



Fire Department

Peter S. Polarek

Fire Chief

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Skip Frost
ILEAS Special Teams Leader
1701 E. Main Street
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Dear Skip,

On behalf of the City of Sycamore, I would like to thank you for the assistance of the ILEAS Mobile Field Force in our April 18, 2019, active shooter exercise.

Annually for the past five years, we have held joint Fire - Police training to address a growing threat (active shooter) in our society. Our April 18 exercise was designed to test existing procedures and to meet specific exercise objectives.

During the exercises we had 36 law enforcement responders (20 of which were ILEAS personnel) and 24 fire/ems personnel respond to three different scenarios involving a single active shooter with as many as 24 simulated victims. We would not have been able to effectively meet our exercise objectives if it wasn't for the assistance of the ILEAS Mobile Field Force personnel. During the training, the ILEAS personnel effectively integrated within the law enforcement structure and operated as if they were our personnel. They were all very cooperative and were willing to fulfill the various roles they were assigned.

The City of Sycamore Fire and Police Department's greatly appreciate your willingness to support our emergency operations. Mobile Field Force Commander Mike Anderson was instrumental on facilitating the Mobile Field Force personnel into the exercise.

It is gratifying and reassuring to know that if we need the help, we can count on your support and assistance.

Sincerely,

Peter S. Polarek
Fire Chief

Jim Winters
Police Chief



cc: Brian Gregory, City Manager
Jim Page, ILEAS Executive Director ✓
Larry Evans, ILEAS Chief of Staff

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