



ILEAS Issues Document

Governing Board Meeting

June 22, 2023

ILEAS Training Center Upgrade Project

Since our last Governing Board meeting, we have established the reimbursement channel between the Grant, the City of Urbana and ILEAS. Now, bills submitted for reimbursement are being accepted and payment issued in a very reasonable time span. At this particular point, ILEAS is waiting for the professional asbestos abatement evaluation to be completed that will outline exactly what asbestos needs to be removed and where it is located within the facility. Once received, this report will act as the basis for the scope of the RFP to be issued for the project of actually removing the asbestos. Additionally, preliminary analysis work has been started on the parking lot. A temporary measure of filling a number of large pot-holes, courtesy of the county, has also been done.

Since the completion of this initial project will leave us with new open spaces, staff is researching the possibility of acquiring moveable walls and door frames to create training scenario space that can be customized by the user. In our current configuration, tactical training easily becomes very dry and predictable after even a short time spent here. As more progress is made, we will bring it to the board for consideration.

You may review the architect's blueprint poster boards for additional oversight on what Phase 1 of this project will look like, as well as additional views of the plans for Phase 2. They are currently on display in the public entrance area of the ILEAS Training Center.

Requested Board Action

No action by the Board is requested at this time.

FY23 Homeland Security Grant Budget Acceptance

On February 23rd, FEMA released the FFY 23 Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO). The FFY 23 HSGP included funding allocations for the State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) of **\$13,894,910**, and the Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) was awarded **\$66,174,270**. The total Illinois HSGP allocation for FFY 23 is **\$80,069,180**.

SHSP funding remained the same from FFY 22 to FFY 23, while UASI funding decreased by **\$1,007,730**.

On 19 April, 2023, the Full Homeland Security Advisory Council met and voted to approve the

following FFY23 HSGP funds to ILEAS.

Grant	SHSP	UASI	Total
Statewide L.E. Mutual Aid Response (CAR)	\$282,425.36	\$183,966.35	\$466,391.71
ILEAS Training	\$970,394.77		\$970,394.77
ILEAS Communications	\$626,923.16	\$121,329.47	\$748,252.63
ILEAS Planning	\$1,355,840.00	\$133,989.00	\$1,489,829
Special Teams ILEAS SRT	\$1,555,837.89	\$221,052.63	\$1,776,890.52
IMERT	\$51,475.79	\$34,316.84	\$85,792.63
Total	\$4,842,896.97	\$694,654.29	\$5,537,551.26

While overall state funding was reduced from last year, mainly in the UASI allocation which was reduced by \$1,007,730 for FFY23, ILEAS support has remained constant over the past three years.

2021	\$5,493,600.00
2022	\$5,364,217.87
2023	\$5,537,551.26

In addition to this award, ILEAS will also be applying for additional funds under the State PAR and Capital Replacement grant program as we have for years past. That topic is further addressed later in this report.

Requested Board Action

Staff requests the board approve acceptance of the FFY23 Federal Homeland Security Grant Program awards totalling **\$5,537,551.26** for the period of July 1, 2024 thru June 30, 2025.

State PAR/Capital Replacement

This year saw a significant increase in the amount of PAR and Capital Replacement funds that were made available to Illinois agencies. Preparedness and Readiness (PAR) dollars are General Revenue (GR) funds meant to support the needs of Illinois emergency responders and aid in their mission, especially in light of the gradual reduction of allocated HSGP funds over the past few years. Previously, \$5 million per year was authorized but this included a \$2.5 million carve out for the “Safe-2-Help” School reporting program. For FY24, those funds were reassigned and covered within the ISP budget and an **additional \$2.5 million** being added to specifically cover Capital replacement needs. A total of \$7.5 million was allocated in the state budget specifically designated for this purpose. Drawing from the ILEAS five-year capital replacement plan previously reviewed by this board and submitted to HSAC, we have submitted the following items for acceptance and funding from the PAR/Capital Replacement grant allowance.

