

## **Resolution to Support the Tactical Emergency Medical Support for inclusion into the E.M.S. Act**

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**WHEREAS**, ILEAS is comprised of the majority of law enforcement agencies statewide, dedicated to serving and protecting the life, liberty and inalienable rights of all citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, Tactical Emergency Medical Support (TEMS) is an emerging subspecialty of emergency medicine dedicated to providing medical care to police tactical teams and first responders, and it has been designated an official branch of emergency medicine by the American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP) this past year; and

**WHEREAS**, the medical care of tactical teams can be provided only by TEMS medics as EMS protocols forbid other EMS system members from entering the inner perimeter of an incident until the scene is safe and the mission has ended. This prohibition withholding medical care from the tactical team when it is needed most; and

**WHEREAS**, the provision of tactical medical care is more crucial considering the new role SWAT teams have assumed in the battle against the growing threat of Illinois methamphetamine labs and in the state response to a terrorist incident. These two threats present extreme medical risks from which our law enforcement community should receive maximum protection through TEMS; and

**WHEREAS**, the new Illinois Law Enforcement Alarm System (ILEAS) provides a statewide response network of SWAT teams to a terrorist incident through the State Disaster Plan and a similar system through the fire service, the Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MABAS), has been extremely successful in our state.

**WHEREAS**, local and multi-jurisdictional tactical teams throughout the State of Illinois currently suffer the negative effects of the delay in TEMS legislation as our physicians cannot provide this service due to the justifiable fear of medical malpractice liability for what is essentially a volunteer, altruistic service; and

**WHEREAS**, the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) has sponsored a TEMS taskforce that has set up the framework for a complete TEMS/EMS region, and the standardization of TEMS through state sponsorship and certification will allow TEMS physicians to receive limited medical indemnification through the EMS Act and will insure their participation, thus making it the most organized TEMS program currently in existence; and

**WHEREAS**, TEMS standardization is supported by the United States Surgeon General, Dr. Richard Carmona, who developed the TEMS concept;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the President and members of ILEAS that:

The TEMS program that the IDPH TEMS Taskforce has created be forwarded to the State Legislature for inclusion into the EMS Act.

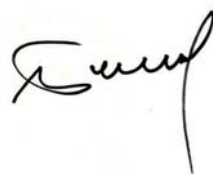
**PASSED** unanimously this 29th day of September, 2004.

**APPROVED** this 29th day of September, 2004



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Gary Stryker, President



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James Page, Executive Director, ILEAS