

ILLINOIS HOMELAND SECURITY ADVISORY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Full Membership Meeting

October 23, 2024, 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

IEMA-OHS Preparedness and Grants Administration Section Chief Bob Evans called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. He explained that Director Alicia Tate-Nadeau was in Chicago at a CISA training and Acting HSAC Chair/Deputy Director of Homeland Security Claire Moravec was speaking at the IPWMAN conference.

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

HSAC Member Delegates:

Ameren –

American Public Works Association (APWA) – Vydas Juskelis, Mike Millette (both attended in DuPage County)

American Red Cross – Scott Clarke

American Water –

Associated Fire Fighters of Illinois (AFFI) – Jeffery Maher

Aurora University –

Central Management Services (CMS) – Brent Boesdorfer, Joseph Gillespie

Cities of Bloomington-Normal – Mick Humer

Cities of Champaign-Urbana –

City of Chicago –

City of Joliet –

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

City of Peoria –

City of Quincy – Bernie Vahlkamp

City of Rockford –

City of Springfield – Kenneth Scarlette, Joshua Stuenkel

Collaborative Health Care Urgency Group (CHUG) – Bill Pretzer

Cook County Department of Emergency Management and Regional Security (DEMRS) – Ted Berger

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

Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police –

Illinois Association of County Engineers – Cliff Frye

Illinois Association of Public Health Administrators (IAPHA) – John Ridley

Illinois Association of School Administrators – Roger Alvey

Illinois Association of School Boards (IASB) –

Illinois Board of Higher Education – Brooke Stewart

Illinois Campus Law Enforcement Administrators – Aaron Woodruff

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 – Gerald Tienstra (attended in DuPage County)

Illinois Coroners and Medical Examiners Association –
Illinois Department of Agriculture –
Illinois Department of Corrections (IDOC) –
Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS) – Zachary Joyce
Illinois Department of Innovation & Technology (DoIT) – Jennifer Rominger
Illinois Department of Military Affairs (Illinois National Guard) –
Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) – Brian Snodgrass
Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) – Andrea Dos Santos
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, Michael Fleming
Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) – Tony Falconio
Illinois Firefighters Association –
Illinois Fire Chiefs Association (IFCA) – Joseph Holomy
Illinois Fire Service Institute (IFSI) – Heather Moore
Illinois Health and Hospital Association (IHHA) – Keneatha Johnson (attended in DuPage County)
Illinois Incident Management System (IL-IMS) –
Illinois Law Enforcement Alarm System (ILEAS) – Larry Evans, Bryant Seraphin
Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board (ILETSB) – Eric Arnold, Derek Carle
Illinois Medical Emergency Response Team (IMERT) – Christopher Jansen (attended in DuPage County)
Illinois Public Health Mutual Aid System – Stephen Melega
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 – Jim Kaitschuk
Illinois State Board of Elections (ISBE) – Bernadette Matthews (attended in DuPage County)
Illinois State Police (ISP) –
Illinois Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee (SIEC) – Matthew Miller, Chris Miller
Lake County Emergency Management Agency – Dan Eder, Michael Jackson (both attended in DuPage County)
Logan County Emergency Management Agency –
McHenry County Emergency Management Agency – Dave Christensen (attended in DuPage County)
Metro-East Emergency Management Agency (St. Clair – Madison Counties) – Samantha Bierman
Mid-West Truckers Association –
Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MABAS) – Bernie Lyons, Glenn Ericksen (attended in DuPage County)
Nicor Gas – Mark Guth (attended in DuPage County)
Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM) – Jordan Ping
Ogle County Emergency Management Agency –
People's Gas and Northshore Gas Companies –
Quad Cities –
Regional Superintendents of Schools – Shannon Fehrholz
Secretary of State Police (SOS) – Dale Cox
Will County Emergency Management Agency – Allison Anderson

Advisory Members

Steve Lyddon – U.S. DHS

Other Attendees

Julie Beamer-Pfeifer – WIU/IEMA-OHS
Bret Burris – ISP

Vince Daugherty – SOS Police
Galen Dellinger – IDOC

Bob Evans – IEMA-OHS
Christopher Kock – Lake Co. (attended in DuPage Co.)
Gregg Gansmann – IL AG’s Office (attended in DuPage Co.)
Sarah Miller – IASB (attended in DuPage Co.)
Tara Perry – IEMA-OHS

Kyle Rensing – ISP
Mat Schnepple – IL-IMT
Jay Stewart – ISP - STIC
Nichole Strayer – IEMA-OHS
Deborah Wygant – IEMA-OHS

Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes of the July 17, 2024, full membership meeting.

*Motion to Approve: Joe Holomy, IFCA
Seconded: Allison Anderson, Will County
Motion carried.*

Public Comments

None.

Homeland Security Updates

Bob Evans shared an update from Director Tate-Nadeau and Deputy Director Moravec regarding election security issues. He also reminded entities receiving grants through IEMA-OHS of the importance of submitting comprehensive quarterly reports, detailing the progress and status of projects. He shared a reminder from Deputy Director Moravec for anyone who hasn’t responded to her request for information on their projects to please do so as soon as possible. The information will be valuable in putting together the HSAC Annual Report to the Governor early next year.

Evans reported that the Notice of Funding Opportunity for a Nonprofit Security Grant Program supplemental grant will go out next week. He also shared that the State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program NOFO (year three of a four-year grant) was recently released, earmarking \$6.7 million for Illinois to use to assist local governments with managing and reducing cyber risk.

Jay Stewart, Illinois State Police - State Terrorism and Intelligence Center, provided an intelligence briefing.

Jennifer Rominger, Security Program Manager, Department of Innovation and Technology, provided a cybersecurity briefing.

Old Business

- Reminder about OneNet training requirement: HSAC delegates were reminded to complete their annual training as soon as possible and to let Julie Pfeifer or Traci Burton know if their account is disabled.
- Discussion and approval of prioritized unmet needs projects for FFY21 Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) and SFY 25 Preparedness and Response (PAR) Grant reallocations. Having this approved list in place allows for the rapid and efficient reallocation of any funding that is returned. Representatives from subgrantee organizations briefly described their projects on the list.
 - ***Motion to approve the prioritized unmet needs list for FFY 21 HSGP and SFY 25 PAR projects 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: Eric Arnold, ILETSB
Seconded: Jennifer Rominger, DoIT
A roll call vote was conducted, and motion passed.*

New Business

- 2025 HSAC Meeting Schedule: Bob Evans shared the tentative meeting schedule for 2025. Once the schedule is finalized, calendar invites will be sent out.
- Timeline of project submissions for FFY 25 HSGP and SFY 26 PAR: Evans ran through the timeline for upcoming grants (attached to minutes). He explained that the federal government is currently operating on a continuing resolution (temporary budget) through December 20. Until a final budget is approved, FEMA cannot issue the Notice of Funding Opportunity for FFY 25 HSGP, which will outline funding requirements, including national priorities.
- Success story: Complex Coordinated Terrorist Attack (CCTA)
Allison Anderson, director of the Will County Emergency Management Agency, gave a presentation on Will County's success in utilizing funding from the FEMA CCTA grant. The \$500,000 Will County received as a subrecipient of IEMA-OHS has allowed them to amplify the work that was already underway through their active threat command and control committee. The grant provided funds for overtime/backfill so first responders could attend training, various training props that are also available to other jurisdictions, and training for law enforcement, fire, telecommunicators, hospitals, and school officials. The command-and-control training focuses on building a standard response to active threat situations, including common terminology and a common communications platform. Though the grant funds are now spent, training continues through instructors volunteering their time. Will County is doing virtual trainings now, as well as reunification trainings, working to incorporate additional groups, including park districts and churches.
- HSAC Committees' Meeting Schedules for 2025: Reminder for committee chairs to submit their 2025 committee meeting schedules.

Other Business

- Upcoming Meetings/Events
 - HSAC Council of Chairs Meeting – December 11, 2024, 10 a.m.

Adjournment

FFY 2025 HSGP and SFY 26 PAR Timeline

All dates are tentative.

(Updated 10-16-24)

February 5th- Attachment A's sent out to committee chairs.

February 5th through **February 26th**-Committees meet to discuss strategy, and projects for FFY 25 HSGP funding. (July 1, 2026-June 30, 2027, performance period).

February 26th-IL-HSAC Chairs meeting

Chairs to discuss State strategy, current projects, attachment A's, and projected State allocation for FFY 25 HSGP.

February 27th through **March 19th**-Committees meet to finalize strategy, projects, funding, and SHSP/UASI split.

March 19th-Organizations submit initial Attachment A's with SHSP/UASI split and justification for split. Also, a Personnel List for organizations who have positions listed for funding on the Attachment A.

March 22nd- Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) with Investment Justifications and allocations released by FEMA.

March 26th-IL-HSAC Chairs meeting

Chairs to discuss Attachment A's project submissions, overall SHSP/UASI split, State/Local split, and *possibly* vote on FFY 25 HSGP submission to FEMA.

March 27th through May 21st- Committees meet to discuss strategy and projects for SFY 26 PAR funding. (July 1, 2026-June 30, 2027, performance period)

April 16th-IL-HSAC Special Chairs meeting to discuss and vote on final FFY 25 HSGP recommended project submission to Full IL-HSAC. (Tentative in case final allocations require project budget revisions).