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Subrecipient	Project Description	PAR Amount	GAP Fund
ILEAS	Bomb Suits (4)	\$168,000	
ILEAS	MFF Trailer (4)	\$34,000	
ILEAS	MFF Equipment Truck (2)		\$310,000
ILEAS	SRT Transport Truck Maint.	\$240,000	
ILEAS	Ford F350 Diesel Trucks (2)	\$142,000	
ILEAS	Less Lethal	\$80,000	
ILEAS	Training Center Props	\$100,000	
ILEAS	Operational staff, insurance, fuel	\$80,000	
		\$844,000	\$310,000
			\$1,154,000

ILEAS - Comms Veh	RapidComm ITECS Replace		\$835,000
ILEAS - Comms Radio	Special Teams/HF/PSAP/Cache	\$536,000	
		\$536,000	\$835,000
			\$1,371,000

ILEAS believes it will be allocated these amounts at an upcoming HSAC meeting. These funds will be applied towards our five year Capital Replacement Plan as well as to address other needs that were not possible with the HSPG funds that were available. This is an aggressive list especially given the number of vehicles included. As a reminder, everything must be ordered and received in a single fiscal year with PAR grant funds.

Requested Board Action

Staff requests approval to accept the awarded PAR/Capital Replacement Funds allocated to ILEAS by HSAC to accomplish the various tasks outlined and execute all necessary documents and agreements.

Equipment Purchase Approval

There are six initiatives related to capital replacement for ILEAS Special Teams through SFY 2024 PAR/Capital Replacement. Listed above they include Bomb Suits, MFF Trailers, SRT Transport Truck review and maintenance, SRT Diesel Truck replacement and Less Lethal munitions disallowed from the HSGP funding. The anticipation for these projects being funded was the basis for the May Governing Board meeting be rescheduled to 22 June to allow Special Teams Manager Skip Frost the time necessary to compile due diligence documentation according to our purchasing policy. This will allow ILEAS to be able to order approved equipment as quickly as possible in order to stay within the one year time limit imposed. Each of the projects is described with an individual motion for each. In addition, the seventh and final item contains a discussion of a communications project known as RapidComm, an ITECS asset.

1. **“Med-Eng” Bomb Suits (4)-** *Med-Eng* is now a subsidiary of Safariland Corporation. They are the premier Bomb Suit manufacturer in the world, and as such are the only Bomb Suit utilized for training at the FBI Hazardous Devices School located at Redstone Arsenal in Huntsville, Alabama. ILEAS has been purchasing Med-Eng Bomb Suits for the EOD Teams supported by us for over a decade. Each of these suits has a manufacturer listed expiration date of 7 years. This means that the latest suits that ILEAS supplied to the teams will begin to reach that date in 2024. With current funding levels, a quote for these 4 suits was obtained 6/02/23, with a price of **\$42,167** per unit, for a total of **\$168,668.00**. It is not often that we are able to allocate funding for this particular life-saving need which is why we are prioritizing it this year. We have included a number of suits to be purchased each year until we have delivered at least one to each of the 9 teams we directly support.

Requested Board Action

Staff requests authorization to purchase four (4) Med-Eng Bomb suits for the quoted price of **\$42,167** per unit, a total of **\$168,668** to be paid for utilizing funds awarded from the state PAR/CR grant program.

2. **MFF Equipment Trailers (4)-** Each of the Mobile Field Forces is issued an equipment trailer with many of them being over 12 years old and reaching or exceeding their effective operational life. The intent is to replace four (4) per year until the project is complete (total of 11 MFF Teams). Competitive bids were solicited from four different vendors. *Alexander Distinctive Auto* from Bloomington, Illinois. submitted the most competitive price for a Journey SE Round Top Front enclosed Cargo Trailer at \$8,1000 per unit. ILEAS has purchased trailers from this supplier in the past. Per unit quote is listed at **\$8,100.00** per unit, for a total of **\$32,400.00** for the 4 units.

Requested Board Action

While this purchase does not exceed the \$100,000 approval threshold, staff requests authorization to purchase four (4) Journey SE Trailers from *Alexander Distinctive Auto* of Bloomington, Illinois. for the quoted price of **\$8,100** per unit for a total of **\$32,400** utilizing funds awarded from the state PAR/CR grant program.

