

ILEAS Issues Document

Governing Board Meeting May 28, 2020

Governor's Executive Order

This meeting is being conducted in compliance with the Open Meetings Act as modified by Governor Pritzker's Executive 2020-7. This original order was extended by Executive Order 2020-33. Guidance from Mick McAvoy:

- We do not need to have a quorum physically present at the meeting. We do need a quorum participating. They can participate by being physically present, by video conference or by phone.
- We do not need to use video conferencing to create multiple locations. The board members participating by video conference or by phone do not need to be in public locations. They do not have to allow the public to participate at their locations. They do not have to post the notice and agenda at their locations.
- The Governor's Executive Order explicitly removes this requirement:
 - A quorum of members of a public body must be physically present at the location of an open meeting.(5 ILCS 120/2.01)
- That makes this language unnecessary:
 - If, however, an open meeting of a public body ... with statewide jurisdiction, ... is held simultaneously at one of its offices and one or more other locations in a public building, ... through an interactive video conference and the public body provides public notice and public access as required under this Act for all locations, then members physically present in those locations all count towards determining a quorum. (5 ILCS 120/2.01)
- The Governor's Executive Order "encourages" us to postpone consideration of public business "where possible" instead of proceeding with a meeting under the Governor's Executive Order.

Requested Board Action

No Board action is necessary.

Line of Credit Expansion

As the Board is aware, ILEAS has had a \$250,000 line of credit for the last few years. Access to the line of credit is limited to authorization by one person from each group below (for a total of two):

- 1. Executive Director or Finance Manager
- 2. ILEAS President or Treasurer

ILEAS created the Line of Credit in the first place to:

- Establish a good credit rating as we always pay off the loan amount when reimbursed by the State
- Preserve cash flow for major purchases due to the State's inability to quickly process reimbursements

With the increase in State Preparedness and Response grant funds available to ILEAS. The cash flow situation has worsened. (See the section on State/Federal Grant Balance). Because of the recent purchase of two Bearcats, ILEAS will

have to come up with \$700,000 at one time to pick them up. This is why ILEAS cannot do that (Catch-22):

- 1. Federal & State Grant Rules prohibit us from submitting an invoice for reimbursement to the State until we have the Bearcats in our possession
- 2. We cannot have the Bearcats in our possession until we pay the vendor approximately \$700,000

The Bearcats are being paid with Federal Funds. Those funds are generally processed in about 60-90 day. State PAR reimbursements take no less than 6 months to process. In the meantime, ILEAS must have cash flow. The Line of Credit assists with that.

PNC – ILEAS' primary bank – has offered an increase in our Line of Credit from \$250,000 to \$800,000 with an approximate 1% lesser interest rate than we are currently paying. See the preliminary memorandum in the packet. Please note – the Board members are not personally responsible for that loan amount. This increase will get us by the Comptroller "lapse period" (July through September) and the Bearcat purchase. It will be reviewed by the bank and the Governing Board a year from now. Finance Manager Janet Plotner is working on the terms and the paperwork with PNC at this point. Neither the bank nor ILEAS is ready to execute the loan documents.

Requested Board Action

This is being brought up for Board discussion and feedback only at this time. The final decision will be presented to the Board for approval at the July 23, 2020 Board meeting.

Proposal to Reconfigure the State/Federal Grant Balance

As we have discussed in the past, the failure of the State of Illinois to process and pay invoices with State funds has become a serious problem for ILEAS and MABAS. MABAS Director Glenn Erickson described the situation as "unsustainable" in an email to Mike Chamness. The primary issue is that Federal grants are processed in 60 to 90 days because the money come from the Federal government. Grants funded by State money are generally not paid for at least 6 months. See below for a proposal that ILEAS and MABAS are making together to increase our cash flow situation.

As of this writing, the next ITTF Council of Chairs meeting is scheduled for May 27th – the day before this Board meeting. The following is a motion that ILEAS and MABAS are making which outlines a change of strategies for grant distribution.

