chris Jansen, Mary Connelly, Moses Lee, via WebEx
 Illinois Public Health Mutual Aid System – Nita Ludwig, Stephen Melega, via WebEx
 Illinois Public Works Mutual Aid Network (IPWMAN) – Mark Doerfler, via WebEx
 Illinois School Psychologists Association –
 Illinois Sheriffs’ Association – Jon Sandage, via WebEx
 Illinois State Board of Elections –
 Illinois State Police (ISP) – J.W. Price, in person; Brendan Kelly, Chris Trame, via WebEx
 Illinois Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee (SIEC) – Matthew Miller, in person; Chris Miller, Randy Neal, via WebEx
 Lake County Emergency Management Agency – Domingo Kaller, Rebecca Kumar, Dan Eder, via WebEx
 Logan County Emergency Management Agency – Kendall Caruthers, in person
 McHenry County Emergency Management Agency – David Christensen, in person
 Metro-East Emergency Management Agency (St. Clair – Madison Counties) –
 Mid-West Truckers Association –
 Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MABAS) – Glenn Ericksen, in person; Bernie Lyons, via WebEx
 Nicor Gas – Mark Guth, via WebEx
 Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM) – Fred Schneller, Greg Hay, via WebEx
 Ogle County Emergency Management Agency –
 People’s Gas and Northshore Gas Companies – Eric Ayala, Charles Graham, via WebEx
 Quad Cities – Robert DeFrance, via WebEx
 Regional Superintendents of Schools – Chris Tennyson, via WebEx
 Secretary of State Police (SOS) – Jason Dunn, via WebEx; Ronald Lewis, in person
 Will County Emergency Management Agency –Allison Anderson, via WebEx

Other Participants (**Advisory)

Matthew Aken – FBI ** (in person)	Jason Sanford – IEMA (in person)
Julie Beamer-Pfeifer – Western Illinois University (WIU) (in person)	Gary Schenkel – ITTF Chair (in person)
Chris Bollinger – U.S. Coast Guard** (in person)	Matthew Starr – DoIT (in person)
Renysha Brown – IEMA (in person)	Jay Stewart – ISP (in person)
Sam Bunville – FEMA** (in person)	Nichole Strayer – IEMA (in person)
Louise Conway – IEMA (via WebEx)	Kevin Sur – IEMA (in person)
Brian Dickmann – ISP (via WebEx)	Alicia Tate-Nadeau – IEMA (in person)
Jonathan England – IEMA (via WebEx)	
Bob Evans – IEMA (in person)	
Melissa Hahn – IEMA (in person)	
Myong-Ae Kim – IEMA (via WebEx)	
Samantha Kanish – IEMA (via WebEx)	
Bradley Martin – ISP, via WebEx	
Tara Matheson – IL Coalition of Community Blood Centers (in person)	
Matthew Miller – IEMA (in person)	
Tammy Porter – IEMA (via WebEx)	

Minutes

Motion to approve the Jan. 26, 2022, Full Membership Meeting Minutes.

Motion to Approve: Jim Page, ILEAS

Seconded: Gene Felchner, IDOT

Motion Carried

National and Illinois Homeland Security Updates

State and National Updates: Alicia Tate-Nadeau, IEMA Director and the Governor's Homeland Security Advisor, shared a graphic showing how Illinois has been a leader in Covid-19 response over the past two years. Illinois was #1 in the Midwest for first dose vaccination rates, Black and Hispanic first dose vaccination rates, youth vaccination rates, and tests per capita. On behalf of the governor, she thanked the members of the ITTF and their partners for their hard work and cooperative efforts, resulting in the distribution of more than 98 million pieces of personal protective equipment in Illinois, the administration of 56 million tests, and the vaccination of more than 22 million people – all at no cost to Illinois taxpayers. Through federal government public assistance reimbursements, Illinois received approximately \$1 billion, with \$332 million going to counties.

Director Tate-Nadeau also spoke about the implications of climate change on our state. Within the next five to 10 years, Illinois could experience stronger, more violent tornadoes, longer periods of extreme heat, heavier rainfall and worsening droughts. She emphasized the cybersecurity threats our country and state are currently facing, exacerbated by the geopolitical tensions due to Russia's invasion of Ukraine. The federal government is issuing a call to urgency, asking states to reduce thresholds for reporting cyberattacks and to make sure they know where their critical infrastructure sectors stand regarding cybersecurity. In March Governor Pritzker established an Illinois Cybersecurity Commission to develop a whole government approach to enhancing cybersecurity in Illinois.