3. **Mobile Field Force Transport Trucks (2)-** Some of the MFF equipment trucks are nearly 15 years old. There is a dire need to begin a replacement program. The first of 11 MFF Equipment trucks intended to replace the originals was previously approved by this board is currently being built for the NIPAS MFF by *Herr Display Vans* in Sauk Village, Illinois. In furtherance of this initiative, competitive bids were solicited and received from “Herr Display Vans”, “LDV”, and “Knapheide/RA Adamson”. LDV was far beyond our budget limitation in their response at over \$350k per unit. Knapheide/RA Adamson declined to bid on the project, *Herr Display Vans* initial quote for each unit was \$144,261. As we already have one vehicle under order with this provider, staff recommends selection of Herr Display Vans for this project. However, to ensure that no unreported cost increases interfere with this project, I would respectfully request that an authorization from the ILEAS Governing Board be made “not to exceed” \$155,000 per unit, for a total of \$310,000. That amount is specifically listed as the top range of the SFY 2024 grant for this particular item.

Requested Board Action

Staff requests authorization to purchase two (2) *MT45 Gasoline 4X2 MFF Transport Vans* at an estimated cost not to exceed **\$155,000** per unit and a total cost not to exceed **\$310,000** to be paid for utilizing funds awarded from the state PAR/CR grant program.

4. **Ford F350 Diesel Pick Ups for WMD SRT Teams (2)**- The Ford F350's currently utilized by the WMD SRT Teams are diesel engines; this is to facilitate the towing of the large equipment trailers (24ft) needed for decontamination operations and equipment transport. The original F350's issued to the WMD SRT Teams are all over 9 years old, which is a standard operational life span according to IEMA guidance. As such, the intent would be to replace two (2) each year until the fleet of now 6 (was 11) is replaced. Quotes were requested from multiple Ford Fleet vendors. At this time, the only actual quote that listed a price was received from *Bob Ridings Fleet sales* in Taylorville, IL. ILEAS has utilized Bob Ridings in the past for the MFF F350's purchased in recent years. Their quote (dated May 17, 2023) is for a total of **\$69,147.00** each. However, the e-mail stated quite clearly that orders cannot be placed until late summer, and that this price could be as much as **\$3000** more than originally quoted. Other vendors have also advised that they cannot make actual quotes for comparative purposes for the same reason of not knowing exactly what the 2024 prices for F350 models and accessories will be. In light of this, I would request that the ILEAS Governing Board authorize a "not to exceed" price of \$75,000 per unit, for a total authorization of \$150,000 for the purchase of 2 Ford F350 Diesel Pick Ups for the WMD SRT Teams. The \$150,00 total is \$8,000 higher than what is anticipated in the PAR/CR grant however we believe that the difference in the MFF transport truck will more than cover this cost.

Requested Board Action

Staff requests authorization to purchase two (2) Ford F-350 Diesel Pick Up Trucks at the most competitive cost and vendor at a cost not to exceed **\$75,000** per unit, a total of **\$150,000** utilizing funds awarded from the state PAR/CR grant program.

5. **WMD SRT Transport Trucks**- The original "transport trucks" (term used to signify these trucks transport personnel to scene of incident) purchased for the WMD SRT Teams were 2008 "International" 4400 SBA 4X2 rescue trucks. These trucks are 15 years old. Initially, these vehicles were added to our long term Capital Replacement plan with the intention of gradually replacing them spread out over multiple years. Two factors have altered our thoughts on this. First we submitted what we believe to be a reasonable cost to replace one of these at \$240,000 only to find out that we under estimated significantly and that "International Truck" could not even deliver a vehicle until 18 months after ordering. Second, when polling the holding agencies, we have learned that due to their light use and limited mileage the existing vehicles are still very serviceable, despite their advanced age, if a number of proactive preventative measures are taken. ILEAS wants to utilize PAR funds to modernize the existing fleet while also saving considerable money not replacing vehicles and at the same time helping our host agencies save money by not having to carry the cost. This decision was considered by both Special Teams Manager Frost, as well as Asst. Special Teams Manager

Olsberg, and was discussed at length with all WMD SRT Team Commanders. All Team Commanders provided photographs and explanations of the condition of all Transport trucks, and there was consensus that the vehicles were solid, but still in need of mechanical rebuilds and updates, as well as updated emergency lighting.

