



ILLINOIS LAW ENFORCEMENT ALARM SYSTEM CONSORTIUM
February 26, 2015, @ 1100
ILEAS Training Center – 1701 E. Main St. Urbana, Illinois 61802

➤ **Meeting called to order:** Board Vice President Tom Schneider called the meeting to order at 11:11 a.m.

➤ **Attendance was taken:**

Sheriff Dave Snyders	Absent
Chief Victor	Absent
Chief Bill Ackman	Absent
Sheriff Roger Scott	Present
Chief Patrick Finlon	Present
Sheriff John Zaruba	Absent
Chief Steve Neubauer	Present
Sheriff Mike McCoy***	Present Permanent Delegate Doug Gaa
Chief Brian Fengel	Absent
Sheriff Derek Hagen	Present
Chief Don Volk	Absent
Sheriff Jim Vazzi	Absent
Chief Steve Evans	Absent
Sheriff Andrew Hires	Absent
Chief Lyndon Thies	Present
Sheriff Tom Schneider	Present
Chief Wayne Gulliford	Present
Lieutenant Colonel Tad Williams	Absent
Deputy Chief Steve Georgas	Present
Chief Eric Smith	Absent
Sheriff Keith Brown	Absent

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

Out of 21 members 9 Board members were present with 1 delegate.
Since there was no quorum, no action was taken on topics that were discussed.

➤ **Introductions**

○ **Guests**

Executive Director Du-COMM Brian Tegtmeyer – ILTERT/Communications

➤ **Public Comments**

This was discussed: Public Act 96-1473 amended the Open Meetings Act to require public bodies to allow the general public the right to speak at public meetings. As a public agency, ILEAS needs to have a policy developed and enforced by the Board to govern public participation.

➤ **Approval of Minutes of December 11, 2014**

The minutes of December 11, 2014 Board meeting will be approved at the April 28, 2015 Board meeting.

➤ **Financial**

○ **Grant & Fiscal Report**

Jan Plotner gave a brief overview of ILEAS' financial status.

○ **Overtime/Backfill Shortage**

Since the last Governing Board meeting, ILEAS has come up with some money from ITTF to pay some, but not all of the shortage of overtime/backfill. ILEAS has \$1.5 million in the FY14 budget which will be available on April 1, 2015 and for the period of 4/1/15 through 3/31/16. On January 5, 2015, ILEAS emailed all the 309 Chiefs and Sheriffs who participate in special teams through ILEAS. Detailed analysis of the responses and comments are attached. Jim Page stated that changes are already underway. Doug Gaa, representing Sheriff McCoy of Peoria County proposed an alternate suggestion. He suggested providing a fair representation of the 12 month budget for each team. The goal for the team leader then was to hit the reimbursement rate at 100% while meeting training requirements. This avoids not knowing what the floating reimbursement rate or what the shortfall would be. Further discussion was had concerning the added management burden on team leaders, change in the number of reimbursement requests submitted, or guaranteed minimums. ILEAS will continue to work on possible solutions.

Due Status 2015

The dues invoices for 2015 will be out early summer.

▪ **Irving PD Dues Waiver Request**

The Village of Irving has requested a dues waiver. RPC Fellows has been working with them to get the new LEMAA signed. They want to stay an ILEAS member but cannot afford the dues at this time.

○ **Lease for the Training Center**

ILEAS has signed a lease agreement for the ILEAS Training Center that will last until December 31, 2016. We are paid up through March 31, 2015, however, the terms of the Federal grant is that we cannot obligate ourselves to any contract (the lease) that extends past the end performance date of the grant. The grant we will use to pay for the lease starts April 1, 2015 and ends March 31, 2016. Normally we would be submitting a drawdown request to pay through at least December 31, 2015 when our current lease expires. The comptroller does not want us to extend it past the State Fiscal Year, which ends June 30, 2015. Staff is processing a drawdown request for \$109,247.80 which will pay through June 30th. ILEAS cannot submit a request for the rest until after July 1st, however, the Comptroller's office shuts down from July 1 through mid-August so that they can close out the books from the previous year. Loans were discussed. Staff will propose a solution at the April Meeting.

