

Illinois Homeland Security Advisory Council

Council of Chairs Meeting

May 28, 2025, 10:00 a.m.

Illinois Emergency Management Agency and Office of Homeland Security (IEMA-OHS)
2200 S. Dirksen Parkway, Springfield, IL 62703
and
Will County Emergency Management Agency
302 North Chicago Street, Joliet, IL 60432

Attendance:

Unless otherwise indicated, individuals attended in Springfield.

Ted Berger – IEMA-OHS Acting Director

Clayton Kuetemeyer – IEMA-OHS Deputy Director of Emergency Management

Committee Chairs

Communications:

- Matt Miller – Illinois Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee

Critical Infrastructure:

- Mark Doerfler – Illinois Public Works Mutual Aid Network

Cybersecurity:

Emergency Management:

- Allison Anderson – Will County Emergency Management Agency (attended in Joliet)

Fire Mutual Aid:

Law Enforcement Mutual Aid:

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

Prevention:

- Eric Arnold – Illinois Law Enforcement and Training Standards Board

Public Health:

- John Ridley – Illinois Association of Public Health Administrators

Urban Area:

Staff/Members:

Beamer-Pfeifer, Julie – WIU/IEMA-OHS
Conway, Louise – IEMA-OHS
Doerfler, Luke – guest of Mark Doerfler
Evans, Bob – IEMA-OHS
Hughes, Ashari – IDPH (attended in Joliet)
Kelly, Brendan – ISP
Lyons, Bernie – MABAS

McAnelly, Jessica – IDPH
Moore, Heather – IFSI
Pool, Doug – ISP
Perry, Tara – IEMA-OHS
Reichert, Ashley – STIC
Strayer, Nichole – IEMA-OHS
Zepeda, Victor – IEMA-OHS

Minutes

➤ Call to Order

IEMA-OHS Preparedness and Grants Administration Division Chief Bob Evans welcomed everyone attending in Springfield and in Joliet. He introduced IEMA-OHS Acting Director Ted Berger, who started on May 15th.

➤ Public Comments

None.

➤ State Homeland Security Updates

- IEMA-OHS Acting Director Berger spoke briefly on his background and history with the IL-HSAC (and former ITTF), pointing out that Illinois was one of the first states to build a mechanism, i.e., the ITTF, to bring stakeholders together to make decisions regarding the emerging homeland security industry. He acknowledged the current uncertainty surrounding federal funding, noting that the HSAC framework of partnerships will continue to guide future collaboration.
- Illinois State Police Director Brendan Kelly also spoke to the current circumstances, saying that in an environment of ever-decreasing federal funding, now is the time for the HSAC to find alternative ways to sustain the critical missions that ensure the safety of Illinois residents. Given the level of institutional knowledge represented on the IL-HSAC, he said he is optimistic that everyone working together can solve any challenges the state encounters.

➤ Old Business

- Update on Unmet Needs List Projects – FFY21 HSGP (expires 8/31/25), SFY25 PAR (expires 6/30/25)

Evans reported that as funds from these expiring grant programs have been returned, the HSAC has been able to fund all of the highest priority projects for which there is still adequate time to complete, including drones for ISP SWAT and several ILEAS items. As of the meeting date, no unallocated funds are currently available. Evans thanked everyone for their organizations' efforts to ensure all funds are spent.

➤ New Business

- Budget Timeline Updates
 - FFY25 Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) – Notice of Funding Opportunity has not been released. It is assumed that the funding amount will be the same as FFY24. Evans reported that the total of initial SHSP project submissions was \$4.8 million over the predicted allocation; now, with revisions, it is down to \$672 under budget (see attachment). Evans said the turnaround time to submit applications could be very brief this year.
 - SFY26 Preparedness and Response (PAR) Grant Program project submissions – the SFY 26 request is for \$10 million; by the next Council of Chairs meeting, the final allocation will be known.
- Committee chairs/representatives provided brief descriptions of their proposed PAR projects (see attachment).
- Evans explained that once the final PAR amount in the budget implementation bill is released, revisions will be made to the requested amounts to bring the total in line with the allocation. He pointed out that some items are scalable and can be adjusted accordingly on the PAR list. In addition, items removed from the PAR project list can potentially be moved to the Unmet Needs list, where historically there is a good chance they will be funded.
- HSGP extensions – IEMA-OHS will look to extend FFY23 HSGP to 8/31/27 and FFY24 HSGP to 8/31/28. Evans will keep the Council of Chairs updated on these requests to FEMA.

