



ILLINOIS LAW ENFORCEMENT ALARM SYSTEM

June 14, 2016 @ 0800

Crowne Plaza – 3000 S. Dirksen Parkway Springfield, Illinois 61703

Governing Board Meeting

➤ **Meeting called to order** – Board President Dave Snyders called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

➤ **Attendance:**

Sheriff Dave Snyders	Present
Chief Steve Neubauer	Present
Sheriff Derek Hagen	Present
Sheriff Tom Schneider	Present
Chief Todd Murray	Present
Sheriff Dwight Baird	Present
Chief David Summer	Absent
Sheriff Mark Curran**	Present** Jim Elliot
Sheriff Jeff Standard	Present
Chief Dustin Sutton	Absent
Chief Mike Metzler	Present
Sheriff Neal Rohlfing	Present
Chief Terry Bell	Present
Chief Jeff Ray	Absent
Chief Harold Masse	Present
Sheriff Keith Brown	Present
Chief Curt Barker	Present
Colonel Tad Williams	Absent
Deputy Chief Steve Georgas**	Present** Mark Marianovich Delegate
Sheriff William Rutan	Present
Chief of Patrol Fred Waller	Absent

Out of 21 members 16 Board members were present with 2 delegates.

Also in attendance: ILEAS Executive Director, Jim Page, ILEAS Chief of Staff, Larry Evans, Nancy Crossman, Jim Luecking, Pete Smith, Calvin Stearns and Jan Plotner.

➤ **Introductions**

○ **Guests**

John Millner, Lobbyist for ILEAS

Jeanine Chiapanno, IL-TERT

Mike Forest, MABAS

➤ **Public Comments**

➤ **Approval of Minutes of March 24, 2016**

Motion made by Hagen and seconded by Schneider to approve the minutes of March 24, 2016. Voice vote taken. Motion passed unanimously.

➤ **New Staff/Contractors**

○ **Tom Gallahue – Region 4 DuPage/Central Cook**

Lt. Tom Gallahue from Naperville PD has accepted the job to replace Jimmy Lee to be the DuPage and Central Cook County RPC. Tom has been the Region 4 WMD Special Response Team commander since its inception. He has been a dedicated supporter of ILEAS for years. Tom started in May.

○ **Mike Cahill – Special Teams Technology Coordinator**

Mike retired from Lincolnwood Police Department and will be ILEAS' part time Special Teams Technology Coordinator.

○ **John Cheney, LLC – Communications Technology Support Contractor**

John has been contracted by ILEAS as Communications Technology Support to assess and inspect the radio caches for ILEAS. ILEAS should expect a report from John in the early fall.

➤ **Financial**

○ **Grant & Fiscal Report**

Jan Plotner gave a brief overview of ILEAS' Grant and fiscal status. Motion made by Bell and seconded by Neubauer to approve the Grand and Fiscal report. Voice vote taken. Motion passed unanimously.

○ **State Budget Discussion**

John Millner reported on the State budget crisis. John stated that he does not expect there to be a budget in place by July 1st.

○ **Business Loan**

ILEAS still has \$250,000 line of credit with PNC Bank. Jan Plotner stated that ILEAS will start up the weekly cash flow reviews to project cash balances over the next few months. Steve Neubauer motioned to continue to utilize the existing line of credit to maintain operations as we had to do in the previous year. Sheriff Dwight Baird asked who would pay back this line of credit if we deplete it? Sheriff Tom Schneider stated that he did not think we needed to make a decision at this time. Neubauer withdrew the motion. Jim page will meet with Mick McAvoy, ILEAS' legal counsel to draw up a plan and submit to all Board members.

- **FY17 Business Budget**

ILEAS possesses a Business Account where non-Federal funds are located. Revenue into this account are from ILEAS Training Center rentals and subscription, dues, conference, Foundation grants and miscellaneous sources. ILEAS uses the business account to pay for services and equipment not eligible to be paid for by Federal funds. Jan Plotner stated that the budgeted expenses have gone down for FY2017. Motion made by Snyders and seconded by Bell to approve the FY17 Business Budget as presented. Voice vote taken. Motion passed unanimously.

- **FY16 Budget Discussion with Director**

There is a meeting scheduled with Director James Joseph to review the submitted FY16 grant budget.

- **Current Issues & Updates for Board**

- **Communications Program Update**

The Starcom21 user fees have been billed and paid. 2500 Starcom21 radio user fees are now good until June 30, 2017. Individual user licenses have been identified.

