



ILEAS Executive Director Status Report September 21, 2005

ILEAS Administrative Office Activity

It should be noted that since the last Executive Director's Report, the Administrative Office staff has been dedicated virtually full time to Hurricane Katrina relief efforts. Coordinating several hundred volunteer officers was nearly a full time job for all of them. In fact, several of them have worked weekends as well as a full time schedule during the week. I want to extend my appreciation, gratitude and thanks to all of them. Without them, ILEAS could not have put together the well-coordinated Task Force Illinois!

Membership

The membership rate has slowed, but not stopped, since the grants closed. Additionally, there are 514 completed alarm cards and an additional 108 cards that have been started but not finished.

	April 2005	July 2005	September 2005
Members	671	746	771

MessageOne Contract

During the Louisiana mutual aid activation, we used the MessageOne AlertFind system for the first time with great success. Hallmarks of the system are:

- The system uses the email addresses, cell phone numbers and office phone numbers of all the chiefs, sheriffs and commanders who have registered with a password. The information is "pushed" from our database to MessageOne's database weekly.
- An AlertFind message is sent from a password-protected secured web page.
- The message is first sent to the user's cell phone; if no answer there then it sends the message to the user's email, if no answer there after 5 minutes, then it calls the user's business number. If the system gets voice mail, it will leave the message.
- When the user gets a cell phone call from AlertFind, the caller ID shows ILEAS 217-328-3800.
- The program will turn the text message to speech and read it to the user.
- The program then asks user to confirm he/she received the message by pressing "1".
- In the office, we can see who has confirmed they received the message and those who have not.

There are more features on the system that we are only now beginning to realize. As part of the SRT training program, we will be registering all the SRT commanders and team leaders so that they will be part of the system. Once added, ILEAS and IEMA will be able to contact all of the SRT command either individually or simultaneously.

Grants

This is the status of the local grants to date:

- \$6,775,000 – total grants
- \$950,900 - spent on MDCS so far
- \$451,748 - spent on target hardening and interoperable communications so far
- \$5,372,351 - still pending.
- 18% of the agencies grants are closed and 21% of the funds have been expended.

WMD SRT Training

A summary of SRT activity.

Team	Training	Equipment /Status
NIPAS #1	HAZMAT, NVG, live agent training finished, WMD Tactical Commanders' course, WMD Tactical Operators course	Fully equipped - Operational but not certified.
NIPAS #2	HAZMAT, NVG, live agent training finished, WMD Tactical Commanders' course, WMD Tactical Operators course	Fully equipped - Operational but not certified.
Region 4 - Naperville/DuPage	HAZMAT, NVG, live agent training finished, WMD Tactical Commanders' course completed	Fully equipped - Operational but not certified.
Region #2	HAZMAT, NVG, WMD Tactical Commanders' course completed, live agent training underway	Fully equipped - Operational but not certified.
Region 3	BASIC SWAT, HAZMAT, NVG, live agent training underway,	Equipment Ordered, mostly received and distributed.
Region 7 - Champaign/Vermilion	HAZMAT, NVG, live agent training underway, Tactical Commanders course scheduled	Equipment Ordered, mostly received and distributed.
Region 8 - METRO East	Basic SWAT, HAZMAT completed, live agent training starting, Tactical Commanders	Fittings completed and equipment has been ordered
Region 6 - Springfield/Sangamon County	Basic SWAT, HAZMAT completed, live agent training starting	Fittings completed and equipment has been ordered and mostly been received and distributed
Regions 9/11 - Southern Illinois	Basic SWAT completed, HAZMAT completed	Equipment not ordered yet – sizing underway.

Louisiana Mutual Aid

Virtually all of the ILEAS staff resources have been dedicated solely to the Louisiana Mutual Aid Hurricane Katrina relief. The hurricane hit the Gulf coast on Monday, August 29th. Illinois received word that supplemental law enforcement assistance may be needed in Louisiana and/or Mississippi almost immediately. However, Illinois did not get an official EMAC request until Saturday, September 3rd. However, the planning was already underway and the first wave of 150 officers was ready to go. Highlights of the ILEAS Katrina effort:

- ILEAS posted a registration form online so that individual officers could volunteer. It required a chief or sheriff signature.
- ILEAS received over 500 registration forms (note Chicago PD had 904 volunteers).
- ILEAS took 6 SRT members from each team – NIPAS, Regions 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8 and merged them in with ISP SWMD operators for a tactical component for both the first two waves.
- ILEAS worked to post twice (sometimes more) daily updates on our website. Several days into the project, the website was divided into two versions; one posted behind the password and an abridged one post publicly.

- ILEAS coordinated the formation of two groups totaling 298 officers. Each wave of officers, dubbed "Task Force Illinois," was divided into patrol teams and SRT teams. Each team had a team leader. The Illinois State Police provided the logistical and command support for each group.
- Each wave of officers staged at the Illinois State Fairgrounds in Springfield. They were given inoculations, briefings, directions, etc. Both groups over-nighted in Memphis, taking one and a half days to arrive.
- They were staged at the campus of Southeastern Louisiana State University in Hammond, Louisiana.
- During their first two weeks, Task Force Illinois:
 - Rescued 225 adults and 14 children
 - Seized 5 weapons
 - Recovered 98 bodies
 - Cleared 7,701 houses and businesses
 - Arrested/Detained 31 people.
- ILEAS coordinated, purchased and otherwise organized the shipment of:
 - 1,500 t-shirts screen (printed POLICE and "Task Force Illinois" with ILEAS logo)
 - 100 cots
 - 600 boonie hats
 - 8 cases of disposable boots
 - 350 BDU pants
 - 300 camelbacks
- The total of equipment ordered to date is nearing \$35,000. ILEAS estimated the cost of each of the Task Forces at approximately \$775,000.
- General Electric donated three Yamaha Kodiak 400 All-terrain vehicles to ILEAS. They were picked up from a dealership in Vicksburg, Tennessee on the first wave down.
- The DuPage County Sheriff provided two armored vehicles and his ILEAS mobile command post. The armored vehicles returned with the first wave and the MCP stayed in Louisiana.
- The first deployment of officers returned on September 19, 2005. They were issued certificates from ILEAS and Task Force Illinois ILEAS ball caps. They were honored in a ceremony at the ISP Academy. Additionally, they received an introduction into critical incident stress debriefing and quick medical examination prior to being released.
- The State of Illinois has an EMAC agreement with Louisiana to maintain a 148 officer presence in Louisiana until October 12, 2005. Therefore, another wave of 148 officers will be sent to replace the officers presently assigned.
- The ILEAS website received more than 20,000 hits in the first two weeks of the activation.

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