○ **IPWMAN Contract**

The Board authorized staff to enter into an agreement with the Illinois Public Works Mutual Aid Network at the November 07 2013 Governing Board meeting to provide administrative support to IPWMAN in exchange for non-federal funding for a period of six months. The agreement was renewed by the Board for an additional 6 months at the July 2014 meeting. This agreement has been implemented without being detrimental to ILEAS. IPWMAN and ILEAS have conferred and made no substantive changes to the substance of the current agreement. The only changes are that the contract is for 12 months and there is no longer a reporting requirement for ILEAS staff.

➤ **Current Issues & Updates for Board**

○ **Elections and Nominations**

Online voting will start at 1000 on March 2, 2015 and end at 1500 on March 13, 2015 after notice is sent at least twice to the entire eligible membership for elections of Governing Board

Co-Chairs. Nominations were reviewed by the Election Committee of Wayne Gulliford, Mick McAvoy and Jim Page, which were appointed at the last Governing Board meeting.

- **WMD SRT Standard Operating Guidelines**
Randy Olsberg wrote the WMD SRT Standard Operating Guidelines document and sent it to all team commanders for input. They have all approved it
- **LEMAA Implementation Progress Report**
As of December 1, 2014 ILEAS has received either resolutions or signed LEMAs from 657 agencies. (70%) The original mutual aid agreement is still in effect for each agency that signed it until the agency signed the new one. That can continue except that in March, of next year, there is an election. Only Chiefs and Sheriffs from agencies that have signed the new Agreement can run for the Board in the next election. All current Governing Board members have submitted their new LEMAs. Staff requests that the Board discuss the potential of a policy providing that no agency shall receive funds or equipment from ILEAS until after having signed a new LEMAA. Staff also suggests that this policy be enforced starting in April of 2015 when the LEMAA has been adopted for one year, the new Governing Board is elected from participating new LEMAA members and an announcement can be made at the Conference. Discussion concerning requiring all special teams agencies sign the agreement.
- **Public Participation and Recording Policy**
Public Act 96-1473 amended the Open Meetings Act to require public bodies to allow the general public the right to speak at public meetings. As a public agency, ILEAS need to have a policy developed and enforced by the Board to govern participation. Any person shall be permitted an opportunity to address public officials under the rules established and recorded by the public body. Staff requests that the Board adopt this policy. Once it is adopted, staff will put the policy in the proper form and publish it on the website with other ILEAS Policies.
- **NIPAS**
The Board has briefly discussed the issues regarding the NIPAS Mobile Field Force. The co-chairs of Region 4, Sheriff Zaruba and Steve Neubauer along with Director Page and President Snyders have worked with NIPAS President Clint Herdegen (Libertyville PD Chief). President Snyders sent a letter to NIPAS for their review. The definition of Mobile Field Force has changed to fit in a more "All Hazards" approach, a broader mission than what NIPAS originally participated in. The NIPAS Board met and discussed the issue. Jim Page and Steve Neubauer met with Clint Herdegen and Patrick Kreis (Winnetka PD Chief) to discuss the details. The NIPAS Team will not continue to be part of the ILEAS MFF. Agencies have expressed an interest in filling the gap and forming a team to replace the NIPAS team.
- **Long Term Management Plan**
Executive Director Page stated that while he has no immediate plans to retire, he has been thinking about long term management. ILEAS should be thinking about a transition plan before Jim Luecking and Jim Page decide to retire. Steve Neubauer suggested that Page put together a 2 page plan and present it to the Board for discussion.

➤ **Old Business**

- **New Bylaws**
The new Bylaws were adopted by the Board at the last meeting in December 2014. They have been PDF'd and posted on the ILEAS web page under the membership tab.
- **Foundation Update**
The Foundation will once again be donating at least \$8,000 for the Conference. Angela Page auctioned off the last page of the program booklet and was able to secure \$600-\$800 for advertising.
- **Legislative Update**
The bill sponsored by Rep. Elaine Nekritz in the last session died and was not voted on. However, in this session, Rep. Nekritz and Senator Pamela Althoff are submitting identical companion bills – SB99 and HB2423.
- **FirstNet Update**
Included in the issues document are FirstNet stats and successes.

- **Conference Update**

There are 476 registrants as of February 18, 2015. ILEAS is examining the possibility of moving to a new venue next year.

- **New Business**

IEMA's new director is James Joseph. James is very familiar with our program and supports us. The School Safety Program contract expires 30 Jun 15. The program will move from ILEAS

- **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

These minutes were respectfully submitted



Dave Snyders
President