



**ILEAS Executive Director Status Report  
August 24, 2005**

**Membership**

The membership rate has slowed, but not stopped, since the grants closed. Additionally, there are 504 completed alarm cards and an additional 111 cards that have been started but not finished. NOTE - Chicago has sent in their signed agreement and is now a full member.

	<b>April 2005</b>	<b>July 2005</b>	<b>August 2005</b>
Members	671	746	760

**Secretary of State Police**

I met with SOS Police command earlier this month. We reviewed their regions and the State Capital Complex issue. At that meeting, we established 4 regions and the State Capital Complex all with alarm cards.

**Regional Distribution Site Security Teams**

A committee of subject matter experts on mobile field forces and crowd control has been assembled and the first meeting was held August 09 in Olympia Fields. The committee consists of representatives of Mobile Field Force or Riot Control teams with Winnebago County, Champaign County, Naperville, NIPAS and the Illinois State Police. Thus far we have determined the optimal size of a team, the amount and type of training required and a partial list of equipment needed. The committee will be meeting with manufacturer representatives in late September to view some equipment first hand. After this meeting a list of equipment will be assembled for companies to bid on.

Additionally, a letter has been sent to Matt Bower requesting re-consideration of the prohibition on chemical agent purchases. It was pointed out that NIMS-typing documents provide for chemical agents for mobile field forces, AND that OPD has a "Managing Civil Actions in Threat Incidents" (basically mobile field force) where chemical agents are taught and practiced. We requested a waiver to be able to purchase chemical agents for the teams. The decision is pending on this issue.

**MessageOne Contract**

On Monday, 08/22/05, Tyrus Dejarnette and I had a conference call with our MessageOne representatives. He will be providing them with a first run of our data and they will start mapping it for their service. It is our intent to have the new statewide messaging system up and running by the end of August. Once it has started, we will be able to send emergency text/voice/email messages to all the chiefs, sheriffs and command officers who are registered in the system. The plan is to do one test as soon as it is up and then test twice a year and to only use the system during significant regional, statewide or national emergencies. We plan do to a bulk email announcement and post instructions on our web page.

**Training**

Barb Payne and the Team Commanders are working with IFSI staff to develop a law enforcement specific respirator training course. This course will cover AVON's, PAPR's, SCBA and eventually the Patriots. More to follow as it occurs.

## WMD SRT Training

As reported last month, ILEAS has submitted a formal request to ODP for certification of the NIPAS Basic SWAT. ITTF has heard back from ODP. More to follow as it develops.

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
Region 6 - Quincy/Adams County	No Training Scheduled as of yet	Team being formed
Regions 9/11 - Southern Illinois	Basic SWAT completed, HAZMAT underway this week	Equipment not ordered yet – sizing underway.

## SRT Mission Statement

The ILEAS WMD Special Response Teams were originally formed as Regional Containment Teams and their mission was to contain a WMD incident until State and Federal resources arrive. In 2004, the Board recognized that since the Containment Teams consisted of experienced SWAT operators AND that some situations could be resolved by first responders, the mission changed from strictly containment to the standard SWAT mission of providing whatever service is required by the local incident commander within the scope of their training and equipment. The official proposed Mission Statement is:

“Highly trained and skilled police units have been shown to substantially reduce the risk of injury or loss of life to citizens, police officers and suspects. The intent of the ILEAS Weapons of Mass Destruction Special Response Team is to provide such a highly trained and skilled tactical team as a resource for member agencies in handling incidents, thus increasing the likelihood of successful resolution. “

“The mission of the WMD SRT is to respond to a weapons of mass destruction incident anywhere in the state or other area approved by the director of the Illinois Emergency Management Agency and to provide all avenues of support to local incident commanders, the State Weapons of Mass Destruction Team and the appropriate federal agencies responsible for the mitigation and investigation of such incident.”

The Board should consider formally adopting this mission statement. In June, 2005, the Board adopted the official training regimen for the Teams. When the Mission Statement and the training requirements are complete, they can be forwarded to the Illinois Terrorism Task Force for formal inclusion into the State Strategic Plan. From there they can be referred to the ITTF Training Committee for formal recognition and training planning.

### **Grants**

Virtually all of the grant agreements are signed and submitted. It appears that we will be issuing one more MDC purchase order later this week. So far, 140 MDC's have been delivered and shipping will start next week.

### **Schedule**

The Executive Director's Schedule for the next month:

August 29 – Chicago PD Meeting

August 30 – ITTF Meeting – Chicago

September 6-8 – IEMA Conference – Springfield

September 12 – Park District Police Conference – Starved Rock

September 21 - ILEAS Board Meeting – Urbana

September 27 – ITTF – Springfield

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