To refurbish each unit, the intention would be to completely rehabilitate and overhaul the engines, purchase new tires when needed, repair any mechanical issues, and update/upgrade the electrical and emergency lighting. Inspection of the exteriors of these vehicles leads us to believe the frames and boxes are solid. The initial request of the grant was **\$240,000** for the replacement of one transport truck. Our plan is to now use these funds to refurbish as many of the WMD/SRT Transport Trucks as possible in the manner just described. Currently, there are 9 total Transport Trucks in use by the WMD SRT teams. "RUSH Truck Centers" is the overall operator of all authorized "INTERNATIONAL" truck repair facilities dotted across Illinois. They have quoted a very preliminary estimate of \$8,600 per unit for engine overhaul and maintenance part of the project. That is an extremely preliminary bid and would not encompass the inevitable (and additional) issues that are sure to be identified with other trucks. It should be mentioned that RUSH Truck Centers are the only vendor certified to perform work on International engines. Each vehicle is different in what will eventually be required but the goal across the fleet will be the same, inspect, repair, overhaul and upgrade as many of the 9 trucks, as possible staying within the \$240,000 budget.
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Requested Board Action

Staff requests authorization to pursue the outline plan of evaluation and maintenance overhaul, repair and upgrading of as many of the WMD/SRT International Transport Trucks as possible for at or below the allocated **\$240,000** awarded from the state PAR grant program.

6. **Less Lethal Project-** For the past several years, ILEAS has been able to update launch systems, purchase both hand deployed and launchable munitions, and provide training to ensure that the ILEAS Special Teams had access to and were equipped with the most up to date capabilities. We request **\$80,000** to continue this project. Specifically, it would mean additional Pepperball projectiles (both inert for training and live OC), OC and CS hand deployed munitions and projectiles, and pyrotechnic smoke to assist with tactical operations. It would also include K01 Standard Energy baton projectiles utilized by the WMD SRT teams. These type of items are disallowed for purchase using federal funds which is why ILEAS utilizes state PAR grant funding for this project when available. As such, it is requested that the ILEAS Governing Board approve an amount not to exceed \$80,000 for continuation of this project.

Requested Board Action

Staff requests approval of the project to supply ILEAS special teams with the tools and munitions listed utilizing state PAR funding at a cost not to exceed \$80,000.

7. **Communications ITECS replacement vehicles (2)-** Currently there are 9 ITECS vehicles and towers in the STR inventory that are all at the limit of their expected serviceable life. Prior

research had shown that to replace those with new, in-kind units would push the cost well beyond **\$500,00** each. As a result, ILEAS submitted a long view plan to begin replacing the current ITECS units with a reduced overall foot print that is tailor made to address the communications needs that are most likely encountered leaving the larger, but extremely rare responses, for the current units. This led to the 2.0 program and the design and construction of the RapidComm unit by DuPage County. Rather than an equipment heavy trailer with a tower assembly towed by an F550 truck, the RapidComm is a truck chassis with a box assembly that is custom outfitted with more modern radio equipment, its own self contained tower unit and accompanying cache radios. The RapidComm was completed in the fall of 2022. Since January 1 through June 12 of this year, it has been activated 30 times across the entire state. The RapidComm and has been well received and has been considered wildly successful. **\$835,000** has been allocated by the HSAC in order to expand by building two more of these RapidComm type vehicles.

Similar to the limitations in place securing an exact quote for the Diesel SRT Trucks, the cost of the truck with Knapheide box unit for this project remains uncertain until after July 1. Using the previous purchase 3 years ago as a base, the new vehicles could cost up to \$90,000 each. Because there is a one year limitation on the use of PAR/CR funding, we feel that it is imperative that these vehicles be ordered at the first possible opportunity in order to see them delivered on time. The remaining equipment to be installed into the units are generally known at this point and can be purchased separately for later installation.

Requested Board Action

Staff requests authorization to purchase two suitable truck chassis/box combination vehicles with a cost not to exceed **\$90,000** per unit or **\$180,000** of the available **\$835,000** received from the state PAR/CR grant award.

Contract Renewals

Most of ILEAS' contracts are tied to a fiscal year which is July 1 through June 30. Staff is requesting approval to renew three contracts that will expire June 30, 2023.

