

Illinois Homeland Security Advisory Council (IL-HSAC)

CHARTER

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Mission

The Illinois Homeland Security Advisory Council (IL-HSAC) serves as an advisory body to the Governor, the Governor's Homeland Security Advisor, and the Illinois Emergency Management Agency and Office of Homeland Security.

Authority and Responsibilities

Executive Order 2023-03 renamed the Illinois Terrorism Task Force (ITTF) and established the IL-HSAC as the advisory body for homeland security.

Pursuant to Executive Order 2023-03, the IL-HSAC has the following responsibilities:

- 1) Develop and make recommendations regarding the State's domestic terrorism preparedness strategy;
- 2) Make recommendation related to the appropriate training of local, regional, and State officials to respond to terrorist incidents involving conventional, chemical, biological, and/or nuclear weapons;
- 3) Seek appropriate input from federal agencies, including but not limited to the United States Department of Justice, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the United States Department of Health and Human Services, and the United States Department of Homeland Security;
- 4) Serve as the Illinois Senior Advisory Committee (SAC) with respect to funds received through the federal Homeland Security Grant Program and provide recommendations on issues related to the application for and use of all appropriate federal funding that relates to preventing, protecting against, mitigating, responding to and recovering from acts of terrorism and other threats;
- 5) Provide recommendations on issues related to the application for and use of all appropriate State and other funds as may be appropriate and available relating to homeland security;
- 6) Provide recommendations on issues relating to public safety preparedness and mutual aid to include strategies and tactics to coordinate multi-agency response to significant events, act of terrorism or natural disasters where coordination of local, state and private resources is necessary;
- 7) Develop further recommendations relating to coordinating public safety resources and combating terrorism in Illinois;
- 8) Recommend any changes in Illinois state statutes, administrative regulations, or in the Illinois Emergency Operations Plan that, in its view, may be necessary to accomplish its

established objectives; and

- 9) Submit an annual report to the Governor by March 1st of each year. The report shall detail the activities, accomplishments and recommendations of the IL-HSAC in the preceding year.

Membership

Members of the IL-HSAC may be appointed with the nomination of the Chair and the approval of the Governor. Members serve without pay but may receive travel and lodging reimbursement as permitted by applicable state or federal guidelines and at the discretion of the Chair.

Governance

The Governor's Homeland Security Advisor serves as the Chair of the IL-HSAC. The Chair may appoint a Chair Pro-Tempore to manage the administrative functions of the IL-HSAC.

Committees may be established by the Chair/Chair Pro-Tempore to assist in formulating and implementing policies, goals, and objectives of the IL-HSAC. IL-HSAC meetings and any committee meetings are subject to the Open Meetings Act.

Meetings

IL-HSAC meetings are held as determined by the Chair/Chair Pro-Tempore, according to the meeting schedule established prior to January 1 of each calendar year. The Chair/Chair Pro-Tempore may call an unscheduled meeting if an issue requires the review and approval of the IL-HSAC.

A quorum must be present for the IL-HSAC to take final action on an issue. A quorum is defined as a majority of the established membership entities.

Changes to Charter

The IL-HSAC will review this charter on a regular basis. Any revisions will be documented and voted on at a regular meeting. If approved by majority vote, the change/revision will be made and take effect immediately, unless otherwise specified.