



**ILEAS Board Meeting
July 27, 2005
Crowne Plaza, Springfield, Illinois**

Meeting attendees-

Gary Stryker, Kristen Canterbury, Dave Owens, Jeff Bock, Mark Beckwith, Don Bennett, Carl Hawkinson, Mike Chamness, Don Kauerauf, Gib Cady, Ralph Caldwell, Pat Carey, Tom Cundiff, Doug Edmonds, Bill Feithen, John Janssen, Don Kliment, Bob McCarty, Susie Nichols, Jim Vazzi, Jim Page, Jim Luecking.

Meeting called to order at 9:00am by President Stryker.

- Reading of the minutes. Motion to approve by Jeff Bock, 2nd by Dave Owens carried with a voice vote
- September 21st meeting will be held in Champaign at the Holiday-Inn with an invitation to all regional board members
- Invitation to Federal entities to attend September meeting
- December meeting will on the 7th in Springfield
- Chief Terry Dove from the Rock Island Police Department former Executive Board member, retired on July 15, 2005. Chief Dove was presented with a plaque from ILEAS at a retirement gathering on July 15th in Rock Island.

Treasurer's Report-

- Overview by treasurer Don Bennett
- Motion to accept by Pat Carey, 2nd by Bob McCarty and carried with a voice vote

Special Presentation-

- Presentation of plaque honoring his retirement to Doug Edmonds by President Stryker recognizing Doug's time and effort put forth into ILEAS

Executive Director's Report-

- Overview of report
- CPD membership paperwork is at the Chicago's Mayor's Office
- \$1.8 million in purchase orders for MDCs to this point
- Six University grants reviewed and approved for funding through ITTF
- 476 agencies requested VHF radios
- STARCOM radios have been ordered, awaiting delivery
- Basic SWAT training for Southern Illinois in progress
- Review of SRT "SOPs" first draft, work-in-progress
- Updated board membership roster due to recent changes within various boards
- Regional list of "non-member" agencies, co-chairs encouraged to contact them
- Informational letter from Regional Board's to agencies that are not members of ILEAS
- Merchandise link on ILEAS website for ILEAS apparel
- Refer to Executive Director's report for further details

Introduction of guests/speakers -

- None present

Financial-

- Update of federal budget by Carl Hawkinson, action by the House is unlikely before summer recess, September action is likely
- Letters sent to congressional delegates from President Stryker addressing funding issues for ILEAS
- Overview of 2006 budget, projected at approximately \$12 million

Communications-

- Update by Doug Edmonds, work-in-progress on interoperability, mercy radios for hospitals, dispatch training workshops in September for Mobile Command Posts, and satellite capabilities in command posts (pending funding and project reviews)
- Plan for ‘talk groups’ with interoperability radios needs to be addressed
- E/D Jim Page is working with Motorola revising these “talk groups”

Grants-

- Overview by Dave Owens, invoices are being submitted and equipment is being purchased
- 2004 grants are closed with the acceptance of seven agencies who forfeited their grants. The funding will be re-allocated to the 2005 grants
- \$125,000 from ITTF for MDCs will be used for the Mobile Command Posts (13) and SRT teams units (11): ongoing operational costs will be the responsibility of the receiving agencies. Motion by Dave Owens, 2nd by Jim Vazzi, voice carry

Special Response Team -

- “Bearcat” units for each SRT team in next fiscal year; specifications are being reviewed
- SRT teams should be familiar with Negotiators and EOD Units within their regions
- Contact HAZ-MAT units within their respective regions for a resource

Car Plan-

- Nine test calls completed, ten incorrect telephone numbers on cards, 195 agencies contacted with some agencies still unfamiliar with ILEAS
- Twenty-five agencies advised that they could not dispatch any personnel
- Eleven ILEAS call-outs to date, incidents did not go beyond the first level on the alarm cards
- IRASS dispatch through Northwest dispatch is being reviewed
- Contract for a “pro-bono” call-out system with “Message One” is being negotiated by E/D Jim Page developing specifications over a two-year contract period

Legislation-

- Anyone with proposal for legislation, please e-mail them to Bill Feithen

Annual Conference-

- March 5-7, 2006
- Work in progress according to Jeff Bock
- Those with speakers and/or topics suggestions are encouraged to contact Jeff Bock