Mutual Aid Dispatch

Since its inception, ILEAS has utilized Northwest Central Dispatch (NWCDS) in Arlington Heights (primary) and Peoria Dispatch in Peoria (backup) as the ILEAS mutual aid contact and dispatch centers. In the beginning, ILEAS would purchase needed equipment at the request of each facility to act as payment for their services. In 2014, an actual award amount was established at \$24,000 for NWCD in Arlington Heights and \$6,000 for Peoria Dispatch. This cost has remained unchanged for 9 years. To address this, we are suggesting an approximately 4% increase for these contracts and will continue to evaluate this annually as needed.

Requested Board Action

Staff requests that the Board approve the execution of contracts for mutual aid dispatch services for:

- Northwest Central Dispatch at \$25,000 for the period from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

- Peoria Dispatch at \$6,250 for the period from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

John Millner and Associates

John Millner is the ILEAS legislative liaison. This contract is paid from NON-Federal and NON-State grant funds. Millner keeps ILEAS informed of legislation that may affect ILEAS' activities and keeps an open line to other LE lobbying interests. Millner's contract cost has not increased since 2013.

Requested Board Action

Staff requests that the Board authorize staff to extend the Millner and Associates contract for another year at a cost of \$24,000.

RNC/DNC

Republican National Convention – July 15-18, 2024

The 2024 RNC will be held in Milwaukee, WI. Similar to what was done during the previous planning for the DNC in Milwaukee, ILEAS, along with a number of other larger law enforcement agencies, have been contacted by phone/email and most recently via correspondence dated 24 May. The letter indicates the intention to explore the use of an EMAC agreement (Emergency Management Assistance Compact) to accomplish the goal of obtaining assistance from agencies outside the state and provide for reimbursement of travel, meals, lodging and salary. Their stated intention would be to utilize out of state officers for mainly security at delegate hotels, on delegate buses, traffic control and special events. If EMAC is used to request assistance from Illinois, approval and subsequent control of any cross border operation with Wisconsin will have to be reviewed and authorized by the Governor. No additional information at this time on this.

Democratic National Convention – August 19-22, 2024

With the Democratic National Convention being held in Chicago there is no doubt that surrounding agencies and collar counties are going to be heavily involved in the planning and eventual response for this event. After the DNC location was announced, ILEAS was contacted by the Secret Service and has been in constant communication with the ISP Team responsible for planning and oversight of both details. Maj. Scott Ahrens on our board is a part of that team. To date, there was a planning meeting that brought together individuals from the City of Chicago, the Secret Service and the Illinois State Police. Out of that initial introduction was an agreement to return together on July 11 to discuss the larger operation and establish a number of topic driven subcommittees. At that point, it is anticipated that agencies, to include ILEAS, will be brought in to assist with the necessary preparation and activation.

In the meantime, ILEAS has been in contact with all special team commanders to at least begin the discussion of possible responses to include preparation training and equipment renewal and replacement. Later next month, we will review tasks assigned and then look to be more specific with our readiness and ability to fulfill requests. We have already begun planning a practice exercise that will review the tactics most likely to be used during these types of events. This practice exercise will coincide with the April 8, 2024 total solar eclipse in southern Illinois, taking place there.

Requested Board Action:

No action; this is information only at this time.

ICJIA Less Lethal Alternatives for Law Enforcement Grant

On 15 May, 2023, the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority (ICJIA) posted a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for a \$19 million grant with the following parameters:

The Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority is requesting proposals from a law-enforcement-related lead entity agency that will manage subgrants to local law enforcement agencies for less lethal devices, less lethal training, other less lethal alternatives, and any associated administrative expenses grants. Grants will be made with SFY23 Illinois General Revenue funds. A total of \$19 million is available through this solicitation for use over a period of 11 months. Application deadline: 5:00 p.m. CST, June 20, 2023

The narrative explaining Eligible Applicants makes it clear that this grant is exactly the sort of project that ILEAS has long excelled at servicing:

Applicants must possess subject matter expertise in less lethal alternatives for law enforcement and law enforcement training, an established record of providing services related to law enforcement equipment distribution and training, a statewide network of local law enforcement agencies, and the structural capacity to oversee all aspects of subgrant monitoring.....

