

**Illinois Homeland Security Advisory Council  
Council of Chairs Meeting  
September 27, 2023, 10:00 a.m.**

Illinois Emergency Management Agency and Office of Homeland Security  
2200 S. Dirksen Parkway  
Springfield, IL 62703

**Call to Order:**

HSAC Chair Jim Page greeted everyone and called the meeting to order.

**Attendance:**

Jim Page – HSAC Chair

Clayton Kuetemeyer – IEMA-OHS Deputy Director, Office of Emergency Management

Committee Chairs

Communications:

- Miller, Matthew – Illinois Emergency Management Agency and Office of Homeland Security

Critical Infrastructure:

- Doerfler, Mark – Illinois Public Works Mutual Aid Network

Cybersecurity:

- Jennifer Rominger – Illinois Department of Innovation and Technology

Emergency Management:

- Mike McPeck – Illinois Emergency Management Agency and Office of Homeland Security

Fire Mutual Aid:

- Glenn Erickson – Mutual Aid Box Alarm System
- Jim Keiken – Illinois Fire Safety Institute

Law Enforcement Mutual Aid:

- Evans, Larry – Illinois Law Enforcement Alarm System

Prevention:

- Arnold, Eric – Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board

Public Health:

- Dos Santos, Andrea – Illinois Department of Public Health

Urban Area:

Staff/Members:

Ahrens, Scott – ISP

Alvey, Roger – Illini Bluffs School District

Beamer-Pfeifer, Julie – WIU

Benson, Eric – IEMA-OHS

Evans, Bob – IEMA-OHS

Hershey, Michael – IEMA-OHS

Lewis, Sara – IEMA-OHS

Perry, Tara – IEMA-OHS

Porter, Tammy – IEMA-OHS

Seraphin, Bryant – ILEAS

Smith, Pete – ILEAS

Strayer, Nichole – IEMA-OHS

## Minutes

*Motion to approve the minutes of the June 28, 2023, Council of Chairs meeting.*

*Motion to Approve: Jim Keiken, IFSI*

*Seconded: Larry Evans, ILEAS*

*Minutes of May 24, 2023, Council of Chairs meeting approved.*

## Public Comments

No members of the public were present.

## Old Business

- Prioritization of IL-HSAC Unmet Needs request for FFY 20 Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) and SFY 24 Preparedness and Response (PAR) reallocations:

Initial steps were taken to prioritize the list of unmet needs for HSGP/PAR projects by determining that all small dollar items minus the Chicago Urban Area projects should be considered first in order to complete as many projects as possible from the unmet needs list, knowing that the Urban Area has a larger pool of funding to re-program from. Chairman Page instructed the chairs to send him the projected start dates for all projects, as well as the percentage of each project that is beneficial to the Urban Area so that UASI funds can be used to cover some of the project costs. Once the projected start dates and UASI split are determined, the final prioritization will be completed by Page and submitted to the full IL-HSAC for approval. PGA Acting Chief Bob Evans and Chairman Page will keep the Council of Chairs updated as projects are completed and will seek input on further prioritization of projects at each Council of Chairs meeting until all unallocated funding is spent.

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

*Motion to approve: Jennifer Rominger, DoIT*

*Seconded: Larry Evans, ILEAS*

*Motion carried.*

- Reminder about required training for HSAC membership:

Chairman Page reported that approximately 40 appointees/alternates still need to complete required OneNet training and asked that committee chairs remind their members. An updated list of those who need to complete training will be sent out soon.

## New Business

- ILEAS update on Less Lethal Alternatives for Law Enforcement Grant

ILEAS Executive Director Larry Evans reported that ILEAS received a \$19 million grant to provide less lethal equipment and training to local law enforcement throughout the state. State agencies are not eligible to apply. These funds came from the SAFE-T Act and are being administered by the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority (ICJIA). While working with ICJIA to develop grant language, it was determined that the less lethal equipment provided will be Tasers, including the training/certification of users. The grant also includes funds to reimburse ILETSB Mobile Training Units (MTUs) to provide alternate use of force training. This includes de-escalation, critical intervention training, etc. The performance period of the grant ends June 30, 2024.

- Cybersecurity Committee update on year two of State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program

Jennifer Rominger from DoIT reported on the second-year application and allocation for the FEMA State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program (SLCGP). For year two funding of what will be four separate four-year awards, Illinois is receiving \$8.8M from FEMA for cybersecurity projects that will establish a structure and provide tools for information sharing to improve capabilities to respond to cybersecurity incidents and ensure continuity of operations for government. DoIT has budgeted the

required matching funds, which have been approved by the General Assembly. Illinois will assist local governments with the projects below:

- Provide resources for testing, evaluation, and structured assessment services through the already established State Cyber Navigator program. DoIT has been leveraging the Cyber Navigator Program to assist municipalities and county governments with cyber protection, and will expand in year two.
- Implement security protections commensurate with risk by acquiring and deploying endpoint protection to local and rural government devices. DoIT has also provided some local government endpoint protection, and will continue to expand in year two.
- Deliver cybersecurity training for local and rural government employees, commensurate with their level of responsibility.

The four-year SLCGP funding plan is as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount (approx.)</u>	<u>% State Match</u>
2022	\$4,400,000	10%
2023	\$8,800,000	20%
2024	\$6,000,000	30%:
2025	\$2,000,000	40%

- Prevention Committee update on Targeted Violence and Terrorism Prevention Grants

Eric Arnold from ILETSB reported on two grants received through the Targeted Violence and Terrorism Prevention (TVTP) Grant Program, which is administered by FEMA and the DHS Center for Prevention Programs and Partnerships. The HSAC Prevention Committee was involved in the development of the concepts and strategy underlying the two grant applications. One of the two TVTP grants received in Illinois was awarded to the Peoria Regional Office of Education #48. It received \$691,620 to advance the Illinois Targeted Violence Prevention Strategy for K-12 Students. The second grant was awarded to the University of Illinois Chicago for \$981,9156. UIC will partner with DePaul University, Loyola University, HSAC and others to reduce the risk of future violence. It will focus on community-based Behavior Threat Assessment and Management Teams.

- Communications Committee report on joint communications exercise with Wisconsin

Deputy Statewide Interoperability Coordinator Eric Benson reported that IEMA-OHS and several other agencies and organizations conducted a multi-state communications interoperability exercise with Wisconsin Emergency Management Office of Emergency Communications. This was a joint exercise that took place at the North Dunes Nature Preserve in Zion, Illinois, during the week of September 11<sup>th</sup>. The exercise involved over 90 participants from 29 local, state and federal agencies. For the first time a system patch that had been created to connect STARCOM to WISCOM (Wisconsin's version of STARCOM) was successfully tested. This exercise was the culmination of over a year's work including meetings and a tabletop leading up to the exercise. Participants included ILEAS, Lake County EMA, CISA, MABAS, IDNR, ISP, FEMA, Salvation Army, etc. He additionally reported that there is a three-state exercise in the works scheduled for 2025 to include Illinois, Wisconsin and Iowa (possibly Missouri too).

## **Other Business**

- Upcoming Meetings
  - Full IL-HSAC Meeting – October 25, 2023, at 10 a.m.
  - IL-HSAC Council of Chairs Meeting – December 13, 2023, at 10 a.m.

## **Adjournment:**

*Motion to Adjourn: Glenn Erickson, MABAS*  
*Seconded: Clayton Kuetemeyer, IEMA-OHS*  
*Motion carried.*