



**ILEAS Board Meeting  
May 26, 2005  
Crowne Plaza, Springfield, Illinois**

**Meeting attendees-**

Mel Messer, Mark Beckwith, Jon Brodzik, Jim Vazzi, Andrew Hires, Roger Scott, Bill Feithen, Terry Knop, Tim Lyerla, Don Kauerauf, Mike Chamness, Jim Page, Gary Stryker, Dave Owens, Jeff Bock, Pete Smith, Kevin Eack, Price McCarty, Steve Poole, Ralph Caldwell, Bob McCarty, Brent Fischer, John Janssen, Kristen Canterbury, Wendy Kremer, Doug Edmonds, Cindy Barbera-Brelle, Ron Shipp, Terry Lucas, Tim Swanson, John Zaruba, Jim Kuchenbecker, Don Volk.

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

- Introduction of attendees.
  
- Reading of the minutes. Motion to approve by John Zaruba, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dave Owens and carried with a voice vote.

**Treasurer's Report-**

- Executive Director Page provided the report for Don Bennett who was unable to attend. See contents handed out with agenda for more details.
  
- Director Page is still working with some departments on getting conference registration.
  
- Motion to accept by Sheriff Zaruba, Second by Sheriff Brent Fisher.

**Executive Director's Report-**

- There has been an increase in agency membership and completed alarm cards as a result of the grant requirements.
  
- The South Suburban SRT team had decided to opt out due the recent changes in the administration of several member agencies.
  
- Region 2 SRT may be divided into two teams of twenty-five members due to the size of the region.
  
- Peoria Police Department's new chief has expressed an interest in the SRT concept.
  
- Welcome to Wendy Kremer, ILEAS Grant Manager
  
- See Director's Report for further.

## **By-Law Changes-**

- Article-3: Addition of the Chicago Police Department as members of ILEAS. Motion by Sheriff Messer, second by Jim Vazzi, voice carries.
- Article- 11: Process in which by-laws may be repealed, modified, altered, or amended. Motion by Kevin Eack, second by Sheriff Zaruba, voice carries.

## **Communications-**

- Sheriff Messer is working with the Governor's committee on the ALERTS program.
- There have been 310 responses for the VHF radios with approximately five who have declined the radios. June 30<sup>th</sup> will be the deadline for the radios which are broadband based, pre-programmed, and contained in a "grab-n-go" pelican style case. Out of 1,067 departments surveyed, 310 responses were yes. Another newsletter went out yesterday. June 30 is the last day. Balance of money from the VHF radios will be moved to the MERCI Radio program (\$2.1 million for VHF projecting only a 50% request for the radios)
- Doug Edmonds reported that there was an ITTF Communications committee conference call. EMNET installation was discussed and is being finished up for all 911 centers and Fire department surveys are to be done soon.
- DuPage County hired a project manager to install all equipment in the ITECS trailers. The StarCom 21 program has ended however there is still money leftover.
- MERCI radio surveys went out and 201 of the 205 departments have requested them and the budget falls short.
- IREACH installations are being finished up and public health is going to be surveyed because they have a big interest in this project.
- Maintenance budget was discussed for FY06 and further years.

## **Grants-**

Dave Owens and Jim Page gave a grant report; which included the following:

- 387 grant applications, 53 were incomplete
- 18 consortium grants totaling 69 agencies - 18 lead agencies, 51 partner agencies 2 of which are not approved
- 265 individual agencies combined with 283 consortium agencies totaling 334 agencies.
- Interoperability requests- 92 applications for \$3,106,710.41
- MDC requests- 108 applications for \$3,897,497.72
- Target Hardening- 83 applications for \$3,416,770.49
- Total request- \$10,420,979.61
- Agencies that have received 2004 grants from last year but have not used the money will be given a thirty-day notice to submit the appropriate papers for reimbursement. After the thirty-days, the money that is left will be applied towards the new grants.

### **Special Response Team -**

- All but two of the Robots have been delivered to the teams with training completed. The issue of affixing a HAZ-MAT meter to the robot for entry into “hot spots” is being discussed with MABAS. ROBOTICfX, the manufacturer of the robots, has a non-disclosure agreement for the release of material about the robots to the media. E/D Jim Page is working with ROBOTICS addressing this issue. The units work on only four (4) frequencies. E/D Jim Page disbursed the robots accordingly so that there will not be a conflict with the frequencies when the units are being utilized.
- Sheriff Brent Fisher advised that he has between 27-29 members for the Region 6 SRT team
- South Suburban has decided to back-out of participation due to the change of various command staff within participating agencies.
- Region 2 SRT may be divided into two (2) teams due to the large area, which it covers. There will be additional discussion on this in the future.

