

ILLINOIS HOMELAND SECURITY ADVISORY COUNCIL

Minutes of Special Full Membership Meeting

October 22, 2025, 10 a.m.

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

and

DuPage County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management
418 North County Farm Road, Wheaton, IL

Attendance:

Unless otherwise indicated, individuals listed attended in Springfield.

Beth Windisch, IEMA-OHS Deputy Director of Homeland Security (DuPage County)

HSAC Member Delegates:

Ameren –

American Public Works Association (APWA) – Vydas Juskelis (DuPage County)

American Red Cross – Scott Clarke

American Water –

Associated Fire Fighters of Illinois (AFFI) – Jeffrey Maher

Aurora University –

Central Management Services (CMS) – Brent Boesdorfer

Cities of Bloomington-Normal –

Cities of Champaign-Urbana –

City of Chicago –

City of Joliet –

City of Naperville –

City of Peoria –

City of Quincy – Michael Dade

City of Rockford –

City of Springfield – Joshua Stuenkel

Collaborative Health Care Urgency Group (CHUG) –

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

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) –

Illinois Association of School Administrators –

Illinois Association of School Boards (IASB) –

Illinois Board of Higher Education – Brooke Stewart

Illinois Campus Law Enforcement Administrators – Chris Ballard

Illinois Coalition of Community Blood Centers –

Illinois College of Emergency Physicians – Jason Kegg

Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC) –

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) –
 Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS) – Gavrielle Rosenthal, Amy Dickenson-Ferguson
 Illinois Department of Innovation & Technology (DoIT) – Jason Bowen
 Illinois Department of Military Affairs (Illinois National Guard) –
 Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) –
 Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) – Jessica McAnelly
 Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) – Joe Gasparich
 Illinois Department on Aging –
 Illinois Education Association –
 Illinois Emergency Management Agency and Office of Homeland Security (IEMA-OHS) –
 Illinois Emergency Services Management Association (IESMA) – Mick Fleming (DuPage County)
 Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) –
 Illinois Firefighters Association –
 Illinois Fire Chiefs Association (IFCA) – John Buckley (DuPage County)
 Illinois Fire Service Institute (IFSI) – Heather Moore
 Illinois Health and Hospital Association (IHHA) – Dan Bordage (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) – Heather Hotz
 Illinois Medical Emergency Response Team (IMERT) – Moses Lee (DuPage County)
 Illinois Public Health Mutual Aid System – Stephen Melega
 Illinois Public Works Mutual Aid Network (IPWMAN) –
 Illinois School Psychologists Association – Rosario Pesce (DuPage County)
 Illinois School Resource Officers Association – Jeremy Flood
 Illinois Sheriffs' Association –
 Illinois State Board of Elections (ISBE) – Amy Kelly, Bernadette Matthews (DuPage County)
 Illinois State Police (ISP) – Scott Ahrens
 Illinois Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee (SIEC) – Matthew Miller, Jordan Spreitzer
 Lake County Emergency Management Agency – Michael Jackson (DuPage County)
 Logan County Emergency Management Agency –
 McHenry County Emergency Management Agency –
 Metro-East Emergency Management Agency (St. Clair – Madison Counties) –
 Mid-West Truckers Association – Matthew Wells
 Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MABAS) – Bernie Lyons (DuPage County)
 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 –
 Quad Cities –
 Regional Superintendents of Schools –
 Secretary of State Police (SOS) – Vince Daugherty, Jonah Kinsolving
 Will County Emergency Management Agency – Allison Anderson

Other Attendees

Albert, Damian – Cook County EMRS (DuPage County)

Beamer-Pfeifer, Julie – WIU/IEMA-OHS

Dyas, James – ICC

Evans, Bob – IEMA-OHS

Gates, Stephen (ICCBC)

Gorup, Anthony – IEMA-OHS

Horn Nichole – IEMA-OHS

Kustermann, Aaron – ISP

Ogilvie, Graham – IEMA-OHS

Perry, Tara – IEMA-OHS

Pool, Douglas – ISP

➤ Call to Order/Welcome

IEMA-OHS Preparedness and Grants Administration Division Chief Bob Evans called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone attending in Springfield and Wheaton.

