

ILEAS BOARD MEETING JUNE 30, 2011

Meeting called to order: Board President Mark Beckwith called the meeting to order at 11 a.m.

Attendance was taken:

Chief Mark Beckwith	Present	
Sheriff Dave Snyders	Present	
Sheriff Roger Scott	Absent	
Chief Bill Feithen	Present	
Sheriff John Zaruba	Absent	Dan Biladeau Present
Chief Jeff Chudwin	Present	
Sheriff Mike McCoy	Absent	
Chief Robert Williams	Absent	
Sheriff Derek Hagen	Absent	
Chief James Kuchenbecker	Present	
Sheriff Jim Vazzi	Absent	
Chief David Hayes	Present	
Sheriff Andrew Hires	Present	
Chief Larry Evans	Present	
Chief Todd Sigler	Present	
Sheriff Keith Brown	Present	
Deputy Chief Wayne Gulliford	Present	
Chief Tim Swanson	Absent	
Sheriff Tom Schneider	Present	
Chief Von Young	Present	
Deputy Director ISP Rob Haley	Absent	

Out of the 21 Board Members, **13** Board Members were present and Biladeau filled in for Sheriff Zaruba which brought the voting total to 14.

Also in attendance were ILEAS Executive Director, Jim Page; ILEAS contractors, Jim Luecking, Richard Huston, Pete Smith, Jim Luecking, Calvin Stearns and Tiffany McElroy-Smetzer; ILEAS intern Michelle Eack; Brian Wilson, MABAS Liaison; Frank Bibbino, DuPage County Sheriff's Office.

Previous Minutes: The minutes of April 28, 2011 were discussed. Billadeau motioned and Kuchenbecker seconded to approve the minutes of April 28, 2011 as presented. Voice vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

Financial Report: Page gave an update regarding completion of Financial Audit and Inventory reports as of 6.30.10. The reports, which were due today, are complete and have been submitted as required. Page said that Huston,

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McElroy-Smetzer, and Jepsen along with himself have put in a lot of time to put the inventory report together.

Discussion took place regarding the inventory. Page noted that this is the \$5,000 and above inventory as required by FEMA. The inventory team will work to complete a full inventory of items distributed to the departments.

Kuchenbecker requested that the ILEAS contractors do complete that inventory. He would like the inventory to reflect everything that has been distributed to the departments.

The discussion switched to the situation which Kuchenbecker and Feithen recently were in regarding the question what ILEAS does for the local departments. Kuchenbecker stated that he feels the updated inventory, that Page says is to come, will help agencies to realize just how much ILEAS has done for the agencies. Feithen stated that he would like ILEAS to work with the individuals and organization to determine if there is a problem and what ILEAS can do to work through the problems.

Page reported that due to the uncertainty of the future funding, Don Kauerauf, Acting Chair of the ITTF, has asked ITTF members to hold off on any large purchasing programs. This would include MDCs and EOC purchases.

Interoperable Communication Purchase Request: Page brought to the Board a request from the ITTF Communications Committee that the ILEAS Governing Board authorize the purchase of High Frequency radio equipment. The ITTF Communications Committee wanted to get the same equipment as already exists in the ITECS trailers. This will allow direct compatibility and for certain other technical operational reasons, one being, encryption. Minutes of the ITTF Communications Committee regarding the purchase were given to ILEAS Board members.

Kuchenbecker motioned and Snyders seconded to authorize the purchase of \$241,150 of the aforementioned radio equipment from the grant 10ILEAUSUCP. Voice vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

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NATO SUMMIT – G8 Summit

Beckwith noted that recently Obama announced that in May, 2012, he invited the NATO nations to meet simultaneously with the G8 nations in Chicago. The dates of this conference are May 15 – May 22, 2012. Beckwith noted that this will be a large event with a large possibility of mayhem. ILEAS will be a partner with the agencies in the north.

Gulliford stated that discussions are in the beginning stage but ILEAS has already been mentioned as a key player.

Evans questioned how ILEAS would ensure that all ILEAS equipment returned to the ILEAS agencies if they were mobilized to the northern portion of the State. Page stated that ILEAS is currently considering putting GPS tags on our significant mobile assets which will ensure that we will be able to locate our assets.