"ILEAS and MABAS request that the ITTF Council of Chairs discuss and consider a resolution to recommend to the SAA (IEMA) to modify the balance between the State and Federal funds distribution ratio for ILEAS/MABAS and State Agencies. ILEAS and MABAS are public agencies who does not have taxing authority, as opposed to State agencies that have annual budgets. ILEAS/MABAS have no other significant means of income to provide a cash flow equivalent to "front" cash flow to vendors. With the fortunate advent of State PAR funds, ILEAS/MABAS have been able to make significant capital replacement purchases in the last two years. However, we have suffered from the delay of reimbursements from the State for millions of PAR acquisitions. ILEAS received its first PAR payment in SFY20 in April for purchases made in August of 2019. In order to maintain a credit rating and to pay vendors, both ILEAS and MABAS have had to access lines of credit and paid significant interest on loans. ILEAS is in the process of increasing its line of credit from \$250,000 to \$800,000 this coming year. On the other hand, the Federal grants are generally paid in two months and are much more manageable. In addition, a State policy restricts PAR submissions to a quarterly schedule. If an invoice is submitted to the State on April 1st, it will not (based on past practice) not be paid until the early fall. Continuing the use of PAR grants for capital replacement for ILEAS/MABAS is beginning to be an unsustainable financial strategy.

The Motion is to create a resolution for ITTF Council of Chairs to recommend to the SAA (IEMA) to prioritize SFY 21 PAR funds for State Agencies and Federal Grants for ILEAS and MABAS Capital Replacement. Exceptions would be for costs related to:

- Operational Costs
- Equipment NOT on the Federal AEL list

Requested Board Action

This is being brought up for Board discussion, feedback and consideration. Since, as of this writing, the ITTF Council of Chairs has not yet met, Jim Page will update the Board on the decision made at ITTF.

9/11 License Plate Grant

On April 28, 2020, Bob Evans from IEMA reached out to ILEAS and offered the opportunity to utilize a State grant for \$150,000 from the 9/11 License Plate Fund. Given that the time window to accept the grant was very small, ILEAS staff accepted the grant after Executive Director Page consulted with the Executive Officers. These grant funds needed to be spent nearly immediately. As a result, ILEAS requested, and was approved, to apply the 9/11 funds to purchases that were already underway where we planned to use Federal funds. Using this strategy, it freed up the Federal funds (that expire 12/31/20) to be spent later. The table below are the purchases that were switched from Federal to State grants and one new purchase.

PO#	Item	Cost
Grant Transfer		
21751	EOD Telescopic Manipulator Arm	\$62,973
21801	Duo Dote Auto Injectors	\$17,696.50
Sub-Total of Current in-progress Projects		\$91,006.50
New Purchase		
22150	21 Night Vision Devices	\$69,300
TOTALS		\$149,969.50

Requested Board Action

Staff requests that the Board approve the acceptance of the grant and the budget modifications as described above.

COVID Update

SEOC Staffing

The SEOC is operating largely in a virtual environment. Dave Fellows is assigned during the week and Jerry Whitmore handles the SEOC assignment on weekends.

Training Center

So far, at least 30+ events have been cancelled based on the ILETSB funding issue and COVID19. Everything through the end of May has been cancelled.

<u>Teams</u>

Teams have been issued additional PPE. Training/exercises have not been occurring. All teams remain in standby mode for deployment if necessary.

Joint Operation Command

Statewide law enforcement activities with regard to COVID19 are being coordinated through the Law Enforcement Join Operation Command (JOC). The JOC also has representatives from Corrections, etc. It also interfaced with the LE reps in the SEOC. The JOC created and supervises the Law Enforcement Support Centers (see below). It should be noted that ISP Logistics coordinated email addresses for each LESC as well as cell phones for each. The JOC consists of:

