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Dear Chief or Sheriff:

May 5, 2005

As you can tell from the enclosed ILEAS Newsletter, the Governing Board and the membership present at the last ILEAS Annual Conference in March, voted to begin annual dues assessments starting January 2006. The Governing Board will be formally voting on this issue on May 25, 2006 at the regular monthly ILEAS Board meeting at the Crowne Plaza in Springfield.

Up to this point, the entire ILEAS operation has been paid for from a Federal Law Enforcement Terrorism Preparedness Program Grant. We have been able to do many good things with those funds. Among many other things, ILEAS has:

- Purchased & distributed 23,000 gas masks, one for each officer in the State,
- Expanded the mutual aid alarm card system to include 500 plus agencies out of the approximately 1,000 law enforcement agencies in Illinois
- Built 4 WMD Special Response Teams with 7 more in progress
- Distributing over 600 StarCom21 radios to law enforcement agencies
- Distributing digital VHF radios to any police agency in Illinois that wants one
- Two annual training conferences
- Provided \$8.475 million in grants to local law enforcement agencies

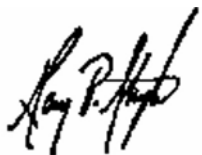
Federal funds have provided for a significant amount of ILEAS activity, there are responsibilities that ILEAS bears for which Federal funds cannot be used. Costs such as liability insurance, attorney and accountant fees cannot be paid for with grant money.

In order to maintain ILEAS, annual dues will have to be assessed. The dues scale is as follows:

≤10 Officers	\$25
11-40 Officers	\$50
41-80 Officers	\$100
81-119 Officers	\$120
≥ 120 Officers	\$200

The Governing Board believes that this assessment is small enough for any agency to afford. However, the proposed dues by-law allows for hardship cases to appeal to the Governing Board, which can waive the fee. Please contact your members of your Regional Board if you have any thoughts, feedback or issues with this. We want to keep ILEAS as growing and vibrant an organization as possible and we need your help to do that!

Respectfully,



Gary Stryker