



**ILEAS Board Meeting
April 28, 2004
Crowne Plaza Hotel
Springfield, Illinois**

Meeting Attendees

Ron Shipp, Jim Vazzi, David Owens, Larry Mulcrone, Bill Feithen, Gary Stryker, Tom Mefferd, Pete Smith, Jeff Bock, Gib Cady, Harold Martin, Roger Scott, Jim Page, Don Bennett, Bob Quarello, Michael Brady, Tom Kearns, Alan Pinter, Ralph Caldwell, Pat Carey, Doug Edmonds, Kevin DiLiulia, Kurt Eversman, Matt DeBlen, Dominic Lauko, Mike Chamness, Matthew Tobias, Thomas Byrne, Tony Becker, Tom Cundiff, Brent Fischer, Jerry Cormier

Meeting called to order by Gary Stryker at 8:00am.

- Motion to approve minutes by Dave Owens, 2nd by Jeff Bock and carried with a voice vote.
- Treasurer's report given by Don Bennett. ILEAS Business Account and ILEAS Homeland Security Expenditure Report spreadsheets were presented to the Board.

Presentations

- Tom Mefferd, DuPage County EMS Director, and co-chair of ITTF Communications Committee made a power point presentation to the Board regarding the statewide operational concepts based on an all hazards approach. He spoke of enhancement of current communications capabilities ranging from EMert, ITECS, IREACH, MERCI, the replacement of all IEMA base stations to ensure 100% coverage, to StarCom 21. The plan is still looking at providing each police and fire department and other emergency responder groups with one free radio providing the agency agrees to sign an agreement with Motorola currently carrying a fee of approximately \$53 per month. Tom stated that Motorola wants to sit down with ILEAS, MABAS and other stakeholders to negotiate one price for all that is reasonable and can be agreed upon. Tom answered questions from the Board about his presentation.
- Larry Mulcrone, Director of Security for McCormick Place and Navy Pier and co-chair of the IACP Anti-Terrorism Task Force, Private Sector Sub Committee made a PowerPoint presentation highlighting the need for a single line of communication between the private security industry and the public sector. The private sector has been engaged in global security issues for several decades due to terrorism concerns. Asset Protection Executives (APEX) is one of many initiatives. In mid-May there will be a Mass Disaster Drill (MDD) in the Chicago area to identify strengths and weaknesses in the delivery of protection /security relative to a public/private partnership.
- Lansing Chief, Dan McDevitt chairs the IACP/Public-Private Liaison Committee that is comprised of area police chiefs and security directors meeting to discuss concerns, issues and available resources. The Chicago Police Dept. has sponsored a one week class for McCormick Place and Navy Pier security personnel including many of the aspects that police officers receiving training on. Chairman Dan McDevitt, with Congressman John Millner, are putting together a meeting for professional security executives and police chiefs to look at possible legislation to increase training standards for security personnel. Other problems that need to be addressed are police background investigations and police agency interaction with security agencies. Hanover Park PD has been addressing the

interaction issue by having meetings with security executives and exchanging ideas on how to advance cooperative efforts.

- Other information sources include CERIAC which compiles data and puts it on a web site; STIC is developing a web page for private sector limited access. Security agencies will apply through the Security Executive Review Panel which will then be forwarded to ISP for final approval. This should be ready to roll out in July of 2004 and be the first of its type in the nation.

Conference update

Final tally of participants was 315. Matt Tobias complimented Randy Justus on the choice of speakers whose information and ideas can help move the police side forward. Bill Feithen suggested more screens in the room to facilitate those sitting far from the dais. Brent Fischer thought the regional breakfasts were a good idea to help people network and share ideas. Gib Cady suggested networking with organizations that locate speakers for functions. Mike Brady thought the panel discussions were very informative.

