



ILEAS Board Meeting
February 23, 2005
Crowne Plaza, Springfield, Illinois

Meeting attendees: Don Bennett, Jeff Bock, Tom Byrne, Gib Cady, Ralph Caldwell, Jeff Chudwin, Jerry Cormier, Kevin Eack, Doug Edmonds, Bill Feithen, Brent Fischer, Carl Hawkinson, John Janssen, Don Kauerauf, Tim Lyerla, Mel, Messer, Dale Newsome, Susie Nichols, Dave Owens, Jim Page, Steven Poole, Bob Quarello, Ron Shipp, Pete Smith, Gary Stryker, Tim Swanson, Jim Vazzi,

Meeting called to order at 9:05 am by President Stryker.

StarCom update: ISP and CMS personnel. Grid testing will be significantly greater than ever done before (test points are ¼ mile apart) and is nearing complete statewide implementation.

Presentation: Ben Barrick, Flight Operations for Helistar gave a PowerPoint presentation on how Helistar can provide tactical air support for the State of Illinois. They are a 501c3 organization that provides homeland security support with specially equipped helicopters. They can perform search and rescue missions over water, inaccessible areas, fires, etc. ISP and IDOT have helicopters they will be losing soon and can be obtained by Helistar to provide tactical air support in Illinois if ILEAS would assist them. Helistar is asking ILEAS to write a letter or call the Governor's office indicating support for this effort. After some discussion, a motion was made that ILEAS would lend its' support to Helistar to obtain state surplus helicopters.

Motion made by Dave Owens, 2nd by Gib Cady and carried with a voice vote.

Gary Stryker called for a reading of the minutes.

Jeff Bock stated the minutes need amending regarding Marion County and Salem P.D. developing a WMD team. Minutes should read **Regions 9 and 11**, not Region 9.

Motion to accept amended minutes from the January 26, 2004 meeting by Dave Owens, 2nd by Jeff Bock and carried with a voice vote.

Treasurer's report given by Don Bennett. Activity spreadsheet distributed to members present.

Motion to approve the Treasurer's report by Brent Fischer, 2nd by Jeff Bock and carried with a voice vote.

Executive Director's report: Jim Page reports that the mask stockpile is slowly dwindling. Canister recall is still ongoing.

Membership: passwords: 319 agencies have signed onto the ILEAS webpage with passwords. Jim has narrowed the database of police agencies in Illinois down to 1008. Issue of who can belong to ILEAS or who should be able to belong to ILEAS was discussed. This will be handled by the Membership Committee to study and make recommendations to the Board.

Chicago has signed onto ILEAS, which necessitates amending the Articles of Incorporation, Article 3 Section 3.2 – Governing Board to include Chicago as a full member of the Board

Finance Committee: Don Bennett distributed a memo with the dues structure approved at the January meeting that will be given out at the Conference.

1 – 10	\$25
11 – 40	\$50
41 – 80	\$100
81 – 119	\$150
≥ 120	@200

Carl Hawkinson indicated the budget for 2006 is tentative at this time and may end up being less than 2005 funding. ILEAS will need to plan ahead and anticipate decreased funding in the upcoming cycle.

Jim Page and Jeff Chudwin are going to work together to come up with a maintenance budget for WMD-SRT.

This should also occur for the Car Plan.

Communications Committee: mailing to go to agencies to explain VHF radio and its capabilities. Jim Page will contact Motorola to have them set up a radio display at the Conference so everyone can see the product.

Car Plan: Doug Edmonds talked about reverse 9-1-1 and ongoing tests to ensure accuracy of cards and efficiency of system.

The NIPAS Board is being asked to utilize the ILEAS Alarm Card rather than the NIPAS Alarm Card.

Once everything is in place at NWCD, Peoria will be updated and made fully operational for ILEAS callouts.

WMD-SRT committee: 80 hour SWAT training is currently ongoing in Region 8.

Only three teams are fully functional at this time. Sustainable funding is key to training up the remaining teams and maintaining all teams.

Gary Stryker asked Jeff Chudwin and Jim Page to come back to the March meeting with an SRT budget plan.

Training Committee: Susie Nichols advised that ongoing SWAT training is not certified and must be certified in order to be funded with 2005 money. This will apply to future SWAT training. The current SWAT training is funded with 2004 money and is in compliance.

There are several SWAT training offerings in the state that need to be assessed to develop one universal course. This will have to have further discussion to find resolution.

ILETSB is currently certifying 12 courses and is working with IEMA and IFSI on this. ILETSB found a \$250,000 surplus between allocated funds and the contract. ILETSB has sent a letter to ITTF recommending that the \$250,000 surplus be used to fund Mobile Command Posts.

Jim Page indicated he needed permission from the Board to purchase equipment for SRT's as soon as the money was made available.

Motion by Brent Fischer to allow Jim Page to purchase WMD-SRT equipment with 2005 money as soon as money is allocated to ILEAS, 2nd by Jeff Bock and carried with a voice vote.

Motion by Bob Quarello to approve expense to provide physicals for all SRT members if the \$80,000 (\$210.00 each) expense is allowable under ODP guidelines, 2nd by Kevin Eack and carried with a voice vote.

Break for lunch at 12:10pm.

Meeting resumed at 1:10pm

Legislative Committee: No report

Annual Conference: Jeff Bock sent around a sign up sheet for staffing the ILEAS booth at the Conference.

Public Transportation: Pete Smith met with AMTRAK, PACE and CTA on January 19 to discuss evacuation protocols. More discussions are needed to sort out various issues. Pete passed out a brochure for a Naval Post-Grad school geared to homeland security and defense.

Old Business

Grants: Dave Owens advised that there would be a session provided at the conference regarding ILEAS grants. It has been suggested to limit grants to \$50,000 for individual departments and up to \$100,000 for consortium requests. Grants will be for interoperable communications and target hardening. Federal guidelines will determine what items qualify. Lists of items eligible in each area are listed on the ILEAS website. Grants will only be awarded to ILEAS members in good standing and meet the grant criteria. The amount of grant award will be based partly on what the grant application is written for. Grant applications will be required to be specific in language justifying the request. The hope is to spread the money out to include as many agencies as possible, but the requests that are well articulated will receive greater consideration.

SRT-UC command structure – Jeff Chudwin stated that team leaders from regions not involved in an event are being asked to make themselves available to assist in mitigating incidents.

Regional Distribution Teams (Field Force Units) – Tim Swanson conducted a survey through the IACP, ILEAS, and ISA to which he received 51 responses. Issues included availability of manpower, equipment and annual cost. The estimated first year cost for a 40-man team built from scratch is \$100,000. Tim suggested that a meeting should be scheduled with agency commanders to develop a plan and resolve issues.

Discussion ensued centering on uncertainty of future funding, training, prohibition of purchasing offensive type weapons with federal funds and a realistic cost estimate. This item will be re-addressed at the March meeting. Gary Stryker asked Tim to research real costs to report at that time.

Jeff Chudwin brought up WMD liability and use of force issues. Meetings with the Illinois Attorney General and U. S. Attorney offices should occur to determine what will happen in the event that there is a shooting by a WMD member, and determine where responsibility lies for investigating such an incident.

New Business

Jim Page will send out a notice to all board members notifying of Executive Board meeting to be held at the Annual Conference and issues to be covered.

Bill Feithen will chair nominating committee for election of Executive Officers.

Motion to adjourn at 2:30pm by Brent Fischer, 2nd by Jeff Bock and carried with a voice vote.