

# ILEAS Issue Document Governing Board Meeting

March 5, 2013

# **School And Campus Security Training Program**

ILEAS Staff requested that Ron Ellis of Ellis and Ellis Consulting make a presentation to the Board regarding the school and campus safety programs funded by ITTF and sponsored/managed by ILEAS. In the last five years, ILEAS has received the following grants for school safety:

Federal Fiscal Year	Amount
2008	\$194,000
2009	\$484,997
2010	\$194,000
2011	\$179,488
2012	\$179,488
Total	\$1,231,973

The School and Campus Security Training Program is a collaborative effort of the Illinois Law Enforcement Alarm System, the Illinois Terrorism Task Force, the Illinois State Board of Education and the Illinois Emergency Management Agency. Funded through state Homeland Security Grants, training and technical assistance is provided to public and non-public schools, higher education institutions, law enforcement, first responder and local emergency management agencies. The program provides awareness and preparedness level training for K-12 schools and higher education institutions (HEI) to enhance their capacity to plan for, respond to, and recover from any emergency or disaster. The courses are appropriate for any law enforcement agency working with K-12 schools, colleges and universities in their jurisdiction. All courses are provided free of charge and many qualify for Illinois Administrator Academy credit, continuing education units or continuing professional development units. This presentation will provide an overview of the program, describe courses available and how to schedule a training in your area.

A description of the classes available and a schedule of currently established training is attached.

## **Requested Board Action**

No action is requested at this time.

#### **Legal Status and HB5555**

The following table is an update of the ILETSB/legal issue events that have occurred since the last Board Meeting on January 31, 2013.

Date	Event	Documents Available
1/31/12	Larry Smith and Kevin McClain meet with the NEMRT Board and spend 40 minutes	
	reviewing negative issues regarding ILEAS. Pete Smith and Pat Carey were present	
	and addressed the Board. They took no action.	
2/7/13	Pat Carey attended a meeting of the Intergovernmental Risk Management Agency	Power Point
	(IRMA). IRMA requested ILEAS attend a special meeting about ILEAS and potential	presentation to
	liability issues for their members by being involved in ILEAS. McClain declined to	IRMA & Agenda
	attend. No action taken.	
2/14/13	A meeting of 5 county sheriffs' agencies about correctional mutual aid occurred at	Email from McHenry

	the McHenry Co. Sheriff's Office. ILEAS was invited to facilitate the process. In that	Co. Sheriff's Office
	meeting it was discussed that Larry Smith from ILETSB was extremely negative	
	about ILEAS and discouraged this group of sheriffs from working with ILEAS.	
2/20/13	Director Monken email to ILEAS stating that the written results of the 90-day review	Email from Monken
	has been completed and is at the Governor's Office waiting for their approval before	
	being released.	
2/25/13	Letter from IEMA to the State's Attorneys was disseminated with the results of the	Letter
	90-day review. See attached.	

#### Key findings in the letter:

- "ILEAS is reaffirmed as a legitimate and viable agency for the coordination of law enforcement mutual aid in the State."
- "ILEAS is a public agency created pursuant to the Illinois Intergovernmental Cooperation Act by its governmental members."
- "ILEAS has the authority to enter into agreements with other public agencies, including public agencies of other states."
- "It is also an eligible pass-through recipient of federal homeland security funds."

Meetings are pending regarding the language of the Mutual Aid Alliance bill. As that develops, staff will keep the Board informed.

#### **Requested Board Action**

Request that the Board authorize the Executive Director and the Executive Committee to continue to pursue all these matters in ILEAS' best interests.

### **Legislative Liaison**

MABAS has hired retired Senator John Millner as its lobbyist/legislative liaison. President Mark Beckwith and Jim Page met some months ago with MABAS to discuss common legislative interests – primarily for financial support from the State. Given that ILEAS' most recent experience with HB5555, it is evident that ILEAS needs assistance dealing with the General Assembly. Staff will present during the meeting the results of discussions with John Millner about ILEAS. There seems to be value in coordinating with MABAS specifically on the issue of funding.

#### **Requested Board Action**

Request that the Board discuss the issue and consider authorizing the Executive Committee to develop a legislative liaison capability for ILEAS.