PPE update

Region 11 carriers and monacles are with Jeff Bock now. Region 8 is still short about 160 masks. Reportedly, they went to Madison County but Madison County states they never received them. Don Bennett to contact Safety Systems to find out what happened to the shipment. Dave Owens inquired whether or not escape masks could be made available to telecommunicators (request made for Tazewell County Communications). The dispatch agency is looking for some measure of protection for their personnel. Question was if ILEAS could or should provide masks to dispatch agencies at no cost. Gary Stryker stated that a similar issue was brought to ILEAS regarding county jail personnel that was denied. Doug Edmonds suggested that a communication center is probably not designated as a significant terrorism target and wouldn't need masks. Jerry Cormier stated that the requests for masks has slowed to a trickle with the deadline coming on the 30th of April. Final numbers will be forwarded to Mike Chamness and Gary Stryker on the 30th.

Region Officers

Region 6's new officers are: Mike McCoy, Peoria County, Secretary, Kenny Yelliot, ISP, Sergeant-at-Arms, and Ron Shipp, Peoria PD, Treasurer.

Tom Bryne reported that more people in the City of Chicago are on board in getting Chicago signed up with ILEAS. Ron Hubermann is the new Chicago Office of Emergency Management Director and has a background in law enforcement. Legal issues are being debated but Tom is confident it will happen.

Alarm Card update

Doug Edmonds stated that the system is being tested by pulling ten to twenty cards at a time and conducting drills going to the fifth level. Main problem incurred is that agencies are not familiar with what ILEAS is. Also, phone numbers are not all dispatch numbers. Some are administrative numbers, faxes, voice mail and voice prompt systems. It looks like 20 to 30% are improper that need to be changed.

Doug stated that 9 tests have been run involving 264 calls, including Utica (North Utica). 90 inappropriate numbers (34%) were discovered. It took an hour to complete the Utica box alarm of April 20th.

Unfamiliarity with the system was reiterated. Urbana's card was pulled for a drill, 25 agencies called of which 23 agencies never heard of ILEAS. He further stated that Jerry Cormier has been sending daily updates of corrections made to agency cards. In addition to this, Doug said he will see to it that every number on every agency card will be called to ensure accuracy. A master list of corrections will then be sent to Jerry. Matt Tobias suggested that the ILEAS website should have the alarm cards on it and accessible to the individual agencies using a PIN to make changes. Doug also suggested that an additional mailing should go out explaining the ILEAS callout concept. Training is an important issue. Not knowing what ILEAS is is one issue, knowing where to go and what to do is another.

Developing a video is a way to get the message out and train. Bob Quarello suggested part of the problem may be terminology. When his agency was called, his dispatcher thought it was an alarm company wanting

the police to respond to a building alarm. Perhaps using Mutual Aid Response or similar phrasing would help. Gary Stryker wants the NIPAS video cleaned up for use as an immediate training tool. He will get with Jerry for the setup. Jerry Cormier will send Jim Page the alarm card word documents for Jim to convert to an Access or SQL database. Jerry will also get a list of ILEAS members that have not completed an alarm card to the region co-chairs.

SCT update

- Gary Stryker reports that the one team in Region 2 and three teams in Region 4 are about 98% ready. They are waiting on two pieces of equipment to be 100%. Region 3 has one team that is the process and will be ready soon. Region 7 team is also close to being ready. Region 6, Ralph Caldwell, Springfield PD stated that the new Chief and Mayor are totally committed to SCT formation in Region 6 in the Springfield area. Jeff Bock is meeting with agencies in Regions 9 & 11 trying to form a team. Sgt. Dominic Lauko, St. Clair County S.O., Region 8 stated that his agency has SWAT and entry teams and would like to be considered for SCT formation in Region 8. Coordination will be done by Jim Vazzi. The South Cook County Emergency Response Team has also requested consideration for SCT formation in Region 4.
- Ron Shipp stated that there is a “live agent” school in New Mexico that is completely free, travel included, that gives some training received by the Feds.
- Mike Chamness said training money is available now so go ahead and start trainings for SCT’s.
- Jeff Chudwin, Kevin Eack and Rob Haley will conduct drills on each SCT to ensure they are fully operational and ready to go.