Chief Chudwin expressed concern regarding the coordination between the ILEAS regions and ILEAS in Urbana. He feels that communication is ESSENTIAL. He stated that the only way to get through the upcoming massive events in Chicago is to work as a team. A fractured structure will not work in the law enforcement team approach to these events. He asked repeatedly that ILEAS not commit to any use of resources without discussing it with the MFF teams themselves.

Page noted that ILEAS should be on the planning team with the metropolitan Chicago people. That way it is a uniform plan that will be executed rather than several uncoordinated plans working simultaneously.

Region 4 Issue: Biladeau reported on a large Scale Event will be held at Proviso East in Hillside. This will be a 4-day event put on by two NBA stars in an effort to raise \$1,000,000 for those schools. Several rap bands that have had large problems will be performing. The promoters have determined that they probably need 80 officers at all times. The event will be held July 28 – 31, 2011. He stressed that this is likely to be a very VIOLENT environment. Proviso East and West schools areas located in very gang infested areas. They expect up to 25,000 people in attendance.

Biladeau stated that Hillside only has a staff of 25. The Board expressed great concern regarding the extent of violence that will be present during this event. The problem is that ILEAS does not respond to pre-planned events. The ILEAS Board is very concerned about the stress on resources during the event.

CONTRACTOR/EMPLOYEE TRANSITION: Page gave a historical look at the ILEAS Contractor/Employee situation. There was a discussion of the upcoming

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bid out for temp employees. Page will have more information to follow at the next Board meeting.

FUNDING: Page gave info regarding the Federal budget troubles and its resulting effect on the contractors and ILEAS operations.

Page noted that to survive, ILEAS must diversify and not rely solely on Federal grants. He gave some possible funding possibilities, including Thompson and block D, etc.

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS FLOODING: Beckwith updated the Board regarding how ILEAS got involved in the Flood Relief. IEMA Director Monken contacted Beckwith regarding how to get ILEAS involved. Calvin Stearns contacted ILEAS member, Alexander County. The organization and plan of action was set up and when Director Monken made the official request, ILEAS was ready. The request was for 18 officers for 3 shifts. ILEAS sent an additional 6 officers for a total of 60 officers. Stearns noted that all of the affected Chiefs and Sheriffs were very grateful for all of ILEAS assistance.

Page noted that it went very well. It was a great deployment and execution of ILEAS' mission. Entire teams were not deployed but squads of the regions and they worked very well together.

Beckwith and Page discussed the situation with ISP and the resulting problems for the MFF teams and our members.

Board members expressed their concern regarding how ISP handled the situation and their doubts regarding that the problem has been solved for the next time. Board members questioned what could be done to actually improve the relations and communications between ILEAS and the ISP.

Board members stressed that they all have very good working relationships with the Illinois State Police. The problem is not with the State Police but the communication and the working relationship in this particular situation.

Chudwin requested that ILEAS Board Members, especially regional chairs, should be notified of a deployment such as the Flood 2011. He was notified from the commander of the MFF regarding the deployment and that was the first he heard of it. Beckwith stated that ILEAS will be working on e-mail groups to disseminate the information to all of the appropriate people.

Beckwith noted that ILEAS, ISP, and IEMA are working together to update the annex portion at IEMA regarding statewide law enforcement response.

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CREDENTIALING UPDATE: Page noted that a contractor will be starting August 1st to get the necessary credentials issued. This will be especially helpful with the large events coming up in Chicago.

HB 3346 UPDATE: HB3346 is a bill that:

- 1) establishes the ILEAS funds in the State Treasury;
- 2) provides that the Director of the State MAY transfer funds collected from traffic ticket fees from the ISP Operations fund to ILEAS; and
- 3) Provides that the funds are to be transferred to ILEAS quarterly and that they must be spent on homeland security initiatives (67%) and homeland security air support (33%).

The House and Senate have passed the bill. It is currently awaiting Governor Quinn's signature.

NEW BUSINESS: Pete Smith gave an update of the RPCs work to increase the level of preparedness for disaster. It includes updating the ILEAS website among other things. Right now it is a small area effort but it will be widespread by the conference hopefully.

NEXT MEETING: In preparation for the next meeting, Page will continue to work on the contactors/employees situation. He will also follow up on other items brought up today.

ADJOURNMENT: At 2:15 pm, Hayes motioned and Brown seconded to adjourn the meeting. Voice vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned.