

ILLINOIS HOMELAND SECURITY ADVISORY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Full Membership Meeting

January 22, 2025, 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 in Springfield and in Wheaton.

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

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

Claire Moravec, IEMA-OHS Deputy Director of Homeland Security and HSAC Chair Pro Tem

HSAC Member Delegates:

Ameren – Tony O’Neal

American Public Works Association (APWA) –

American Red Cross – Scott Clarke

American Water –

Associated Fire Fighters of Illinois (AFFI) – Luke Howieson (DuPage County)

Aurora University –

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

Cities of Bloomington-Normal – Mick Humer

Cities of Champaign-Urbana – Kent Demond Dade

City of Chicago – Natalie Gutierrez (DuPage County)

City of Joliet –

City of Naperville – Dan Nelson (DuPage County)

City of Peoria –

City of Quincy – Bernie Vahlkamp

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

City of Springfield –

Collaborative Health Care Urgency Group (CHUG) – Tom Smith

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

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 –

Illinois Campus Law Enforcement Administrators – Chris Ballard

Illinois Coalition of Community Blood Centers –

Illinois College of Emergency Physicians – Jason Kegg

Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC) – Bryan Pemble

Illinois Community College Board (ICCB) – Jeff Newell

Illinois Council of Code Administrators –

Illinois Coroners and Medical Examiners Association –
 Illinois Department of Agriculture –
 Illinois Department of Corrections (IDOC) – Bradley Baker
 Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS) – Zachary Joyce
 Illinois Department of Innovation & Technology (DoIT) – Jennifer Rominger, Jason Bowen
 Illinois Department of Military Affairs (Illinois National Guard) – Leah Medina
 Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) – Brian Snodgrass
 Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) –
 Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) –
 Illinois Department on Aging –
 Illinois Education Association – Paul Adams (DuPage County)
 Illinois Emergency Management Agency and Office of Homeland Security (IEMA-OHS) – Clayton Kuetemeyer
 Illinois Emergency Services Management Association (IESMA) – Michael Fleming (DuPage County)
 Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) –
 Illinois Firefighters Association –
 Illinois Fire Chiefs Association (IFCA) –
 Illinois Fire Service Institute (IFSI) – Heather Moore, Jim Keiken
 Illinois Health and Hospital Association (IHHA) – Daniel Bordage (DuPage County)
 Illinois Incident Management System (IL-IMS) – Chauntelle Biagi
 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 (DuPage County)
 Illinois Public Health Mutual Aid System – Stephen Melega
 Illinois Public Works Mutual Aid Network (IPWMAN) – Mark Doerfler
 Illinois School Psychologists Association – Rosario Pesce (DuPage County)
 Illinois School Resource Officers Association –
 Illinois Sheriffs' Association –
 Illinois State Board of Elections (ISBE) –
 Illinois State Police (ISP) – Scott Ahrens
 Illinois Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee (SIEC) – Matthew Miller
 Lake County Emergency Management Agency –
 Logan County Emergency Management Agency –
 McHenry County Emergency Management Agency – Dave Christensen (DuPage County)
 Metro-East Emergency Management Agency (St. Clair – Madison Counties) – Samantha Bierman
 Mid-West Truckers Association –
 Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MABAS) – Glenn Ericksen
 Nicor Gas – Mark Guth (DuPage County)
 Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM) – Jordan Ping
 Ogle County Emergency Management Agency –
 People's Gas and Northshore Gas Companies – Charlie Graham
 Quad Cities –
 Regional Superintendents of Schools – Shannon Fehrholz
 Secretary of State Police (SOS) –
 Will County Emergency Management Agency – Allison Anderson (DuPage County)

Advisory Members

Steve Lyddon – U.S. DHS

Other Attendees

Damian Abert – Cook County EMRS
 (DuPage County)

Julie Beamer-Pfeifer – WIU/IEMA-OHS
 Galen Dellinger – IDOC

Christopher Dodd – IEMA-OHS
Bob Evans – IEMA-OHS
Tim Franke – DCFS
Angela Gilkes – Cook County EMRS
(DuPage County)

Krista Jiroutek – Impact Life
Aaron Kustermann – ISP STIC
Michael McPeck – IDPH
Tara Perry – IEMA-OHS
Nichole Strayer – IEMA-OHS

Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes of the October 23, 2024, full membership meeting.

Motion to Approve: Mick Humer, Cities of Bloomington-Normal

Seconded: Eric Arnold, ILETSB

Motion carried.

Public Comments

None.

Homeland Security Updates

Claire Moravec, IEMA-OHS Deputy Director of Homeland Security and HSAC Chair Pro Tem, touched on some top priorities for the IL HSAC, including quarterly reporting. She emphasized the importance of substantive reporting, including metrics, to allow for a critical evaluation of how grant dollars are spent, ensuring alignment with the state's homeland security strategy. She also reminded attendees who received requests for information about Vision 2028 to inform the IL HSAC Annual Report to please respond and thanked those who had already sent responses.

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

Jason Bowen, Chief Information Security Officer, Department of Innovation and Technology, provided a cybersecurity briefing.

Old Business

- Update on Unmet Needs List Projects: Bob Evans reported that some grant funds have been returned, with more anticipated, and have been reallocated to projects according to the approved prioritized list. With just over five months left in the current PAR grant performance period and seven months left for FFY 21 HSGP funds, Evans stressed the importance of letting grant staff know as soon as possible if there are funds not able to be expended for planned purposes. Those funds could be reallocated internally within the subgrantee's organization or returned to be used for items on the unmet needs list. A notice will be going out in February to grantees; it is critical to not wait until the last minute to return funds.

New Business

- Timeline for committee project submissions for FFY 25 Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) and SFY 26 Preparedness and Response (PAR) Grant Program: Evans went over the current grants timeline, emphasizing that all dates are tentative, depending on the release of the Notice of Funding Opportunity. The timeline is attached to the end of the minutes.
- Committee Briefings on 2024 Accomplishments
The following committees provided briefings on their committee/affiliated organizations' 2024 accomplishments, with a focus on what was accomplished with available funding to enhance public safety: Fire Mutual Aid Committee, Critical Infrastructure Committee, Urban Areas Committee, and

Communications Committee. The remainder of the HSAC committees will present at a future HSAC meeting.

Closing Remarks

Deputy Director Claire Moravec shared IEMA-OHS Director Alica Tate-Nadeau's remarks, as the director had to leave for a prior engagement. She explained that heading into 2025 we continue to see a converged homeland security threat landscape, with sustained impacts on both the community and critical infrastructure. This converged threat landscape reinforces the importance of the HSAC, which ensures the state is making informed decisions, fostering collaboration, and remaining future-focused.

Other Business

- Upcoming Meetings/Events
 - Council of Chairs Meeting – March 26, 2025, 10 a.m.
 - Full Membership Meeting – May 7, 2025, 10 a.m.
 - Council of Chairs Meeting – May 28, 2025, 10 a.m.

Adjournment

FFY 2025 HSGP and SFY 26 PAR Timeline

All dates are tentative.

(Updated 1-16-25)

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

February 5th through March 19th- Committees meet to discuss strategy and projects for FFY 25 HSGP funding. (July 1, 2026-June 30, 2027, performance period).

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 26th- IL-HSAC Chairs meeting

Chairs to discuss Attachment A's project submissions, overall SHSP/UASI split, State/Local split (*if allocations available from 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 4th- Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) with Investment Justifications and allocations released by FEMA.

April 30th- 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).

May 7th- IL-HSAC Full meeting

Full membership meets to discuss and vote on FFY 25 HSGP recommended project submission to FEMA. Full membership to discuss the strategy for SFY 26 PAR funding. (July 1, 2026-June 30, 2027, performance period)

May 14th- Organizations submit Final Attachment A's for FFY 25 HSGP approved projects.

May 21st- Committee project requests for SFY 26 PAR due to IEMA-OHS

May 28th- IL-HSAC Chairs meeting

Chairs discuss strategy and projects for SFY 26 PAR

June 15th- IEMA-OHS submits FFY 25 HSGP application to FEMA.

June 25th- IL-HSAC Chairs meeting

Chairs vote to approve SFY 26 PAR project funding recommendations.

July 23rd- IL-HSAC Full meeting

Full membership meets to discuss and vote on SFY 26 PAR project funding recommendations. (July 1, 2026-June 30, 2027, performance period)

September- IEMA-OHS receives FFY 25 Award. Grant agreements issued to all organizations who have approved Final Attachment A's. FEMA may place a hold on certain projects or ask IEMA-OHS to revise submission of IJ's based upon what projects are approved and how it affects funding splits.