➤ **Other Business**

- Upcoming Meetings
 - Council of Chairs Meeting – June 25, 2025, 10 a.m.
 - Full IL-HSAC Meeting – July 23, 2025, 10 a.m.
- Closing remarks – Acting Director Berger explained that as he transitions into his new role and as signature authority issues are being determined, there will be a 1-2 week pause on some signature matters relative to the role of IEMA-OHS as the State Administrative Agency. He asked that he be kept apprised of the execution deadlines of items pending approval to ensure timely action.

Berger thanked everyone for their flexibility during these uncertain times regarding federal grant opportunities and stressed that because the group is made up of dynamic leaders who are industry professionals, he is confident challenges will be met head on together.

➤ **Adjournment**

REVISED REQUESTS FOR FFY 2025 5-28-25 Full

Subrecipient at	Project Name and Description	FFY 24 Amount FINAL	Difference FFY 24 to FFY 25	FFY 25 Amount Requested	FFY 25 SHRP State	FFY 25 SHRP Local Share	FFY 25 State Retained	SHRP JJ 81 - Cyber Security	SHRP JJ 82 - Soft Targets / Critical	SHRP JJ 83 - Intelligence and	SHRP JJ 84 - Domestic Terrorism	SHRP JJ 85 - Preparedness and	SHRP JJ 86 - Election Security	JJ 87 - HS Planning and Preparedness	3FY 25 PAR	Other Federal FY
APC	Mizz Out Training	\$103,000.00	\$3,342	\$106,342	\$40,000	\$103,002.00	\$50,000					\$40,000.00		\$103,002.00		
EMA	Basic Commercial Database Administrator	\$30,000	\$0	\$30,000	\$40,000		\$50,000									
TEMA	Planning and Program Management of Homeland Security	\$1,286,141	\$0	\$1,286,141	\$24,002		\$56,139							\$24,002		
IFBI	First Responder Training	\$2,435,739	\$360,582	\$2,856,321	\$2,856,321	\$2,193,600	\$662,718							\$2,193,600	\$0.00	
LEAS3	Communications	\$71,085	\$103,242	\$60,743		\$403,102	\$28,711							\$403,102		
LEAS3	Statewide Law Enforcement Mutual Aid Response System	\$455,682	\$33,607	\$477,688		\$272,828	\$204,760							\$272,828.00		
LEAS3	Law Enforcement Mutual Aid System Planning	\$1,316,156	\$227,532	\$1,643,728		\$1,467,043	\$176,685							\$1,467,043		
LEAS3	LEAS Deployment Team (DRT)	\$1,361,104	\$15,184	\$1,332,288		\$1,633,331	\$281,737		\$1,633,331							
LEAS3	Training/Law Enforcement Mutual Aid System	\$96,172	\$15,322	\$1,038,004		\$1,038,004								\$1,038,004.00		
ISPI, STIC	STIC Model Center	\$3,392,600	\$33,671	\$3,773,729	\$31,636	\$562,315	\$2,624,760	\$400,500	\$443,500	\$143,463.00						
ISPI - SMMOT	(SMMOT)	\$518,144	\$48,658	\$582,000	\$448,500		\$133,500								\$333,000.00	
Local CO	Emergency Management Communications (EM-COM)	\$128,000	\$17,468	\$145,888		\$145,888								\$145,888.00		
Local CO	(E3MA) Summit	\$5,000	\$0	\$5,000		\$5,000								\$5,000.00		
Local CO	(IESMA) Full Time Employee/Force/Equipment upgrades	\$15,000	\$0	\$15,000		\$15,000								\$15,000		
(MABAS)	MABAS Special Team Exercise/Training OT/TF	\$55,655	\$39,440	\$75,095		\$75,095								\$75,095		
(MABAS)	Statewide Response Staff (Fire Mutual Aid)	\$108,603	\$42,335	\$132,338		\$132,338								\$132,338		
(MABAS)	IP/MAH	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0								\$0		
(Leaf)	Youth CERT	\$0	\$13,500	\$13,500		\$13,500								\$13,500		
(LEF SR/VU)	13 Mobile Training Units & LEF SR-EL	\$193,438	\$0	\$193,438		\$193,438	\$28,000			\$193,438						
(VU)	Homeland Security Preparedness Projects and Program Management Staff	\$118,000	\$33,746	\$64,254	\$10,127		\$10,127			\$32,127						
VU/Oberlin Hall	Cyberball Intelligence Program	\$283,200	\$3,750	\$293,000	\$143,500		\$143,500			\$143,500.00						
(VU)-TRG	School and Campus Safety Program	\$435,006	\$0	\$435,006	\$435,006	\$243,331	\$231,685					\$243,331				
	Total Amount Requested			\$18,865,531	\$1,855,785	\$10,648,362	\$6,360,784	\$400,500.00	\$2,104,051.11	\$1,310,254.00	\$0.00	\$321,851.00	\$0.00	\$8,307,790.83	\$3,755,600.00	\$0.00
	Total Allocation Split:			\$12,505,419	\$2,501,044	\$10,004,335	\$5,631,821	\$400,500.00	\$1,728,888.54	\$375,162.57	\$375,162.57	\$375,162.57	\$375,162.57	\$375,162.57	\$375,162.57	\$0.00
	Difference			\$6,360,112	\$644,239	\$644,627	\$728,963	\$400,500.00	\$1,728,888.54	\$335,391.43	-\$375,162.57	-\$375,311.57	-\$375,162.57	\$8,307,790.83		

