

Illinois Homeland Security Advisory Council

Council of Chairs Meeting

September 24, 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/Homeland Security Advisor

Beth Windisch, IEMA-OHS Deputy Director of Homeland Security

Committee Chairs

Communications:

- Matt Miller – Illinois Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee

Critical Infrastructure:

- Joe Gasparich – Illinois Department of Transportation

Cybersecurity:

Emergency Management:

- Allison Anderson – Will County Emergency Management Agency (attended in Joliet)
- Clayton Kuetemeyer – Illinois Emergency Management Agency and Office of Homeland Security

Fire Mutual Aid:

Law Enforcement Mutual Aid:

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

Prevention:

Public Health:

- John Ridley – Illinois Association of Public Health Administrators
- Bobby Van Bebber – Illinois Department of Public Health

Urban Area:

Staff/Members:

Ahrens, Scott – ISP

Albert, Damian – Cook County EMRS
(attended in Joliet)

Beamer-Pfeifer, Julie – WIU/IEMA-OHS

Bowen, Jason – DoIT

Bricker, Cindi – ILETSB

Carle, Derek -- ILETSB

Dodd, Chris – IEMA-OHS

Evans, Bob – IEMA-OHS

Hotz, Heather – ILETSB

Joves, Alexander – Cook Co. EMRS

Lyons, Bernie – MABAS (attended in Joliet)

Porter, Tammy – IEMA-OHS

Seraphin, Bryant – ILEAS

Minutes

➤ Call to Order

IEMA-OHS Preparedness and Grants Administration Division Chief Bob Evans welcomed everyone attending in Springfield and in Joliet.

➤ Minutes

- Motion to approve the minutes of the June 25, 2025, Council of Chairs Meeting

Motion to approve: Joe Gasparich, IDOT

Seconded: Larry Evans, ILEAS

Motion passed.

- Motion to approve the minutes of the August 11, 2025, Council of Chairs Meeting

Motion to approve: Bernie Lyons, MABAS

Seconded: Heather Hotz, ILETSB

Motion passed.

➤ Public Comments

None.

➤ State Homeland Security Updates

- IEMA-OHS Acting Director Berger expressed gratitude for partners with which to engage in dialogue and share updates in order to continue serving residents and delivering services.

Director Berger also spoke about the homeland security enterprise in Illinois and looking at ways in the days ahead to make the HSAC even more effective, impactful and resilient.
- Deputy Director Windisch expressed appreciation for the opportunity to hear feedback from community stakeholders. She said the feedback from emergency management and homeland security partners has been valuable as they have shared their plans, perspective and priorities.
- Chief Evans reminded the group about the 2025 annual report due to the governor March 1, 2026, and said guidance on committee input would be outlined at the December Council of Chairs meeting.

➤ New Business

- Evans introduced two new committee chairs: Robert (Bobby) Van Bebber, IDPH, Public Health Committee and Clayton Kuetemeyer, IEMA-OHS, Emergency Management Committee.
- Evans shared that the one-year extension request for FFY23 HSGP was approved. The grant will now expire August 31, 2027.
- Discussion of prioritization of unmet needs projects for FFY22 Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) and SFY26 Preparedness and Response (PAR) grant program: Organizations briefly described their proposed projects. Evans shared information provided by the city of Chicago. Project list is attached to minutes.
 - *Motion to approve the prioritized unmet needs project list for FFY22 HSGP and SFY26 PAR for recommendation to the full HSAC at the October meeting*

Motion to approve: John Ridley, IAPHA

Second: Larry Evans, ILEAS

Motion passed.

- Reminder about OneNet training requirement: Julie Beamer-Pfeifer reminded member organization appointees and alternate appointees to complete their annual OneNet training by October 17 and to let her or Traci Burton know if anyone is having difficulty logging in to the system.

➤ Old Business

- FFY25 HSGP Project Submissions – Evans explained that a motion passed at the August 11 Council of Chairs meeting to recommend the FFY25 HSGP project submissions list to the full HSAC. Because a quorum was not present at the August 11 full HSAC meeting, no motions could be made, though the projects were discussed. Therefore, the list approved at the August 11 Council of Chairs meeting will be discussed and voted on at the October 22 full HSAC meeting.

➤ Other Business

- Upcoming Meetings
 - Full IL-HSAC Meeting – October 22, 2025, 10 a.m.
 - Council of Chairs Meeting – December 10, 2025, 10 a.m.

➤ Adjournment

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	HEMA SWIC	Mega Go Update	\$15,000	Y
1	ILEAS-Comms	UCP Tech Upgrades	\$250,000	Y
1	MABAS CI	Critical Infrastructure Exercise	\$15,500	N
2	MABAS	Grain Entrapment Rescue Kits	\$50,000	N
2	ISP SWMDT	SWAT OPS Travel	\$100,000	Y
2	HEMA SWIC	Starlink for Reg Coordinators	\$15,000	Y
2	Uoff	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	HEMA 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	HEMA 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	HEMA EM	Automatic Sand Bag Machine	\$63,000	N
6	ILEAS	Tactical Comms Headsets	\$102,355	Y
6	HEMA EM	Sprinter Van	\$110,000	Y
7	ILEAS	Tactical Plate Carriers	\$34,931	Y
7	HEMA EM	Manual Sand Bag Machine	\$20,000	N
8	ILEAS	Drones UAS	\$105,000	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	