- **Legislation Update**

Bill # HB6042 – Making the Homeland Security Emergency Preparedness Trust Fund a “Continuing Appropriation.” ILEAS proposed a change to the enabling statute which created the Homeland Security Emergency Preparedness Trust Fund to make that fund a “continuing appropriation.” This Fund consists only of Federal grant money and no state money. This is still being held in rules.

Bill # HB5647, SB2592– ILEAS, MABAS and Emergency Management Funding. Two identical companion bills – one in the Senate and one in the House. At this time there are two official opponents – The Secretary of State and the Transportation for Illinois Coalition (TIC).

Bill# SB2588 – Drones. The language ILEAS proposed modifies the Freedom from Drone Surveillance Act to account for the use of a drone during training.

- **Post July 1, 2016 Period**

ILEAS will not be able to draw down any Federal funds from the State because there is no budget agreement. ILEAS will be forced to again rely on reserves and the business loan line of credit to stay open. Staff will continue weekly assessments of our financial situation.

ILEAS still has access to a line of credit at PNC Bank.

- **Learning Management System (LMS)**

Staff has begun the process of planning the Cybersecurity implementation. The Cybersecurity grant requires that ILEAS provide training to local public safety employees as widely as possible. This will require the use of an online Learning Management System to deliver the Cyber training. However, ILEAS has always needed the ability to deliver online training for its own purposes. This includes, but is not limited to, Pre-deployment training for special teams,

how to respond to and request mutual aid for supervisors, interoperable communications, staff training, etc.

An ad hoc committee has recommended that an LMS be developed for homeland security and available to all disciplines was necessary. However, the solution was elusive. Staff has recommended that ILEAS finally solve the problem for our own purposes if nothing else. We are exploring SAAS services. For a lot less than owning and operating software, we can leverage larger LMS vendors which is used by dozens of large companies as well as international organizations and associations. Our system would be limited to multi-disciplinary universal training such as emergency communications, cyber, mutual aid response protocols, special teams training, etc. A discussion with Director Fischer of ILESB will take place prior to this Board meeting. After our first preliminary review, there are three basic choices. **Current Government LMS System**, **Client-Hosted Software** and **Software as a Service (SAAS)**.

After reading and looking at the options, on balance, staff fully supports the SAAS option. We have looked at 20 vendors and one a written scoring evaluation. We have narrowed it down to three vendors that we will explore in detail and ask for proposals. Those are TOPYX, WebMentor, LMS and ETHOSCE. TOPYX rated the highest in our estimation. They have big clients, unlimited users/bandwidth and only cost around \$35K-\$39K annually with the options we may want. There is \$190,000 in the FF15 cyber grant for training. The cost for the LMS will most likely not exceed \$40-45,000. Therefore, there are sufficient funds available. Motion made by Schneider and seconded by Metzler to authorize staff to acquire and implement an online Learning Management System not to exceed \$45,000 in cost. Voice vote taken. Motion passed unanimously.

- o **Used Equipment Clearinghouse**

The previous ILEAS website had a rudimentary online bulletin board that was used by member agencies to exchange, sell or search for used law enforcement equipment. It was removed a few years ago when ILEAS moved to a new website with the intent to revamp it and return it to use. Other priorities put that project towards the bottom of the list. Two questions about reviving this capability were put on the most recent survey of the membership. 1. Should ILEAS establish a surplus equipment website for member agencies to office used equipment for sale or donation? 2. If so, would you agree to a small fee for selling equipment (as opposed to donating it)? As a result of that overwhelmingly positive response, ILEAS is currently completing development and testing an equipment exchange website capability. The plan is to establish the website and charge a small fee to be paid by the seller of equipment to be paid to the Foundation. This fee will be collected on the honor system. Questions and issues related to this will be managed by the Foundation Treasurer, Ralph Caldwell.

- **Old Business**

- o **NIPAS Update**

Clint Herdegen agreed to the MOU that was sent to him.

Page will talk about the Mobile Field Force North team at the July 13th NIPAS Board meeting in Wheeling and will keep the Board updated. The trucks have been ordered for the new team but ILEAS is not moving forward on this until all of the paperwork is signed.

Chief Terry Bell asked where we stood on the Cleveland Republican National Convention. Page stated that it would be an EMAC request if we participated. Page stated that Steve Georgas was there right now to observe what Cleveland is doing and to see how prepared they are.

➤ **New Business**

➤ **Adjournment**

At 9:06 a.m. motion made by Barker and seconded by Standard to adjourn the meeting. Voice vote taken. Motion passed unanimously.

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