FFY 25 NP Amount \$4,186,356.11 FFY 24 State Retained (US)

FFY 25 NP Minimum \$3,151,625.10 Difference

Difference \$1,034,731.01

Difference Total

-\$672.00

CURRENT BUDGET REQUESTS FOR SFY 2026 PAR

Subrecipient	Project Name and Description	SFY 2026 Potential PAR Project	Adjustments	Final	Grant Name
Chicago/FD	(2) Polymerase Chain Reaction Biological Threat Detection Systems for each of its HazMat Units	\$78,000	\$0	\$78,000	26PARCHIC
Chicago/FD	Replacement Boat for Water Rescue, Recovery, and Response	\$1,000,000	\$0	\$1,000,000	
Chicago/OEMC	One (1) Federal Signal Rapid Deployment Trailer	\$250,000	\$0	\$250,000	
Chicago/OEMC	Two (2) HVAC Trailer Units	\$250,000	\$0	\$250,000	
Chicago/OEMC	Two (2) Water Buffalo Water Filtration Unit Trailers	\$100,000	\$0	\$100,000	
Chicago/OEMC	One (1) G-150 Generator Trailer	\$175,000	\$0	\$175,000	
Chicago/OEMC	Portable Field Hygiene Assets	\$75,000	\$0	\$75,000	
Chicago/PD	Ballistic Shields Replacement Project	\$429,000	\$0	\$429,000	26PARIDPH
IDPH	Regional Health Care Coalition Comms Replacement	\$250,000	\$0	\$250,000	
IEMA/EM	2 Automatic Sandbag Machines	\$126,000	\$0	\$126,000	
IEMA/EM	4 Manual Sandbag Machines	\$80,000	\$0	\$80,000	
IEMA/EM	2 Sprinter Vans for Mobile Field Deployment	\$225,000	\$0	\$225,000	
IEMA/EM	Upgrades to State Unified Command posts and technology maintenance	\$500,000	\$0	\$500,000	
IEMA/EM	(6) 8" Diesel Pumps with Hose Kit for flood fight response.	\$1,020,000	\$0	\$1,020,000	
IEMA/EM	(24) Message Boards	\$384,000	\$0	\$384,000	
IEMA/EM	Road Barricades (Type III)	\$99,000	\$0	\$99,000	
IEMA/Comms	Replace current IEMA-OHS Operations Center Dispatch Consoles	\$600,000	\$0	\$600,000	
IEMA/Comms	Portable Cache/ Operational Radio Upgrade	\$300,000	\$0	\$300,000	
IEMA/Comms	Radio Repeaters	\$150,000	\$0	\$150,000	
IEMA/Comms	50 ft Radio towers for HF at 2 regional offices	\$50,000	\$0	\$50,000	