➤ Minutes

- ***Motion to approve the minutes of the July 23, 2025, full membership meeting***

Motion to approve: Larry Evans, ILEAS

Seconded: Amy Dickenson-Ferguson, IDHS

Motion passed.

- ***Motion to approve the minutes of the August 11, 2025, full membership meeting***

Motion to approve: Heather Hotz, ILETSB

Seconded: Amy Dickenson-Ferguson, IDHS

Motion passed.

➤ Public Comments - none

➤ National and State Homeland Security Updates

- Beth Windisch, IEMA-OHS Deputy Director of Homeland Security:
Deputy Director Windisch provided an update on her review of homeland security in Illinois and continues to welcome feedback as she develops the Office of Homeland Security's strategy to best orient for the future.
- Intelligence Briefing – Aaron Kustermann, Statewide Terrorism and Intelligence Center, Illinois State Police
- Cybersecurity Update – Jason Bowen, Illinois Department of Innovation and Technology

➤ Old Business

- Discussion and approval of FFY25 Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) budget and project submission:
Chief Evans summarized the FFY25 grant application actions so far this year, including the Notice of Funding Opportunity release, Illinois' application submission, and the subsequent award notifications, which, for Illinois, represented a 69% reduction from the amounts outlined in the original NOFO.

Evans provided an overview of impacts to federal grant administration resulting from the federal government shutdown.

At the emergency chairs meeting in August, organizations made significant reductions to the project list to align with the NOFO allocation amounts. The Council of Chairs approved the project submissions and recommended them to the full HSAC. Because a quorum of members was not present at the emergency full HSAC meeting later that day, the HSAC could not consider any motions or take final actions on any agenda items.

Evans displayed the projects and dollar amounts on the screen, as well as a spreadsheet that showed cuts made from the draft submission based on FFY24 amount (both documents attached to minutes), and entertained a motion to approve the project submission list.

- ***Motion to approve FFY25 Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) project submission***

Motion to approve: Jordan Ping, OSFM

Seconded: Chris Ballard, ICLEA

***Roll call vote was conducted. All member agencies voted in the affirmative, with the exception of City of Quincy and Logan County, who voted “no,” and Illinois Commerce Commission, who abstained.
Motion passed.***

- Discussion and approval of prioritized unmet needs projects for FFY22 Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) and SFY26 Preparedness and Response (PAR) Grant reallocations:

Evans explained that the Council of Chairs approved the prioritized list (attached) at their September meeting. Organizations provided brief descriptions of proposed projects.

- ***Motion to approve and recommend to the Homeland Security Advisor the prioritized unmet needs project list for FFY22 HSGP and SFY26 PAR 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: Scott Clark, Red Cross
Seconded: Heather Moore, IFSI
Motion passed.***

- Reminder about OneNet training requirement:
Julie Pfeifer reminded HSAC member organization appointees/alternate appointees to complete their annual OneNet training. HSAC is currently at around 40% completion.

➤ New Business

- 2025 IL-HSAC Annual Report: Evans let attendees know that guidance for submissions would go out in December. The 2025 report is due to the governor's office March 1, 2026.
- 2026 HSAC meeting schedule will be sent to HSAC members in the coming days.
- HSAC committees were reminded to submit meeting schedules for 2026 and minutes from all committee meetings held.

➤ Other Business

- Upcoming Meetings/Events
 - HSAC Council of Chairs Meeting – December 10, 2025, 10 a.m.