Role	Rank/Name	Agency
Incident JOC Commander	Colonel Eric Wolf	ISP
Deputy Incident Commander	Director Jim Page	ILEAS
Safety Officer	Mst. Sgt. Charles Tolbert	ISP
Deputy Safety Officer	Randy Olsberg	ILEAS
Intelligence	Intelligence Chief Aaron Kustermann	ISP
Deputy Intelligence	Captain Calvin Brown	ISP
Operations	Colonel Mark Peyton	ISP
Deputy Operations	Lt. Colonel Chris Tame	ISP
Deputy Operations	Lt. Colonel Chris Owen	ISP
Deputy Operations	Special Teams Mngr. Skip Frost	ILEAS
Logistics	Colonel Mike Gillock	ISP
Deputy Logistics	Special Teams Coord. Mike Cahill	ILEAS
Planning	Lt. Colonel Margaret McGreal	ISP
Deputy Planning & Administrative	Chief of Staff Larry Evans	ILEAS
Administrative	Colonel Kelly Walter	ISP
National Guard	Brigadier General Mark Jackson	ILEAS

Law Enforcement Support Centers

There are three Law Enforcement Support Centers (LESC) established to assist agencies more directly. These centers are staffed by ISP Command Officers and ILEAS RPCs. They also have National Guard and Corrections contacts. The representatives at all the LESCs are:

Center	Agency
North	8151 W. 183 rd Street
	Tinley Park
ISP Major Robert Meedor	ISP
ISP Jason Lococo	ISP
ILEAS RPC Mike D'Amico	ILEAS
ILEAS RPC Tom Gallahue	ILEAS
Central	1701 E. Main St.
	Urbana

ISP Major Clay Cushman	ISP
ISP Capt. John Price	ISP
ILEAS RPC Randy Wilson	ILEAS
Couth	2020 C. Develine
South	2020 S. Pershing
South	2020 S. Persning Energy
Major William Sons	•
	Energy

The LESCs have access to representatives from Corrections and the Guard. The LESCs handle hundreds of inquiries and projects for local agencies. Each LESC has an established physical operational site as well as the capability to operate

virtually. ILEAS RPC's are working on-site at the LESC's daily. Their presence guarantees that ILEAS member agencies have a familiar point of contact while addressing their needs. The LESC program is proving to be a valuable asset putting municipal/county representatives via ILEAS, in direct working contact with state resources ensuring collaboration and cooperation.

Info to Agencies

There is a lot of information about COVID19 issues, procedures, guidelines, executive orders, links and many documents available to law enforcement on their ILEAS web page. It is updated daily. If the ISP Director announces any new policy or document during his weekly conference calls, ILEAS will post it almost immediately.

Requested Board Action

No Board Action is requested at this time.

Bearcat Purchase and Status Update

This is an update on the status of the previously approved purchase of two Bearcats and the proposed acquisition of a third one.

Two Bearcats

On March 26, 2020, the ILEAS Governing Board authorized staff to make budget modifications and direct funds to the purchase of two Bearcats to begin the capital replacement process. ILEAS received permission from the ITTF Council of Chairs and Chairman Chamness to move forward. Those two Bearcats were ordered on 3/26/20. The vendor, LENCO, guaranteed a completion date before August 30. At the time of the order, August 31 was the expiration date of the Federal FY18 grant paying for the Bearcats. However, since then, that grant has been extended to December 31, 2020; therefore, there should be no problem receiving the vehicles in time.

Third Bearcat

At this point, the same situation has presented itself as it did in March. Given the Governor's recent extension of the stay at home order, ILEAS teams will not train or exercise through the end of the fiscal year in June. As a result, there has been no (or very little) draws on overtime/backfill, instructor salaries, travel, rentals, lodging, etc. We now have enough in the Federal FY18 grant to buy a third Bearcat. The difference is that the third Bearcat cannot be delivered for one year. If we ordered it today, it would not come until May of 2021. ILEAS has a motion that will be considered at the May 27th ITTF Council of Chairs to consolidate these lines and to get the grant extended until June of 2021. ILEAS will have \$266,417.93 funds unspent as described above. There is currently \$44,656.07 remaining in that grant Equipment line item. The \$266,417.93 combined with \$44,656.07 from equipment will be combined to purchase the 3rd Bearcat. ILEAS proposes combining the following line items into the Equipment line:

\$ 27,058.26 Regional Field Training Wages
\$ 51,054.84 Regional Field Training Other
\$ 144,236.79 Training OTBF
\$ 14,793.75 Validation Wages
\$ 5,000.00 Validation Other
\$ 20,401.62 Validation OTBF
\$ 3,872.67 Staff Travel
\$ 266,417.93

\$266,418 + \$44,656 = \$311,074 = The cost of one Bearcat.