Communications

- In reply to questions by Brent Fischer, regarding communications funding, Mike Chamness ILEAS has funded both IWIN and ALERTS, but competing systems will not be funded.
- Jim Page said that the cost of interfacing with private vendors is costly – around \$73,000 to \$83,000. Mike Chamness said that funding for software applications may be covered, but monthly fees are not. Harold Martin said that his agency was approached, as well as other agencies in Kendall County, about a \$3million grant for interoperability of communications.
- Gary Stryker asked for volunteers to sit on the ITTF IT committee. Ron Shipp, Harold Martin, Gib Cady and Ralph Caldwell volunteered to sit on that committee. The next Communication committee meeting is scheduled for May 17 at 9:00am at ISP Academy. Payment for lodging will be run through RICP, per Mike Chamness.

Dept. of Labor/OSHA issues

- Kevin Eack stated that basically there are two points of view regarding regulation of the PPE issued through ILEAS. OSHA at the national level holds the position that if the equipment is for escape purposes, stringent regulations do not apply. On the other hand, IDOL holds the position that the regulations do apply. Kevin further stated that research is continuing and that ISP and IDOL are involved in ongoing dialogue.
- Pharmaceutical distribution of ChemPacs (Mark I kits) need some clarification. Dr. Culp or Don Kauerauf should come to an ILEAS meeting to address the group on how the distribution will occur. Issues that need clarification include: should MABAS control distribution to law enforcement, and how will security be handled and by whom? Meetings are being organized to discuss these and other issues relative to ChemPac distribution.

Old Business

RCT reimbursement policy approved at April 27, 2004 ITTF meeting was distributed to attendees. Gary Stryker stated that the policy should be given to team leaders to get out to team members.

New Business

Gary Stryker called for volunteers for ILEAS standing committees with the following results:

Financial Committee: Don Bennett, Mel Messer, Jeff Chudwin and Bill Feithen.

Training Committee: Tony Becker, Gib Cady and Jeff Chudwin.

Communications Committee: Mel Messer, Dave Owens, Don Bennett and Doug Edmonds.

Car Plan Committee: Doug Edmonds, Pat Carey, Jeff Bock, Ron Shipp and Cathy Clark.

SCT Committee: Jeff Chudwin, Kevin Eack, Rob Haley and Ralph Caldwell.

Sheriff Legislation Committee: Jim Vazzi

Chief Legislation Committee: Bill Feithen and Don Kliment.

Annual Conference Committee: Bob Quarello, Kevin Eack, Jim Page and Jeff Bock.

Jeff Bock wants to set up a meeting time the day before the regular meeting. Committee chairs to contact Jerry Cormier if a room will be needed.

Conference dates for 2005 are March 6, 7 & 8, at the Springfield Crowne Plaza.

ILEAS Regional Distribution Security Team Proposal passed out to attendees. It is designed for crowd control at National Pharmaceutical Supply Distribution Centers. Basically, these are regional Mobil Field Force Teams. Team members should not be on an SCT in any region. Ron Shipp stated that only 8 hours of training per year is required to keep the unit on task.

Executive Session

Motion to go into executive session by Jeff Bock.

Results of executive session as reported by Gary Stryker: no action taken.

Motion to sign agreement with Northwest Central Dispatch by Jeff Bock, 2nd by Dave Owens and carried by a voice vote.

To be approved for reimbursement the IEMA EOC must be contacted. This also covers workman compensation issues.

ILEAS dispatch centers to call IEMA to activate the State Plan. IEMA reserves the right to approve/not approve activation.

Motion to approve agreement with Peoria Communications Center by Tom Cundiff, 2nd by Dave Owens and carried by a voice vote.

Motion to approve paying for region SCT equipment: \$61,917 for equipment, \$3,177 for radios and \$9,465 for body mikes by Jim Page, 2nd by Dave Owens and carried by a voice vote.

Grant agreement to be amended to include increased costs.

Reimbursement for Conference speakers will come through IEMA. Check with Sue Patterson of RICP and Amy Beadle of Crowne Plaza to verify all billing for the Conference has been resolved. Tom Cundiff received a bill for two rooms but one should have been taken care of by ILEAS.

Motion to adjourn by Jeff Bock, 2nd by Roger Scott and carried by a voice vote.

Next meeting will be May 26th at the Springfield Crowne Plaza.