➤ Adjournment

FINAL REQUESTS FOR FFY 2025 8-11-25 Chairs

Subrecipient	Project Name and Description	FFY 25 Amount Requested	FFY 25 SHSP State Share	FFY 25 SHSP Local Share	FFY 25 UASI Funded Investment by State
ARC	Mass Care Training	\$0		\$0.00	
DOIT	Election Security: endpoint detection and monitoring services Cyber Navigators	\$312,587		\$312,587	
IEMA	Non-Commercial Sustained Announcements	\$0	\$0		\$0
(IEMA)	Planning and Program Management of Homeland Security	\$559,267	\$194,002		\$365,265
(IFSJI)*	First Responder Training	\$1,370,969		\$1,370,969	\$0
(ILEAS)	Communications	\$225,232		\$225,232	\$0
(ILEAS)	Statewide Law Enforcement Mutual Aid Response System	\$477,689		\$477,689	\$0
(ILEAS)	Law Enforcement Mutual Aid System Planning	\$1,301,622		\$1,301,622	\$0
(ILEAS)	ILEAS Deployable Teams (SRT)	\$1,456,663		\$1,456,663	\$0
(ILEAS)	Training/Law Enforcement Mutual Aid System	\$906,176		\$906,176	
(ISP)- STIC	(STIC)Watch Center	\$3,623,229	\$781,156	\$562,313	\$2,279,760
(ISP)- SWMDT	(SWMDT)	\$287,000	\$223,500		\$63,500
Logan CO	Emergency Management Communications (EM-COM)	\$0		\$0	
Logan CO	(IESMA) Summit	\$0		\$0	
(MABAS)	(IESMA) Full Time Employee/Exercise/Equipment upgrades	\$125,000		\$125,000	
(MABAS)	MABAS Special Teams Exercise/Training OT/BF	\$335,095		\$335,095	
(MABAS)	Statewide Readiness Staff (Fire Mutual Aid)	\$1,232,399		\$1,232,399	
(MABAS)	IPWMAN	\$190,515		\$167,653	\$22,862
(Uofi)	Youth CERT	\$0		\$0	
(ILETSB/WIU)	13 Mobile Training Units & ILETSEI.	\$152,000		\$137,000	\$15,000
(WIU)	Homeland Security Preparedness Projects and Program Management Staff	\$396,000	\$259,000		\$137,000
WIU Cyber Intel	Cyber Intelligence Program	\$185,500	\$92,750		\$92,750
WIU Jail Intel	STIC Jail Intelligence Program	\$113,500	\$56,750		\$56,750
(WIU)-TRIG	School and Campus Safety Program	\$343,000		\$202,000	\$141,000
	Total Amount Requested	\$13,593,443	\$1,607,158	\$8,812,398	\$3,173,887
	Total Allocation Splits	\$10,419,556	\$2,083,911	\$8,335,645	\$3,173,887
	Difference	\$3,173,887	-\$476,753	\$476,753	\$0

FFY 25 NP Amount	\$4,083,719.00	FFY 24 UASI Funded Investment by State %	\$3,173,887.00
FFY 25 NP Minimum	\$3,125,866.80	\$ Difference 24% to 25%	\$0.00
Difference	\$957,852.20	FFY 24 State Retained UASI	\$5,631,821.00

Difference Total \$0.00

FINAL REQUESTS FOR FFY 2025 8-11-25 Chairs

Subrecipient	Project Name and Description	Currently Unfunded SHSP State	Currently Unfunded SHSP Local	Currently Unfunded UASI
ARC	Mass Care Training	\$0.00	-\$119,012.00	\$0.00
DOIT	Election Security: endpoint detection and monitoring services Cyber Navigators	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
IEMA	Non-Commercial Sustained Announcements	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$50,000.00
(IEMA)	Planning and Program Management of Homeland Security	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$597,474.00
(IFSJ)*	First Responder Training	\$0.00	-\$611,992.00	-\$662,718.00
(ILEAS)	Communications	\$0.00	-\$253,900.00	-\$128,711.00
(ILEAS)	Statewide Law Enforcement Mutual Aid Response System	\$0.00	\$204,760.00	-\$204,760.00
(ILEAS)	Law Enforcement Mutual Aid System Planning	\$0.00	\$45,222.00	-\$176,685.00
(ILEAS)	ILEAS Deployable Teams (SRT)	\$0.00	-\$198,889.00	-\$267,737.00
(ILEAS)	Training/Law Enforcement Mutual Aid System	\$0.00	-\$131,858.00	\$0.00
(ILEAS)	Illinois Medical Emergency Response Team (IMERT)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
(ISP)- STIC	(STIC) Watch Center	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$350,000.00
(ISP)- SWMDT	(SWMDT)	-\$225,000.00	\$0.00	-\$450,000.00
Logan CO	Emergency Management Communications (EM-COM)	\$0.00	-\$145,889.00	\$0.00
Logan CO	(IESMA) Summit	\$0.00	-\$8,000.00	\$0.00
Logan CO	(IESMA) Full Time Employee/Exercise/Equipment upgrades	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
(MABAS)	MABAS Special Teams Exercise/Training OT/BF	\$0.00	-\$400,000.00	\$0.00
(MABAS)	Statewide Readiness Staff (Fire Mutual Aid)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
(MABAS)	IPWMAN	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
(Uofi)	Youth CERT	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
(ILETSB/WIU)	13 Mobile Training Units & ILETSB-EI.	\$0.00	-\$28,458.00	-\$13,000.00
(WIU)	Homeland Security Preparedness Projects and Program Management Staff	-\$53,127.00	\$0.00	-\$175,127.00
WIU Cyber Intel	Cyber Intelligence Program	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$56,750.00
WIU Jail Intel	STIC Jail Intelligence Program	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$56,750.00
(WIU)-TRG	School and Campus Safety Program			
	Total Amount Requested	\$278,127.00	\$1,648,016.00	\$3,076,212.00
	Total Allocation Splits			
	Difference	-\$278,127.00	-\$1,648,016.00	-\$3,076,212.00

