



**ILEAS Board Meeting
February 17, 2004
Crowne Plaza Hotel
Springfield, Illinois**

Meeting Attendees

Brent Fischer, Jeff Bock, Terry Dove, Tom Byrne, Don Bennett, Gary Stryker, Dave Owens, Steve Eakle, Dave Dial, Ed Roncone, Jim Page, Carl Hawkinson, Gib Cady, Mike Chamness, Ed Mohn, Jerry Cormier. Guest presenter: Larry LaGuardia.

Meeting called to order at 8:30am.

- Dep. Superintendent Tom Bryne introduced to the board by Gary Stryker.
- Gary called for a motion to accept the minutes as read.
- Motion by Terry Dove to accept the January 04 minutes, 2nd by Dave Dial and carried by a voice vote.

Treasurer's Report

- Spreadsheet distributed listing financial activity to date. To date, \$4,734,507.66 has been spent on PPE. Approximately \$1 million remains to be paid out as PPE distribution is completed.
- Region Co-Chairs are to find out how many departments in their region need PPE. Jerry to send an email as a reminder to each region.
- Motion to accept Treasurers update by Dave Dial, 2nd by Brent Fischer and carried with a voice vote.

Grant Report

- Jim Page passed out a chart indicating the total number of requests, total dollar amount requested with a breakdown by region and purpose area. Committee will meet Wednesday to decide on what grant requests will be approved. Findings to be presented at the Friday 02-20-2004 Homeland Security Region meeting

SCT Update

- Ed Mohn and Ed Roncone provided cost figures for equipment/training per team:
 - SWAT PACS. 122 complete packs at an individual cost of \$3475.00 would total \$423,950.
 - Night vision equipment: 12 helmet mounted monoculars, 4 universal scopes and one week Train-the-Trainer
 - Total cost: \$304,000.
 - Vehicle/trailer combo: \$304,000
- Discussion regarding a 35man 5th team revealed that there would not be sufficient funds to fully fund a 6th team.
- Brent Fischer brought up issue of combined SCT's, e.g., Springfield and Peoria, and where would the team vehicle get stored and how does that affect response? Consensus was that the logistics would have to be worked out by the agencies involved.

- Gary Stryker reminded the group that if mobile command posts are needed it needs to be decided now. Are vehicles to be standardized or based upon region needs? Mike Chamness emphasized uniformity of equipment and training for all SCT's throughout the state is critical.

LDV Presentation re: Homeland Security Solutions

- PowerPoint presentation showed many platforms and interior options available from LDV. Quality of product and after sale service emphasized by presenter. A packet containing print and digital information was distributed to all members present.

Other Business

- Starting tomorrow, February 18, the grant committee will be analyzing the grants that had been submitted and presenting their findings at the HS meeting on Friday. Grant requests totaled almost \$14 million.
- Standards will be set for Mobile Command Posts positioned around the state.
- ILEAS needs to make a decision with respect to ALERTS and IWIN mobile data systems to resolve issues in that area.
- \$16.7 million available to ILEAS (roughly same amount of money previously made available). Money is earmarked law enforcement, but areas such as communication can be targeted to use funds that also aid Fire service, etc.
- Mike reemphasized importance of uniformity of equipment and training for all ILEAS initiatives.
- Basic requests made through grant process do not include ALERTS/IWIN issue.
- Terry Dove stated that requests relative to communication vary between upgrade and entry into a system, and emphasis should lean toward bringing those in need up to speed.
- Jim Page is concerned with trainings being requested through the grant process.
- Whatever is requested must have a connection to Homeland Security and fit with the State Plan. Requests basically fall into one of the following categories:
 1. fits State Plan and is approved
 2. fits State Plan and is not approved
 3. does not fit State Plan
- Mike Chamness also related that any new initiative or equipment purchase, e.g., VACUS. Should first be done as a pilot project to assess effectiveness.
- Harvey Drucker is encouraging ILEAS members interested in or having expertise in the area of science and technology, to contact him. He is the ITTF Science and Technology committee chair.
- Insurance: payment from administrative money has to have prior approval from Washington
- Motion to go ahead with legal review made by Dave Owens, 2nd by Terry Dove and carried with a voice vote.
- Gary Stryker suggested that Jack Pecoraro and Pete Smith be contacted re insurance coverage and costs.
- Mike Chamness gave an update on ILEAS monies:

1999 money re SCT equip Obligated:	\$436,000
Spent:	192,000
Remaining:	243,462
- Remaining money must be spent soon.

