

ILLINOIS TERRORISM TASK FORCE
Minutes of Council of Chairs Meeting
May 25, 2022
2200 South Dirksen Parkway, Springfield, Illinois 62703

ATTENDANCE

- Jim Page – Acting Illinois Terrorism Task Force Chair, in person

Committee Chairs

Critical Infrastructure:

- Felchner, Gene – IL Department of Transportation, in person

Cybersecurity:

- Rominger, Jennifer – IL Department of Innovation and Technology, in person

Emergency Management:

- Dan Nelson – City of Naperville, in person
- Marc Sullivan – IL Emergency Management Agency, in person

Fire Mutual Aid:

- Ericksen, Glenn – Mutual Aid Box Alarm System, in person
- Keiken, Jim – IL Fire Service Institute, in person

Law Enforcement Mutual Aid:

- Page, Jim – ILEAS, in person
- Price, J.W. – IL State Police, in person

Public Health:

Urban Area:

- Barnes, William – Cook County Department of Emergency Management and Regional Security, via WebEx

Staff/Members:

Beamer-Pfeifer, Julie – WIU, in person
Brown, Renysha – IEMA, in person
Burriss, Bret – ISP, in person
Chiappini, Dominic – ISP, via WebEx
Elzie, Bobby – IDPH, via WebEx
Evans, Bob – IEMA, in person
Evans, Larry – ILEAS, in person
Gutierrez, Natalie – Cook County DEMRS, via WebEx
Kelly, Brendan – ISP, in person
Kim, Myong-Ae – IEMA, via WebEx
Lyons, Bernie – MABAS, via WebEx
March, Jennifer – IEMA, via WebEx
Porter, Tammy – IEMA, via WebEx
Pruitt, Bryan – ISP, via WebEx
Sanford, Jason – IEMA, in person
Sluga, Dan – DoIT, via WebEx
Smith, Pete – ILEAS, via WebEx
Starr, Matthew – IEMA, in person
Statham, Anna – City of Chicago OEMC, via WebEx
Stewart, Jay – ISP, in person
Strayer, Nichole – IEMA, in person
Sur, Kevin – IEMA, via WebEx
Trame, Chris – ISP, in person

Call to Order

Acting ITTF Chairman Jim Page called the meeting to order.

Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes of March 23, 2022, Council of Chairs meeting.

Motion to Approve: Jim Keiken, IFSI

Seconded: Marc Sullivan, IEMA

Minutes of March 23, 2022, Council of Chairs meeting approved.

State Homeland Security

Acting ITTF Chair Jim Page shared that with the departure of former ITTF Chair Gary Schenkel, the ITTF Chair position will be posted, and he plans to apply.

Jay Stewart, Terrorism Research Specialist, Statewide Terrorism & Intelligence Center (STIC), Illinois State Police, provided a national and state intelligence briefing.

Dan Sluga, Illinois Department of Information and Technology, provided a cybersecurity update.

Old Business

Cybersecurity Committee Restructuring Discussion: Following an online discussion on May 10, former ITTF Chair Gary Schenkel completed a synopsis of the meeting and concluded there is no immediate need to restructure the committee. Jim Page said Gary's synopsis will be distributed to the Council of Chairs.

New Business

Regarding the FFY 22 Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) and SFY 23 Preparedness and Response (PAR) Grant Program project submissions and budget for state application, Jim Page referenced the May 18 special chairs meeting and expressed his thanks to everyone for their hard work and cooperation on the projects list/budget.

IEMA PGA Grants Manager Bob Evans went over the HSGP spreadsheet of initial requests and the progress made in trimming the list to accommodate the amount of available funding (\$13.8 million for State Homeland Security Program), keeping in mind the state/local split and national priority minimums that must be met. Committee chairs expressed agreement with the current spreadsheet.

Regarding the PAR Grant Program, Bob briefly explained the progress that was made at the May 18 meeting, with projects being cut or moved from SFY 23 PAR. He outlined two \$5 million PAR budget options that were proposed, one that includes funding for the Safe2Help Program and one without Safe2Help funding (if Safe2Help were to be funded by another source). A brief discussion took place regarding Safe2Help, its value, and how it will be funded in the future, as PAR is not seen as the most viable or appropriate funding source for the long term.

IEMA Director/Homeland Security Advisor Alicia Tate-Nadeau emphasized the importance of including information in the ITTF Annual Report about Illinois' capability gaps and how an increase in PAR funding is critical in closing those gaps. Jim Page added that the annual report data is necessary to justify an increase in PAR funds to not only continue current programs but also incubate new programs and projects.

Motion to approve and recommend to the full ITTF membership at the June 1, 2022, special meeting the projects and budget (the homeland security strategy) for the FFY 22 Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) and both versions of the SFY 23 Preparedness and Response (PAR) Grant Program, with the version that includes the Safe2Help program being the priority.

Motion to Approve: Glenn Ericksen, MABAS

Seconded: Marc Sullivan, IEMA

Motion approved.

Upcoming Meetings

- June 1, 2022 – special ITTF full membership meeting at 10 a.m. – WebEx only
- June 22, 2022 – ITTF Council of Chairs meeting at 10 a.m.
- July 27, 2022 – ITTF full membership meeting at 10 a.m. – Chicago location TBD

Meeting adjourned.