Training-

- Update from John Jansen on the Training Center props which are used for various training tasks and objectives simulating buildings for police and fire agencies
- Live shooting houses have been denied since there is not a corresponding ODP-approved course (i.e., SWAT)
- IMAT training last month with forty in attendance: team would be developed to assist agencies during a multi-agency events
- Passing of Retired Officers Concealed Carry Act, local Mobile Team Units will handle the qualifications and registration
- E/D Page will e-mail IMAT information to ILEAS members
- Committee meeting August 8 from 1000-1400 hours at the IFSI in Champaign
- Clandestine Lab curriculum for first responders out in September, will be web-based
- Executive summit at the Crowne Plaza in October addressing impact to employers who have personnel who have served overseas: panel discussions and Q & A sessions
- Next Training Standards Board meeting is September 7th, Executive Board meeting will be September 8th
- Search and Rescue training in Henry County September 10th and 11th, according to Sheriff Cady

Public Transportation-

- Update by President Stryker, CPD has additional security at various transportation stations and locations
- CPD does not need any assistance from ILEAS at this point
- Amtrak's plan is available on the ILEAS website under "member login"
- Evacuation exercise in Chicago on August 30th and 31st, invitation only

Intelligence-

- No report
- Meeting scheduled for the first part of August

Membership-

- Regions encouraged to contact agencies who are not presently members of ILEAS

Old Business-

Law Enforcement Air Support-

- Received two additional requests for helicopters, Winthrop Harbor PD and Belvidere PD, each received one, both from CMS
- ITTF Transportation committee is reviewing their request for equipment, ITTF will seek ILEAS support for approval of equipment
- Drafting of a contract for services with the helicopter units if ILEAS is supporting and authorizing any expenditures before funding is dispersed, update at next meeting
- Motion to support the review of requests for equipment and funding for each helicopter request seeking ILEAS support on a case-by-case, motion made by Dave Owens, 2nd by Tom Cundiff, with a voice carry

Travel/Hotel Policy-

- Now that ILEAS absorbs the cost of members attending the monthly meetings, there has been discussion addressing the authorization of only two (2) members from each region whose accommodations are covered by ILEAS for the monthly meetings. Discussion addressing committee members, invited guests, presenters, and others must receive prior approval. Discussion to continue with a report at the August meeting.

Methamphetamine Training-

- For SRT teams, ISP can provide various training but funding is an issue, DEA looking at a curriculum
- President Stryker, Susie Nichols, and Ed Mohn will follow-up

Funding Letters-

- President Stryker requested all agencies send letters to congressional delegates from addressing funding issues for ILEAS

New Business-

Planning Grants for SRT agencies-

- \$224,000 in account, \$2500 to each parent agency that contractually provide an SRT Team Commander to ILEAS to offset the impact to their agency
- Motion made by Bill Feithen, 2nd by Don Bennett with a voice carry

Federal Partners-

- Federal agencies to be invited to the September meeting such as the FBI, ATF, DEA, US Attorney, TSA, Department of Agriculture, and other agencies. E/D Jim Page will prepare a list of agencies.

Illinois Chiefs Conference-

- ILEAS will have a booth at the conference in Rosemont on August 16th and 17th
- There will be a Mobile Command Post from DuPage County and an WMD SRT unit from NIPAS there on display and personnel to answer question and inquiries

Special Alarm Cards-

- Dave Owens exploring an “interactive” concept for the use of special alarm cards for use by agencies while on an event out in the field
- Preparation of a resource data base for specialized units such as K-9, SUVs, specialized weapons, thermal imaging, watercrafts, dive teams, EOD, mounted horse units, prisoner transport units, etc. Individuals with ideas and names of such resources within their area are encouraged to e-mail that information to the ILEAS office

Membership-

- Class B such as correctional officers and other individuals that would be an asset
- Associate status such as non-full time officers, etc.

Springfield PD “Drill” and “Real Life” events-

- July 18-22, 2005
- Overview presented by SPD Assistant Chief Ralph Caldwell regarding the drill and several “real life” events that all transpired at the same time
- Impact of the events, both drill and real life on SPD and the resources utilized

- IEMA grant for the drill, initially at \$30,000 but increased to \$100,000, final cost pending
- Unified Command did work well throughout
- 38 organizations participated
- After action report is being prepared by involved entities

October 23, 2005 Drill-

- Request for funding for an exercise in the Naperville and Aurora area
- Motion to fund overtime, reimbursement, and backfill for IEMA/ILEAS approved exercises was made by Dave Owens, 2nd by Pat Carey, with a voice carry

Motions to adjourn by Dave Owens, 2nd by Susie Nichols with a voice carry

Next meetings at the Crowne Plaza in Springfield, IL;
Executive Board- August 23, 2005
Board- August 24, 2005

Respectfully Submitted,
Mark G. Beckwith
ILEAS Secretary
Chief of Police
Milan Police Department