2002 \$5.1 million allocated for PPE	
2003 \$500,000 allocated for RCT, none spent	
2003 part II PPE allocation	\$645,000
Spent	276,000

Remaining 369,000

- Jim Page asked if extra PPE he has in Region 7 can be given to agencies on next wave of distribution. Mike Chamness indicated no, that they need to go through IEMA to be properly accounted for.

\$2.5 million for VHF radios for every agency has not been spent yet.

2004 \$250,000 allocated for table top exercises

\$4 million allocated for grants to local departments

2005 \$12 million (80% of 16.7 million) anticipated

SCT's

- Currently 4 teams: NIPAS (2), DuPage (1), and Region 2 (1) \$800,000 ready to be spent by Mel Messer for communication equipment for these SCT's.
- A 5th team will be funded out of 2005 money
- Future team formation needs to address region location as well as population centers.
- Mike Chamness has asked the Board to develop a matrix showing where team formation is now and placement as time goes by. Proposed teams in various stages of formation are: Region 3, Region 7, Peoria, and Region 6.
- Numbers on a team still an issue. Original concept was 25 but now 40 have been talked about. Mike Chamness's concern is that increasing the number now will not allow for future team formation. Keep in mind that initial cost of a team was \$250,000 which has now tripled. The likelihood of 2 teams per region may not be feasible. 25 man teams can always be expanded at a later time, based upon need and funding.

Annual Conference

- ILEAS Conference is on and set for April 4, 5, and 6 to be held at the Crowne Plaza in Springfield. RICP needs to contact Amy Beadle/Michele Hanneken to finalize contracts. Mike Chamness assures that all expenses will be picked up through IEMA.

Golf Outing

- Piper Glen has offered a package for \$28.00. Mike Chamness advised that the golf outing must be kept separate from the Conference

Next ITTF meeting will be March 9th and the next ILEAS meeting will be held March 10th.

Motion made by Terry Dove and 2nd by Jeff Bock to enter into an agreement with Northwest Central Dispatch and Emergency Communications Center in Peoria to do primary and secondary dispatch for the ILEAS alarm callout system. Motion carried with a voice vote.

Clark Co is presently listed in Region 11 and needs to be switched to Region 9. Jerry Cormier to adjust the ILEAS databases. Also, Jeff Bock has requested that SIU be deleted from his callout grid and he will advise which agency will replace it.

Jim Olson and Gary Stryker to notify Jerry Cormier when the Sheriff's staging area issue is resolved. Jerry Cormier advised that as soon as the go ahead is given, CD production will begin and mailed within the two week turnaround agreed to.

ILEAS Board member update: Brent Fischer stated that Mike DeVoss has retired and Bruce Zywiec is no longer in Region 6. Brent will check to see if the new Chief at Quincy PD would be interested in becoming a Board member. Gary Stryker said he would check to see if the new Chief at Leland Grove, Mark Gleason would be interested.

Steve Eakle, Region 6 Treasurer announced his retirement from Peoria PD and will need to be replaced on the Board (no recommendation for replacement at this time).

Old Business

Website

Jim Page believes \$9,600.00 paid for what we have is on the high side compared to market averages. He would like to check out other possibilities and will be in contact with Matt Martyn at RICP to discuss this.

New Business

Don Bennett advised that April 5 through 16 are the Basic SWAT Training dates and that participants must commit to an SCT in the Region. RICP to reproduce the mailing components provided by Don and mail to member agencies.

Scott Air Packs & Night Vision Equipment

Motion by Dave Dial and 2nd by Steve Eakle to spend \$423,950 for Scott Air Packs and \$304,000 for night vision equipment for 4 SCT's. Motion carried with a voice vote.

Terry Dove asked if all SCT's will have the same policy to follow. Steve Eakle stated that the making of the policy is in the works and will be put forward when completed.

Gary Stryker will ask Jeff Chudwin to prepare a criteria and overall policy re SCT's for the next meeting.

Motion to adjourn by Terry Dove, 2nd by Jeff Bock, carried with a voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30pm