### **Car Plan-**

- There have been three ILEAS call-outs compared to eighteen NIPAS call-outs.
- In the near future there will be test call-outs throughout the State. Communication Centers will be notified ahead of time about the test.
- Chief Swanson discussed the use of ILEAS for “manpower” call-outs instead of using NIPAS. President Stryker will speak with NIPAS regarding this.

### **Legislation-**

- President Stryker met with eight members of the legislation discussing ILEAS.

### **Annual Conference-**

- Next year’s conference will be March 5-7, 2006 at the Crowne Plaza in Springfield. Anyone with ideas for the conference is encouraged to forward them to the board. A conference committee meeting will be held at 8:00 AM on June 29<sup>th</sup>, before the next Board meeting.

### **Training-**

- IFSI is holding a train the trainer for Incident Management Assistance Team (IMAT) team. ILETSB is looking for people to attend. Course is June 20-26. President Stryker wants names turned into Jim by Friday.

### **Public Transportation-**

- There will be meeting in Evanston on June 6<sup>th</sup> with various transportation entities invited.

## **NIMS-**

- Pete Smith reported that he did a presentation at the DHS National Response Plan roll out meeting in Chicago and was also on a NIMS panel. He talked about ILEAS and seemed like a lot of other states are impressed with the structure of the Illinois program.
- Pete Smith also handed out an email from Gene Felchner, IEMA's training manager about the NIMS class for elected officials.
- Pete Smith, along with Don Kauerauf, ITTF and Chairman Chamness, ITTF spoke about how future funding from DHS will require you to be NIMS complaint.
- President Stryker requested that Dick Jaehne, Illinois Fire Service Institute come speak to the group about the National Response Plan (NRP).
- Chairman Mike Chamness, ITTF stated that the UASI will be doing an explosive device exercise in Fall 2006 and might enlist ILEAS to help.

## **Membership-**

- There are currently 735 members with 570 alarm cards. President Stryker encourages the regional board members to contact agencies in their region who are not current members or that are members but have not updated their alarm card.
- Chief Jim Kuchenbecker of the Washington Police Department was nominated to the board with the motion by Sheriff Owens, second by Bob McCarty with a voice carry.

## **Old Business-**

- President Stryker discussed the need for a Special Teams Grant Coordinator for ILEAS. This position would be part-time contractual position. A motion for the position of Special Teams Grant Coordinator was made by Sheriff Zaruba, second by Jim Vazzi and carried by a voice vote. A second motion was made by Sheriff Zaruba second by Sheriff Brett Fisher with a voice carry authoring E/D Page to negotiate with Jim Luecking, perspective candidate from Champaign.
- IESMA has been authorized to participate on the ILEAS website utilizing their portal. Money will be through ITTF for program development.

## **Field Force-**

- Smaller agencies may be more inclined to participate in the unit since the training is 2-3 times a year and would not affect the agency's staffing.
- President Stryker wants to write a letter to ODP/DHS to explain our need for ammunition and devises. Hope they can grant a waiver.

## **Law Enforcement Air Support-**

- Helicopter will be delivered to Country Side on June 2. The website for the unit is [www.IRASS.US](http://www.IRASS.US), available on the ILEAS website.

- Still looking for police equipment to outfit the helicopter, cost of \$200,000 to \$250,000.
- Several pilots have volunteered to pilot the unit when it is “air worthy”.
- The unit will provide rescue/police starting service to the Northern Illinois region.

#### **New Business-**

- President Stryker addressed the needs for a unified media release and associated “talking points” for ILEAS members. There seems to have been an increase from the media for interviews and information regarding ILEAS and Illinois’ preparation for Homeland Security. Kevin Eack will prepare a draft policy.

#### **RICP-**

- RICP will be utilized as a support staff services for mass mailings, postage, etc.
- There is an agreement with RICP and ILEAS for the equal sharing of various support services supplies and operations.
- President Gary Stryker and E/D Jim page will negotiate with Mike Chamness regarding future economic support both operationally and financially.

#### **Format for Regular Meetings-**

- During the regular board meeting, lunch will provided as a “working lunch” in order to complete the meeting earlier for members who have to travel. There will be a sign-in sheet for members attending the meeting. This is a requirement by the auditors.
- Now that ILEAS absorbs the cost of members attending the monthly meetings, there was discussion about only two (2) members from each region being covered for the monthly meetings. Further discussion took place regarding an August or September full meeting of all Regional Boards. Discussion to continue.

#### **Funding for FY06-**

- Chairman Mike Chamness talked a little about FY06 funding and the status in Washington. The House passed the Cox bill, which would be a huge cut for Illinois. Most of the funds will go to large risk areas and terrorist targets. There would be no Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention fund. Competing grants would be enacted. Senate Collins is Representative Cox’s counterpart in the Senate and she will be pushing for the same funding that we received in FY05.

Motion to adjourn- Sheriff Messer, second by Roger Scott, voice carries.

Next Board meeting will be June 29, 2005. Next Board of Officers meeting will be June 28, 2005.

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