



**ILEAS Conference Meeting
March 6 & 7, 2003
Crowne Plaza Hotel
Springfield, Illinois**

Meeting Attendees

Mike Snyders, Mike Chamness, Bill Knight, John Monnet, Darrell Turcol, Jim Leucking, Dave Owens, Michael DeVoss, Brent Fisher, John Zaruba, Jeff Chudwin, Michael Blazek, Mel Messer, Hiram Grau, Don Bennett, Jeffrey Bock, Terry Dove, Gary Stryker, Randy Justus, Stuart Erlenbush, James Olson, Pete Smith, Diane Carper, and Michel Shields.

Meeting was called to order by President Jim Olson at 1:12 pm.

Guest Speaker

- Joe Lewison, IL. Dept. of Labor spoke on issuing equipment rules and regulations.
- **Respirators:** if used, employees must be medically evaluated. If they answer “YES” to questions, they will not have to be evaluated. If they answer “NO” to any one or more question, they must be medically evaluated. This can be done at the County Health Dept., or by a nurse practitioner or doctor. If the agency has an annual physical, they do not have to be evaluated.
- Rule only applies when employees first go on the team. It is suggested that each agency does follow-up with its own evaluations.
- HAZMAT members must have annual physicals.
- Masks must be cleaned after each use by a qualified outside source or by a trained agency member.
- Respirators are approved for four different levels – know which level(s) your respirator is approved for: biological, chemical, radiological, or nuclear. At this time, none are approved for nuclear.
- Certification must be performed annually. If you certify in January of one year, you are good until February of the next year.
- Equipment must be worn properly. Employees must be trained in the correct use of the equipment, discipline those who do not.
- **Training:** mandatory for all personnel for all aspects of special situations

NIPAS Tape

- Gary Stryker talked about importance of region co-chairs going back to their regions and “selling” Mutual Aid Plan to towns that are not on-board. Strategies need to be developed to reach those agencies.

Gas Masks (Avon FM12)

- Motion made by Jeff Chudwin to reimburse agencies that have already purchased masks and canisters prior to state funding up the amount allowed by the state, provided equipment is approved and purchased after 9/11/01. Reimbursement would occur after all other

agencies have received funding for equipment provided to them. 2nd by Mel Messer, voice vote carried.

Board Membership

- Motion made by Mel Messer to include Mike Chamness as an ex-officio member of Board. 2nd by Don Bennett, after a brief discussion, voice vote carried.

HB3719

- Pat Rushing stated the bill would be going to the Legislative Committee on Wednesday, 03/12 at 1:30 pm. HB3719 is the Public Safety Trust Fund, whereas a charge to homeowners insurance (perhaps \$1.30 per policy) has been presented to the legislature and Insurance Assn. Old SB1704 passed out of the house with no problem. **Note:** out of committee is the bill to abolish the death penalty and a bill to expunge record once offender has completed his/her sentence.

Special Containment Teams

- Jeff Chudwin reported Communications with agencies around the state regarding overtime and commitment to teams shows a matter of concern. Considerable training and equipment invested in each team member. Jeff would like to see a letter of commitment for two to three years to each agency. This is not binding legally, but ethically attaches the agency to the team commitment. Detailed letter to be developed and sent to agencies regarding function and commitment of teams. Dealing with situations that escalate to a higher level of danger/hazard require that Special Containment Teams are given the ability to do more, i.e., cross the line from warm to hot zones, to secure an area and make it safe. After a considerable amount of discussion regarding the mission of the team, the culture of police work and the mind set of officers with regard to “doing something”, a motion by Mel Messer was made to review basic mission of the teams and determine what training is necessary to accomplish an expanded mission. 2nd by Jim Luecking, voice vote carried.

Equipment

- Jeff Chudwin recommended the purchase of minimum three suits per team member using dollars not spent from current budget that would have to be returned if not used. Cost per man is estimated between \$4K and 6K. Question is, should team size be artificially limited? Mel Messer said the answer is we need manpower whether it is in terms of a larger team or additional teams.
- Accountability for equipment is very important. The cost of equipment mandates each officer and agency be held responsible for the care of their equipment.

Possibility of Blending Regions

- Don Bennett expressed concerns about the I-80 divide. Regions south of I-80 can't be shortchanged. Jim Olson agreed and asked “what if a southern region doesn't form a team? Are all the rest to be penalized?” Region 11, Bill Kilquist said there is no way a team could be put together. Jeff Chudwin suggested looking at issues, problems and solutions and continue looking forward.

Radios

- Will the frequency blender meet our needs? Mel Messer said it can not be used in SWAT situations because of the delay factor in the transmission of signal.

By-laws committee

- No report. Don Bennett made a motion to accept the by-laws as written. Discussion by Jeff Chudwin regarding some language in the by-laws. Suggestion that motion be tabled for members to have time to go over by-laws and placed on the agenda for the next meeting. So agreed.

Communication Committee

- Mel Messer said more members are needed on the committee from all regions. Presently, Chicago and ISP are the only members. Input regarding issues one region may have that others don't, needs to be brought out to discuss and address. Many options available to resolve issues.

National Pharmacy Committee

- Mike Snyders reported Vaccine Stockpile Plan: creation of hysteria an issue if there is an event. Public Health is in charge of the plan, security is ISP responsibility at reception centers (3 locations) and regional centers (12 locations). Local public distribution (300 identified locations) security is the responsibility of local police departments. Details of plan not known relative to local level. ILEAS needs to be proactive and reach out to local public health centers to give assistance. Public Health is looking for demographic information. Mike said a survey was circulated to region co-chairs asking demographic questions. "Eventdriver" is the catch phrase that has helped to prevent development of a solid plan. "Turf defense" is another issue slowing down progress. Hospitals are on a different plan not with ILEAS.
- Each region needs to research what plans exist, are they implemented, and what else needs to be done. Doing the math, indications are there are somewhere between 200K and 500K people per site. This raises issues of violence at the sites.

BREAK @ 10:15AM

Jeff Chudwin made a motion to amend Thursday's motion to include NIOSH approved AVON compatible masks. 2nd by Zaruba, voice vote carried.

ITTF inoculation moved to May 1, 2003. Legislation introduced to change Workman's Compensation laws relative to first responders.

Vaccine Fund for bad reactions – small pox not included.

In IL, first responder families are not included in inoculations. ILEAS is pushing for availability and optional rather than mandatory for family participation. Consensus of board that this is a strong issue – family should be included. It was suggested a resolution be drawn up and sent to Pres. Olson. Terry Dove made the motion that a resolution be sent to Pres. Olson, 2nd by Zaruba, voice vote carried.

MABAS

- MABAS is requesting an ILEAS member to sit on their board. Motion to have Pete Smith serve on that board made by Terry Dove, 2nd by Jeff Bock, voice vote carried. Gary Stryker talked about MABAS and supplied each member with handouts.

PPE and Money Issues

- Pete Smith allotment is not going to be as high as expected – perhaps around 35K, down from 80K. Every officer will not get one. How do we make allotment to each discipline in each town? Numbers needed are probably inflated. Each first responder group has to

reassess their needs and numbers. 35K may end up being a good number. Mel Messer suggested that police officers receive the equipment first then distribute remainder to other groups.

Next meeting set for May 1 & 2, 2003.

Discussion by board regarding Mike Chamness and his remaining on the ILEAS Board resulted in a motion by Jim Luecking that Pres. Olson send the Governor a letter asking that Mike Chamness remain on the board, that he is doing a great job for us and is a valued asset. 2nd by Jeff Chudwin. Voice vote carried.

Meeting adjourned.