IEMA/Comms	Enhance the security infrastructure of the SEOC. Add wall and card readers to secure upper floor of SEOC. Cellular device storage and white noise emitters.	\$80,000	\$0	\$80,000	
IEMA/Comms	STARCOM on Wheels Upgrade	\$50,000	\$0	\$50,000	
IEMA/Comms	IEMA-OHS Communications vehicle upgrade	\$150,000	\$0	\$150,000	
IFSI	ASIM ADVANCED SRP/SRM Training	\$763,813	\$0	\$763,813	26PARIFI
IFSI	Front End Loader/Training Equipment	\$130,000	\$0	\$130,000	
IFSI	NIMS Courses	\$525,000	\$0	\$525,000	
IFSI	ICR	\$193,322	\$0	\$193,322	26PARILEAS
ILEAS	ILEAS MFF Equipment Truck (2)	\$350,000	\$0	\$350,000	
ILEAS	ILEAS SRT Ford 350 Diesel Truck (2)	\$175,000	\$0	\$175,000	
ILEAS	ILEAS MFF Trailers (3)	\$26,000	\$0	\$26,000	
ILEAS	ILEAS Special Teams Equipment	\$207,000	\$0	\$207,000	
ILEAS	ILEAS Operational Costs	\$70,000	\$0	\$70,000	
ILEAS	ILEAS SRT WP NVG Replacement	\$82,824	\$0	\$82,824	
ILEAS	ILEAS Special Teams Veh Maint.	\$50,000	\$0	\$50,000	
ILEAS	ILEAS IT Update Servers/Computer replacement	\$37,400	\$0	\$37,400	
ILEAS	ILEAS Less Lethal Munitions	\$75,000	\$0	\$75,000	
ILEAS	ILEAS Training Center Equipment	\$90,000	\$0	\$90,000	
ILEAS/Comms	ILEAS PSAP/EMA Starcom 21 Radio	\$175,000	\$0	\$175,000	26PARSTIC 26PARSWMDT
ILEAS/Comms	ILEAS Recurring Costs/Services Starlink	\$160,000	\$0	\$160,000	
ILEAS/Comms	ILEAS Special Teams Comms	\$165,000	\$0	\$165,000	
ILEAS/Comms	ILEAS Cache Radios	\$200,000	\$0	\$200,000	
ILEAS/Comms	ILEAS HF Radios	\$224,000	\$0	\$224,000	
ILEAS/Comms	ILEAS Communications Update/Maint.	\$50,000	\$0	\$50,000	
ISP STIC	OPS travel for Analysts	\$50,000	\$0	\$50,000	
ISP SWMDT	OPS SWAT Personnel & Travel	\$175,000	\$0	\$175,000	
ISP SWMDT	Robotic Platform	\$400,000	\$0	\$400,000	
ISP SWMDT	Port Security Vessels and Equipment	\$480,000	\$0	\$480,000	
ISP SWMDT	Specialized Plate Carrier	\$100,000	\$0	\$100,000	
ISP SWMDT	CBRNE Response Vehicle	\$80,000	\$0	\$80,000	
ISP SWMDT	Night Vision Equipment	\$225,000	\$0	\$225,000	
ISP SWMDT	SCBA WMD Shield Replacement	\$200,000	\$0	\$200,000	