Total Unfunded -\$5,002,355.00

SFY25 HSAC Unmet Needs List - SHSP & % of UASI
24-Sep-25

Comm Rank	Grantee	Item	Amount Requested	UASI Eligible
1	IDPH	Health Department STARCOM21 Radio Batteries	\$20,854	N
1	MABAS	Wildland Firefighting	\$100,000	N
1	IFSI	Training Equip & Compressor	\$320,000	Y
1	ISP SWMDT	SOS Bomb Suits	\$100,000	Y
1	IEMA SWIC	Mega Go Update	\$15,000	Y
1	ILEAS-Comms	UCP Tech Upgrades	\$250,000	Y
1	MABAS CI	Critical Infrastructure Exercise	\$15,300	N
2	MABAS	Grain Entrapment Rescue Kits	\$50,000	N
2	ISP SWMDT	SWAT OPS Travel	\$100,000	Y
2	IEMA SWIC	Starlink for Reg Coordinators	\$15,000	Y
2	UofI	Youth CERT training	\$35,000	N
3	MABAS	Special Teams Rescue Rope, Hardware and corresponding equipment.	\$100,000	N
3	WIU-ILETSB	Training Props	\$66,542	Y
3	IEMA EM	1 Ton Crew Cab Pick Up	\$360,000	Y
4	MABAS	DLX Rapid Shelter Tents	\$400,000	N
4	ILEAS	OTB and Training	\$250,000	Y
4	IEMA EM	Diesel Pumps and Hose Kits	\$510,000	N
5	MABAS	Utility Truck	\$100,000	N
5	ILEAS	EOTECH Long Range Thermal Sights (6)	\$70,740	Y
5	IEMA EM	Automatic Sand Bag Machine	\$63,000	N
6	ILEAS	Tactical Comms Headsets	\$102,355	Y
6	IEMA EM	Sprinter Van	\$110,000	Y
7	ILEAS	Tactical Plate Carriers	\$34,931	Y
7	IEMA EM	Manual Sand Bag Machine	\$20,000	N
8	ILEAS	Drones UAS	\$103,000	Y
			\$3,313,922	\$0

SFY25 HSAC Unmet Needs List

100% of UASI

24-Sep-25

Grantee	Item	Amount Requested	UASI Rank
Chicago Fire	Mobile Medical Response Team Emergency Medical Carts	\$134,368	1
Chicago OEMC	(2) HVAC Trailer Units	\$250,000	2
Cook County Forest Preserve	Radio Replacement	\$353,025	3
Chicago OEMC	(2) Water Buffalo Water Filtration Unit Trailers	\$200,000	4
Cook County DEMRS	Portable Radio Replacement	\$270,775	5
Chicago OEMC	Portable Field Hygiene Assets	\$100,000	6
Cook County DEMRS	2 Portable Video Camera Trailers	\$189,000	7
Chicago OEMC	G-150 Generator	\$175,000	8
Chicago Police	Steel Bottomed Rescue Boat	\$2,000,000	9
Total		\$3,672,168	