NIPAS Bear

NIPAS Special Response Team has used their own funds (non-grant) to order their own replacement Bearcat. The new Bearcat will replace their full-sized Bear (original larger version of the Bearcat) which is many years old. ILEAS has \$189,000 remaining in the budget in 18UAILESRT. NIPAS leadership and ILEAS have discussed the following:

IF ILEAS purchases up to \$189,000 in other equipment paid out of the Federal FY18 UASI grant for NIPAS, then NIPAS will work with ILEAS to transfer their Bear to another standing SWAT team in Illinois. ILEAS does have \$189,000 in the equipment line of the Federal FY18 UASI grant so this can be quickly accomplished.

Replacement Strategy

When the two new Bearcats arrive in August, one will be assigned to WMD Special Response Team region 9/11. The other will be assigned to WMD Special Response Team Region 6/7. Region 9/11 will retain their current Bearcat. The 9/11 area is so big, that the mileage on their current Bear is getting high. Adding a shared Bearcat to the three Regions will lessen that mileage build up which will lengthen its useful life.

The Region 6/7 Bearcat, however, will be surplused. At approximately the same time, the Bear from NIPAS will be available to be reassign. The plan, at this point, is to:

- announce the availability of the Bear and the Bearcat
- open up an application process
- assemble a committee of team commanders, ILEAS staff and NIPAS representatives to review and make selections of where these two vehicles will go
- Priority will be for teams that are:
 - o Multi-jurisdictional and long standing in nature
 - Do not currently have armor
 - Will, when possible, agree to maintain it and deploy it to requests for mutual aid where armor is necessary.

If the third Bearcat is approved, it will arrive in May/June of 2021. A similar process will be undertaken to re-assign that vehicle when it is available. Prior to that date, an assignment plan will be presented for consideration.

Requested Board Action

Staff requests that:

- ILEAS staff be authorized to acquire a third Bearcat for capital replacement at a cost not to exceed \$312,000 as described above.
- Redistribute the surplus Bearcat and the NIPAS Bear as described above.

ILEAS Training Center Activity Report 2019

Between COVID19 and ILETSB's funding problem, it should be noted *that over 30 events have been cancelled*. More cancellations are expected.