The director also briefed attendees on the 2023 U.S. Department of Homeland Security budget, which increased \$6.5 billion over last year, and its areas of focus, including complex threats, border security, cybersecurity, and strengthening disaster preparedness. She talked about a current grant opportunity for local communities for targeted violence and terrorism prevention, with applications due May 18.

National and State Intelligence Briefing: Jay Stewart, Terrorism Research Specialist, Statewide Terrorism and Intelligence Center (STIC), Illinois State Police, provided a briefing on national and Illinois security issues (FOUO).

Cyber Security Briefing

Dan Sluga, Deputy Chief Information Security Officer (CISO), DoIT, reported on the following:

- Ransomware attack on Costa Rican government affecting their ability to collect taxes, imports/exports and border control. Costa Rica had been lauded in the past for their technologically forward thinking, but Dan cautioned that such initiatives need to be governed by strong cyber hygiene controls and preventative measures.
- How to keep up to date with cybersecurity information/alerts – many free resources are available. Contact Dan for more information.
- Multifactor authentication (MFA) is one of the single most effective protective measures. Also, CISA has excellent turnkey measures to improve cyber infrastructure.
- Dan stated he is always available via email for questions, and he'll provide the links for some of this information in the WebEx chat area.

ITTF Chair Report

Gary Schenkel reminded members that today is the deadline for submitting comments/changes to the ITTF Bylaws. He discussed the escalation of tensions in Ukraine and Russia and other countries' growing involvement, which could have significant repercussions for the world. He expanded on the director's comments regarding migration from the coasts due to climate change and the ramifications for the Midwest, including impacts on public health, infrastructure, crime and law enforcement. Chairman Schenkel announced that the full ITTF meeting on July 27 will be held in

Chicago at 10 a.m. – specific location to be announced. A joint briefing on the state’s and the urban area’s cybersecurity efforts will be provided at that meeting. The Aug. 24th Council of Chairs meeting may be cancelled due to its proximity to the IEMA Training Summit, which is Sept. 6-9.

Old Business

- IEMA PGA Grants Section Manager Bob Evans discussed the FFY22 HSGP and SFY23 PAR timeline. From the time the HSGP Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) is released, IEMA will have only around 30 days to submit the state application to FEMA. A special ITTF Council of Chairs meeting will be held on May 18 to review and refine the list of projects in advance of the May 25 Council of Chairs meeting, where a vote will take place to approve and recommend the projects and budgets to the full ITTF membership. Bob also went over the national priorities for FFY22 HSGP. Two new priorities are 1) community preparedness and resilience and 2) enhancing election security. By statute, 30 percent of Illinois’ allocation must be directed to national priority projects.
- Samantha Kanish, Safe2Help Coordinator, provided an update on the program, which is a free, statewide, confidential (not anonymous) school safety program to prevent suicide, bullying and other threats to student safety. In addition to the confidential 24/7 helpline available through mobile app, text, phone, email or website, Safe2Help has a website with a wide variety of student resources to assist with stress and other issues students face, educational resources/mental health toolkit for teachers and administrators, and free marking resources for school districts. The Illinois State Board of Education has been a key partner in the educational component of the program. Samantha explained how school districts can register for the program. Currently almost 75 percent of Regional Offices of Education in Illinois have registered for the program.

New Business

Chairman Schenkel briefly discussed restructuring the Cybersecurity Committee to the Cybersecurity, Technology and Communications Committee. In the interest of time, he asked anyone interested in further discussing the issue to let him and Julie Pfeifer know.

Upcoming ITTF Meetings

- **Special Council of Chairs Meeting – May 18, 2022, at 10 a.m.**
- **Council of Chairs Meeting – May 25, 2022, at 10 a.m.**
- **Special Full Membership Meeting – June 1, 2022, at 10 a.m. – WebEx only**
- **Council of Chairs Meeting – June 22, 2022, at 10 a.m.**
- **Full ITTF Membership Meeting – July 27, at 10 a.m. in Chicago (location TBD)**

Meeting Adjourned