



**ILEAS Board Meeting
March 23, 2005
Northfield Inn
Springfield, Illinois**

Meeting Attendees

Tim Swanson, Gib Cady, Don Kliment, Jim Vazzi, Terry Knop, Bob Quarello, Jeff Bock, Jim Page, Dave Owens, Gary Stryker, Mike Chamness, Don Bennett, Kevin Eack, David Cuthbertson, Doug Edmonds, Ed Mohn, Bob McCarty, Dale Newsome, Tim Lyerla, Susie Nichols, John Janssen, Steven Douglas, Steve Mallah, Mark Beckwith, David Snyders, Jon Brodzik, Andrew Hires, Steve Poole, Don Kauerauf, Carl Hawkinson, Jerry Cormier

Meeting called to order by President Stryker at 9:00am

- Introduction of attendees.
- Gary Stryker called for a reading of the minutes. Motion to accept minutes from the February 23, 2005 meeting by Bob Quarello, 2nd Mark Beckwith and carried with a voice vote.

Executive Board Appointments

- Terry Dove is retiring which leaves a co-chair vacancy as well as Executive Board Secretary vacancy.
- Motion by Kevin Eack to appoint Gary Stryker President, Dave Owens Vice President, Don Bennett Treasurer, Mark Beckwith Secretary, and Jeff Bock Sergeant-at-Arms, 2nd by Bob Quarello and carried with a voice vote.

Treasurer's Report

- Overview given by Don Bennett.
- Motion to approve the Treasurer's report by Jeff Bock, 2nd Kevin Eack and carried with a voice vote.

Introduction of Guests

- Steven Douglas and Steve Mallah from PTI talked to the board regarding SWAT training criteria. They advised they will work on developing an 80 hour SWAT course that will satisfy ILEAS-SRT standards.
- Price McCarty made a presentation to board members about the Police Executive Fellowship Program and the advantages of involvement in it.
- Dave Cuthbertson – working on 6th counter-terrorist squad. JTTF is developing a Law Enforcement Liaison position in the northern district. 400 agencies were contacted of which 250 responded. One officer will be selected to work at JTTF and get information back to all the other agencies.

- Ed Mohn made a presentation on Patriot Life Support System. It is a multi-environment, self-contained, breathing system tested and approved for NBC environments. Cost is approximately \$207,000 each.

Executive Director Report

- Overview of report by Jim Page
- The 2005 conference was successful with many favorable comments received on the feedback sheets. Dates are set for the 2006 Conference to be held at the Crowne Plaza again, March 5 – 7, 2006.
- Membership stands at 659 of which 406 have alarm cards. A check was made to find out how many functioning departments are in Illinois. There are 1,063 viable police departments which gives ILEAS a 62% membership ratio.
- Tyrus Dejarnette is working on an inventory system in addition to the website. MABAS has contacted Jim to get help setting up a callout card system similar to what ILEAS has. Another person will be hired to help Tyrus with all the work.
- Budget – ITTF passed a motion to move \$1.965M from the IT Committee to ILEAS to be used for a grant earmarked for IWIN hardware. Two more people will be hired at Executive Director's office as Grant Training Development Manager and IT assistant. Positions will come out of Management and Administrative money.
- Motion to approve revised budget by Jeff Bock, 2nd Dave Owens and carried with a voice vote.
- Board membership roster – currently working on updating roster. It will be sent out by Jim when done. Roster will be on the website – name and position only on the public side, complete listing on the secure side.
- Mailing to be sent out regarding VHF radios with a deadline of May 1, 2005. This will be a one-time mailing with a firm cutoff date due to the grant sunset.
- 501c.3 status – DHS money cannot go to non-governmental organizations which includes ILEAS. Bill Feurer suggests ILEAS change status to a coalition of local governments as defined under the Cooperative Governmental Act. This must be done as a resolution with each member receiving notification. Resolution read by Gary Stryker to board members present. Motion to allow Gary Stryker and Dave Owens to sign resolution as read by Gary Stryker made by Jeff Bock, 2nd Don Bennett and carried with a voice vote.

Committee Reports

Annual Conference

- Jeff Bock agreed to chair committee for the 2006 Conference. Members interested in serving on the committee are to contact Jeff.

Grants

- Dave Owens reported money not spent for local grants from 2004 must be obligated by March 31, 2005 or agencies will lose it. Unobligated money will return to ILEAS. Departments applying for round two grant money are limited to \$50,000 for a single agency and \$100,000 for multi-agency requests and can only address only one criteria area. Website is under construction but will include new information when completed.

Training

- Susie Nichols talked about the Safety Officer Program for which ITTF has \$500,000 available. The Interdiscipline Safety Team Committee will be put together to address needs/concerns of various disciplines. Gib Cady, Tim Lyerla and Ed Mohn will represent ILEAS at the April 12, 2005 committee meeting. Gary stated training is needed for

supervisors and dispatchers regarding the alarm cards. This could possibly be rolled into Power Phone training as a module. Kevin Eack suggested this training could also be rolled into STIC training.

SRT

- Ed Mohn reported teams are undergoing training at IFSI, Live Agent Training in Alabama and other trainings to achieve certification. Teams levels range from all but certified to entry level. ILEAS needs to have a policy in place to ensure that all SRT's are operating under the same guidelines in case there is a callout.
- Motion by Dave Owens to adapt NIPAS WMD policies to fit needs of ILEAS, 2nd by Bob Quarello and carried with a voice vote.

Communication

- Doug Edmonds stated the ITTF Communication Committee has been revitalized and is meeting monthly. He and Mel Messer will act as ILEAS representatives and report to ILEAS Board meetings.

Car Plan

- Many border agencies have agreements with agencies on the other side of the state line. ILEAS needs to look into feasibility of facilitating needs of these agencies by possibly including bordering out-of-state agencies on the callout.
- April 28, 2005, Cook County will have a public distribution of pharmaceuticals at 33 sites. One agency suggested a level 10 ILEAS callout. Gary suggested that the better response would be to activate a mobile field force. Kevin stated the local response will be the most critical – police, fire, emergency services, hospitals, etc. Don Kauerauf suggested that ILEAS look at adopting a pre-plan to deal with catastrophic events (bio, chem., etc).

Break for lunch @ 12:05pm.

Meeting resumed at 12:50pm.

Miscellaneous

- Mike Chamness stated the first three Mobile Command Posts will go to DuQuoin County, Madison County and Kendall County.
- Buffer Zone Protection Plan – looking for guidance from grant administrator.
- Gary Stryker brought up idea of expanding the callout to include a special box for specific incidents. Also brought up was creating another membership tier that would include corrections personnel. Dave Owens will chair a committee to look at possibility of adding a special box for responding to county jail incident. Bob Quarello and Dave Snyders volunteered to assist Dave.

Public Transportation

- Jon Brodzik reported Amtrak and CTA attended last meeting and plan is to get freight companies involved in the process. PACE stated they would help as much as possible to assist in an evacuation plan.

Membership

- There is no committee chair yet. Gary Stryker is asking all regional officers to reach out to non-members to join ILEAS and complete alarm cards.

Old Business

Tim Swanson – Mobile Field Force handout listed equipment needed and explanation of MFF concept. NIPAS has a basic school that is no cost to agencies and will also use their commanders to train officers at no charge to ILEAS. Gary Stryker asked Tim to identify costs that may not fall under ODP guidelines for reimbursement. A waiver can be asked for from ODP to have these costs included and get a direct ruling from them.

New Business

NONE

Motion to adjourn by Dave Cuthbertson, 2nd by Doug Edmonds and carried with a voice vote.
Meeting adjourned at 1:30pm.