

**ILLINOIS HOMELAND SECURITY ADVISORY COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Full Membership Meeting**

**October 25, 2023, 10:00 a.m.**

Illinois Emergency Management Agency and Office of Homeland Security  
2200 S. Dirksen Parkway, Springfield, IL

and

alternate meeting site:

DuPage County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management  
418 North County Farm Road, Wheaton, IL

**Call to Order/Welcome**

Chairman Jim Page called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone attending in Springfield and in DuPage County.

**Meeting attendees** (unless noted, individuals listed attended in Springfield)

HSAC Chair Jim Page

HSA/IEMA-OHS Director Alicia Tate-Nadeau

IEMA-OHS Deputy Director of Homeland Security Claire Moravec

**HSAC Member Delegates:**

Ameren –

American Public Works Association (APWA) – Vydas Juskelis (attended in DuPage County)

American Red Cross – Scott Clarke

American Water –

Associated Fire Fighters of Illinois (AFFI) – Charles Sullivan

Aurora University –

Central Management Services (CMS) – Brent Boesdorfer

Cities of Bloomington-Normal –

Cities of Champaign-Urbana – Kent Demond Dade

City of Chicago – Natalie Gutierrez, Anna Statham (both attended in DuPage County)

City of Joliet –

City of Naperville – Dan Nelson (attended in DuPage County)

City of Peoria –

City of Quincy – Michael Dade

City of Rockford – Tim O’Keefe (attended in DuPage County)

City of Springfield – Joshua Steunkel

Collaborative Health Care Urgency Group (CHUG) –

Cook County Department of Emergency Management and Regional Security (DEMRS) – Ted Berger, Jeff Singer  
(both attended in DuPage County)

DuPage County Office of Homeland Security Emergency Management (OHSEM) – Craig Dieckman

Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police – Dan Ryan

Illinois Association of County Engineers – Darin Koelm

Illinois Association of Public Health Administrators (IAPHA) – Amy Fox

Illinois Association of School Boards (IASB) – Angie Powell

Illinois Board of Higher Education – Brook Stewart

Illinois Campus Law Enforcement Administrators –

Illinois Coalition of Community Blood Centers – Jim Watts

Illinois College of Emergency Physicians – Jason Kegg

Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC) – Eric Lounsberry

Illinois Community College Board (ICCB) – Jeff Newell

Illinois Council of Code Administrators –  
Illinois Coroners and Medical Examiners Association – Jim Allmon  
Illinois Department of Agriculture –  
Illinois Department of Corrections (IDOC) –  
Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS) – Joe Gasparich  
Illinois Department of Innovation & Technology (DoIT) –  
Illinois Department of Military Affairs (Illinois National Guard) –  
Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) – Brian Snodgrass  
Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) –  
Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) –  
Illinois Department on Aging – Chuck Miller  
Illinois Education Association –  
Illinois Emergency Management Agency and Office of Homeland Security (IEMA-OHS) – Clayton Kuetemeyer  
Illinois Emergency Services Management Association (IESMA) – John Dwyer  
Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) –  
Illinois Firefighters Association – William Offerman (attended in DuPage County)  
Illinois Fire Chiefs Association (IFCA) –  
Illinois Fire Service Institute (IFSI) – Jim Keiken  
Illinois Health and Hospital Association (IHHA) – Dan Bordage (attended in DuPage County)  
Illinois Law Enforcement Alarm System (ILEAS) – Larry Evans, Pete Smith, Bryant Seraphin  
Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board (ILETSB) – Eric Arnold  
Illinois Medical Emergency Response Team (IMERT) – Moses Lee (attended in DuPage County)  
Illinois Public Health Mutual Aid System –  
Illinois Public Works Mutual Aid Network (IPWMAN) –  
Illinois School Psychologists Association – Rosario Pesce (attended in DuPage County)  
Illinois School Resource Officers Association – Jeremy Flood  
Illinois Sheriffs' Association –  
Illinois State Board of Elections (ISBE) –  
Illinois State Police (ISP) – J.W. Price, Scott Ahrens  
Illinois Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee (SIEC) – Matthew Miller, Chris Miller  
Lake County Emergency Management Agency – Dan Eder (attended in DuPage County)  
Logan County Emergency Management Agency – Kendall Caruthers  
McHenry County Emergency Management Agency –  
Metro-East Emergency Management Agency (St. Clair – Madison Counties) – Samantha Bierman  
Mid-West Truckers Association – Matthew Wells  
Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MABAS) – Bernie Lyons (attended in DuPage County)  
Nicor Gas –  
Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM) – Dale Simpson  
Ogle County Emergency Management Agency –  
People's Gas and Northshore Gas Companies –  
Quad Cities –  
Regional Superintendents of Schools –  
Secretary of State Police (SOS) –  
Will County Emergency Management Agency – Allison Anderson