Once aware, staff began reaching out to a number of other organizations to gauge interest and determine the best course of action. We spoke directly with representatives from a number of possible applicants and determined there was interest by the City of Chicago as well as the Illinois Sheriff’s Association (ISA) and Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police. (ILACP). After coordinating with CPD, a collaborative arrangement was reached with the ISA and ILACP for ILEAS to compose a singular grant representing all non-Chicago Law Enforcement agencies. ILEAS submitted a “Notice of Intent” form with ICJIA on 23 May, 2023 and began work. The executive board was advised of the desire to apply for this grant, and they were in support of moving the application process forward. We have utilized all our grant management experience and resources to compose a proposal for approximately **\$12 million** of the available \$19 million. The plan provides for a sizeable quantity of tools and devices for use by officers/deputies as less lethal alternatives, provides for development and delivery of a number of de-escalation and scenario based training as well as the cost of administration, monitoring and reporting as required by ICJIA.

Our application is due June 20th and is planned to be submitted appropriately. According to the NOFO document, the grant period begins August 1, 2023. However, Budget Committee review/approval of recommended designations is slated for August 17, 2023. This means that the award to ILEAS may be announced prior to our scheduled Governing Board meeting in September. With the grant execution period being so short, we must begin our efforts as soon as possible.

Requested Board Action

Staff requests that the Governing Board authorize staff to accept funds awarded and execute all documents required to establish the grant relationship with ICJIA.

NARCAN Grant Award

The ILEAS NARCAN project continues for the 6th consecutive year. From the inception of the grant, ILEAS has supported 314 agencies with **13,894** two-pack boxes of NARCAN. Over **3,700** officers have been trained in the use of NARCAN utilizing the ILEAS system. The Governing Board approved the acceptance of the current NARCAN grant at the January 2023 Board Meeting.

The budget for this year's grant is **\$337,847**. It will be in effect October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023. This year's grant will focus on an expanded **24** county area. Along with the usual training and providing NARCAN, ILEAS will work with agencies to develop a "*Leave Behind Program*" to provide NARCAN to people who may be able to immediately administer in case of an opioid event.

As a reminder, these are the counties that we are currently supporting along with those that have been added for this grant period (the six new counties are in bold):

Adams	Edwards	Jasper	Morgan	Wabash
Christian	Effingham	Jefferson	Perry	Saline
Clay	Fayette	Lawrence	Pulaski	Washington
Coles	Franklin	Marion	Randolph	Wayne
Crawford	Greene	Montgomery	Richland	

Requested Board Action

Staff requests that the Governing Board approve the purchase of 4000 NARCAN Two-Pack units at a cost of \$47.50 for a cost not to exceed \$190,000 in furtherance of this grant project.

Staff Salary Adjustment

In 2022 ILEAS staff proposed and the Governing Board approved a 2% raise for personnel to be included in the SHSP and UASI grants for the period that will begin on July 1 and run thru 2024. Our contractors are generally tied to that amount as well. The Board approved a 2% salary increase last year when approving the FFY22 budget. The Executive Director always reminds the Board of the increases at the beginning of the fiscal year as before implementation. Last year, with the state of the economy and rising inflation along with the need to remain financially competitive, Director Page requested the board amend its original authorization from 2% to 4%. This year I am also requesting that this board amend the previously planned 2% to 4% annual salary increase. The conditions that resulted in the first change continue to exist and be part of the calculus for all staff members. This change would take effect 1 July, 2023.

Requested Board Action

Staff requests that the Board authorize the increase of staff salaries from the previously approved 2% to 4% for ILEAS Fiscal 2024.

2024 Conference Report

March of 2023 saw the return of the ILEAS conference after an extended pandemic absence. Held for the first time since 2019 in Springfield, this version was hosted on the campus of the University of Illinois in Champaign-Urbana. The conference, hosted at the I-Hotel and Conference Center, covered three days, starting Monday morning and ending at noon on Wednesday. Twenty speakers provided instruction over the three days to **285** attendees. With approximately eleven hours of training available to each participant, over **3,000** total education hours of training resulted from the conference.

Highlights of the event that covered March 27-29 included a social hour-networking event at the **Colonnades Club** at the University's Memorial Stadium, a dinner with motivational speaker and 8-time Boston Marathon wheelchair champ Jean Driscoll, and a full debrief on the Highland Park shooting response. While acknowledging some areas needed improvement (e.g. ability to network at the main hotel site), most surveys indicated the event was well-received. Preliminary plans are underway for next year, March 25-27, 2024.

Request for Board Action

No action required.