March 16-18	IDOT Training
March 17-18	IPSCA Training
March 17	Champaign County Sheriff Corrections Training
March 19	EOD Team Commanders' Meeting
March 19	Head Start Meeting
March 19	K9 Training
March 23-26	COML Training
March 24-25	Champaign FD Promotional Assessments-
March 24	Head Start Meeting
March 26	Head Start Meeting
March 26	Champaign PD Explorers
April 1	Champaign County Investigators Training
April 2	METCAD Policy Board Meeting
April 2	City of Urbana Business Development Luncheon
April 6	City of Urbana Training
April 20	City of Urbana Training
April 21-24	Mobile Field Force Basics
April 27-28	Less Lethal Recertification
April 27-29	Basic Evidence Photography
April 27-May 1	COM-T Training
May 6-7	ON-Target Solutions for Government Managers and Supervisors (Rescheduled)
	Employee Evaluations: Solutions to Improve Performance
May 13	Illinois Asphalt Pavement Association Training
May 13	METCAD Informational Session
May 19	Regional Emergency Command Group Workshop-
May 19	Champaign Co. Sheriff Mental Health Training
May 20	US Probation Training
May 21	Champaign Co. Sheriff Mental Health Training
May 26-28	Bike Response Team Training
May 28	Region 7 Mobile Field Force Training
June 4	Illinois Protective Officials Conference Meeting/Training
June 4	METCAD Policy Board Meeting
June 5	Carle Tactical Emergency Casualty Care Training
June 19-20	Carle Tactical Emergency Critical Care
June 30	Carle Tactical Emergency Casualty Care Training
June 30	Champaign County Local Emergency Planning Committee
July 7	Mobile Field Force Commanders' Meeting
July 7	Urbana FD Meeting
July 7-10	Champaign Police Youth Police Academy
July 9	Champaign County Chiefs' Meeting
July 9	K9 Training
July 14	WMD Special Response Team Commanders' Meeting
July 15-16	The Creative Curriculum for Preschool – Implementation for Teachers
July 16	EOD Team Commander Meeting
July 16	Champaign PD Explorers
July 17	US Probation Training
July 20-24	All-Hazards Incident Management Team Training
July 21-24	Champaign Police Youth Police Academy
July 23	Governing Board Meeting
July 24	K9 Training
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July 28-30	IDOT ELDS Training-
July 29-30	Public Information in an All-Hazards Incident
July 30	Champaign PD Explorers
August 3-4	Urbana Fire Engineer Testing
August 3-7	Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force Training
August 4-7	Champaign Police Youth Police Academy
August 6	ILEAS Staff Meeting
August 6	K9 Training
August 7	Carle Tactical Emergency Critical Care
August 10	Handle With Care Behavior Management System
August 13	Region 7 Mobile Field Force Training
August 13	Champaign County Chiefs' Meeting
August 13	Champaign PD Explorers
August 17	Urbana FD Engineer Testing
August 18	Regional Emergency Command Group Workshop
August 19	US Probation Training
August 21	Urbana FD Honor Guard Training
August 24-28	SPI Organizational Leadership & Problem Solving Course
Augusts 27	Champaign PD Explorers
August 28	Urbana Honor Guard Training
September 1	Mobile Field Force Team Commanders' Meeting
September 1	Urbana Fire Meeting
September 8	WMD Special Response Team Commanders' Meeting
September 9-12	Mobile Field Force Basic Training
September 9-10	Recruiting and Applicant Background Investigations
September 10	ILEAS Staff Meeting
September 10	Champaign County Chiefs' Meting
September 10	K9 Training
September 10	Champaign PD Explorers
September 11	Leadership for Law Enforcement
September 14-18	Strategic Management for 21 st Century Policing
September 17	EOD Team Commanders' Meeting
September 18	Urbana FD Honor Guard Training
September 23	Teaching Strategies GOLD: Introduction for Teachers
September 24	ILEAS Governing Board Meeting
September 24	Champaign PD Explorers
September 28-29	IPSCA Training
September 29	Champaign County Local Emergency Planning Committee
October 1	Region 7 Mobile Field Force Training
October 1	ILEAS Staff Meeting
October 2-4	Carle Tactical Emergency Casualty Care
October 5	Urbana FD Meeting
October 5-9	SPI Personnel Assessment and Liability Leadership Course
October 8	Champaign County Chiefs' Meeting
October 8	Champaign PD Explorers
October 12-13	On-Target Solutions for Government Managers & Supervisors
October 14	MABAS Dispatch Conference
October 14	Employees Evaluations: Solutions to Improve Performance
October 15	K9 Training
October 16	Urbana FD Honor Guard Training
October 22	Champaign PD Explorers
October 26-30	Performance Management: From Budgeting to Operations
November 2 – 6	WMD Response Course
November 3	Mobile Field Force Team Commanders' Meeting
November 3	Urbana Fire Meeting

November 5	ILEAS Staff Meeting
November 5	Champaign PD Explorers
November 10	WMD Special Response Team Commanders' Meeting
November 12	Champaign County Chiefs' Meeting
November 12	K9 Training
November 17	Regional Emergency Command Group Workshop
November 19	EOD Team Commanders' Meeting
November 19	Champaign PD Explorers
November 20	Urbana FD Honor Guard Training
November 24	Local Emergency Planning Committee
December 1	Urbana FD Meeting
December 3	ILEAS Staff Meeting
December 3	Champaign PD Explorers
December 4-5	Carle Tactical Emergency Critical Care
December 7-11	Lead Homicide Investigator
December 10	Champaign County Chiefs' Meeting
December 10	ILEAS Governing Board Meeting
December 17	K9 Training
December 17	Champaign PD Explorers
January 7	K9 Training
January 26-28 (2021)	IDOT Training
May 17-18, 2021	Less Lethal Recertification