

Illinois Homeland Security Advisory Council

Council of Chairs Meeting

March 27, 2024, 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:

Alicia Tate-Nadeau – Homeland Security Advisor/IEMA-OHS Director

Jim Page – HSAC Chair

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

Claire Moravec – IEMA-OHS Deputy Director, Office of Homeland Security

Committee Chairs

Communications:

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

Critical Infrastructure:

- Mark Doerfler – Illinois Public Works Mutual Aid Network
- Gene Felchner – Illinois Department of Transportation

Cybersecurity:

- Jennifer Rominger – Illinois Department of Innovation and Technology

Emergency Management:

- Allison Anderson – Will County
- Mike McPeck – Illinois Emergency Management Agency and Office of Homeland Security

Fire Mutual Aid:

- Jim Keiken – Illinois Fire Safety Institute

Law Enforcement Mutual Aid:

- Larry Evans – Illinois Law Enforcement Alarm System
- J.W. Price – Illinois State Police

Prevention:

- Eric Arnold – Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board
- Roger Alvey – Illinois Association of School Administrators

Public Health:

- Andrea Dos Santos – Illinois Department of Public Health (via WebEx)

Urban Area:

Staff/Members:

Beamer-Pfeifer, Julie – WIU

Evans, Bob – IEMA-OHS

Jokisch, Allie – IEMA-OHS

Khayyat, Adnan – IEMA-OHS

Lewis, Sara – IEMA-OHS

Lyons, Bernie – MABAS

Perry, Tara – IEMA-OHS

Seraphin, Bryant – ILEAS

Smith, Pete – ILEAS

Starr, Matthew – IEMA-OHS

Strayer, Nichole – IEMA-OHS

Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes of the September 27, 2023, Council of Chairs meeting.

Motion to Approve: J.W. Price, ISP
Seconded: Jim Keiken, IFSI

Minutes of September 27, 2023, Council of Chairs meeting approved.

Public Comments

No members of the public were present.

State Homeland Security Updates

- Alicia Tate-Nadeau, Homeland Security Advisor/IEMA-OHS Director, mentioned the challenge Illinois will face in light of homeland security funding being cut 9 percent nationwide. She also reminded the Council that April 20th will be 25 years since the mass shooting at Columbine High School and recognized members of the HSAC Prevention Committee who visited Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida, the site of a 2018 mass shooting. Tate-Nadeau provided updates on the current threat landscape and also shared that the Vision 2028 homeland security strategy has been approved.
- Jim Page, IL-HSAC Chair, pointed out that though Illinois hasn't received its funding allocation yet from FEMA, as the Council looks at project requests, it should be assumed Illinois will receive 9 percent less than last year. Page said that requests this year for the State Homeland Security Program are currently \$6.7 million over the anticipated funding amount.

New Business

- Review of federal FY24 SHSP/UASI budget proposals:
Acting PGA Division Chief Bob Evans gave an overview of national priorities, minimum funding requirements for election security, 50 percent personnel cap, etc. Page cautioned that while equipment can be moved to the state PAR grant, the personnel cap must be kept in mind, as well as potential supplanting issues if those items are eventually moved back to federal funding. He distributed a spreadsheet with initial requests for FFY 24. Committee chairs briefed attendees on their project requests, answered questions, and indicated if reductions and/or scalability are options. By the end of the discussion, the overage amount had decreased to \$3.5 million (from \$6.7 million). Chairs were asked to take another look at their requests, taking into consideration unspent funds from their current grants, and submit their updated requests by April 10th.
Page explained that at the special chairs meeting on April 17, the finalized list of requests will be agreed upon to recommended to the full HSAC at the April 24th meeting.
- Development of SFY25 PAR budget: Chairs were asked to submit their requests for the SFY25 PAR Grant Program by April 10th.
- Subgrantees who anticipate not spending their full allocation of FFY20 HSGP and/or SFY24 PAR funding should let Page and Evans know as soon as possible so funds can be reallocated.

Other Business

- Upcoming Meetings
 - SPECIAL Council of Chairs Meeting – April 17, 2024, at 10 a.m.
 - Full IL-HSAC Meeting – April 24, 2024, 10 a.m.
 - Council of Chairs Meeting – May 22, 2024, at 10 a.m.

Adjournment:

Motion to Adjourn: Clayton Kuetemeyer, IEMA-OHS
Seconded: Gene Felchner, IDOT
Motion carried.