#### Advisory Members

United States Department of Homeland Security – Steve Lyddon

#### Other Attendees

Julie Beamer-Pfeifer – WIU  
Sara Lewis – IEMA-OHS

Tara Perry – IEMA-OHS  
Nichole Strayer – IEMA-OHS

## Minutes

*Motion to approve the minutes of the July 20, 2023, full membership meeting.*

*Motion to Approve: Jim Keiken, IFSI*

*Seconded: Eric Arnold, ILETSB*

*Motion carried.*

## Public Comments

None.

## Homeland Security Updates

HSA/IEMA-OHS Director Tate-Nadeau briefed attendees on the heightened potential for homegrown violent extremism related to the Israel-Hamas conflict as well as an escalation in malinformation aimed at sowing divisiveness among religious communities.

Chief Intelligence Officer Aaron Kustermann, Illinois State Police - State Terrorism and Intelligence Center, provided an intelligence briefing.

Deputy Director of Homeland Security Claire Moravec highlighted a joint community-based violence prevention workshop that took place earlier in the week with funding support from the HSAC. This event at the University of Chicago included several counties and focused on building out behavioral threat assessment teams and delving into community-based violence prevention methods.

## Old Business

- Unmet Needs Request for FFY 20 Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) and SFY 24 Preparedness and Response (PAR) reallocations

*Motion to approve the unmet needs prioritized list with the understanding that the Council of Chairs will be kept updated on the status of the list with the option to modify it.*

*Motion to approve: Dan Ryan, IACP*

*Seconded: Larry Evan, ILEAS*

*Motion carried.*

## New Business

- Homeland Security Strategy Review Process – Chairman Page and Deputy Director Moravec explained that the IEMA-OHS Office of Homeland Security staff has been working on a 2024-2028 draft strategy. It is currently going through an initial review process with the Public Safety Executive Committee and will then come to the HSAC for final approval. Depending on the timing of HSAC meetings, Page posed the possibility of delegating the final approval to the Council of Chairs – after review by HSAC committees.

*Motion to delegate to the Council of Chairs the final decision of recommending the IEMA-OHS Homeland Security Strategy after review by the Committees.*

*Motion to approve: J.W. Price*

*Seconded: Scott Clark, Red Cross*

*Motion carried.*

- FEMA Guidance on Using SHSP and UASI for Civil Disorder-Related Overtime – Chairman Page said that this guidance will be sent out to the HSAC membership. He stressed that agencies considering using federal preparedness funds for such purposes need to obtain preapproval.
- The 2024 HSAC Meeting Schedule was presented.
- 2023 IL-HSAC Annual Report – Chairman Page stressed that submissions this year should be organized by Vision 2025 goals. He said he will send out further instructions, in addition to organizations' Attachment A's, to help them effectively organize their reports. Last year's report, located on the IEMA-

OHS website, can be referred to as an example. Page and Director Tate-Nadeau emphasized the importance of the annual report in justifying requests for additional funding.

- Chairman Page reminded members about the OneNet training requirement. Many members have not yet completed their annual training.

### **Other Business**

- Members gave updates on various programs/events, including:
  - Eric Arnold, ILETSB – Illinois Active Threat Master Instructor Program
  - Jim Keiken, IFSI – special teams/fire service training
  - Clayton Kuetemeyer, IEMA-OHS – Emergency Management Committee meeting update
  - Scott Clarke, Red Cross – nationwide Red Cross policy change allowing pets in shelters. However, shelters are not owned by Red Cross, so owners must consent to housing pets.
  - Ted Berger, Cook County – evaluating approximately 40 applications totaling \$50 million in requests for homeland security funding
  - Natalie Gutierrez, City of Chicago – update on air assets for Chicago; OEMC will host a whole community summit on NIU campus, Nov. 16
- Upcoming Meetings/Events
  - Council of Chairs Meeting – December 13, 2023, at 10 a.m.

### **Adjournment**

*Motion to Adjourn: Dan Ryan, IACP*

*Seconded: Allison Anderson, Will County EMA*

*Motion carried.*