



**ILLINOIS LAW ENFORCEMENT ALARM SYSTEM INC.**  
**JUNE 26, 2008**  
**ILEAS Training Center**  
**Urbana, Illinois 61802**  
**Meeting Minutes**

- \* Meeting called to order by President Mark Beckwith at 0900
- \* Attendance

<b>ILEAS GOVERNING BOARD</b>	<b>REGION</b>	<b><i>Present</i></b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
Sheriff Gab Cady	ISA	X	
Chief Tom Braglia	IACP		X
Chief Mark Beckwith	2	X	
Sheriff Dave Snyders	2	X	
Chief Don Bennett	3	X	
Sheriff Roger Scott	3		X
Chief Jeff Chudwin	4	X	
Sheriff John Zaruba	4		X
Sheriff Brent Fischer	6	X	
Chief Ralph Caldwell	6	X	
Sheriff Robert McCarty	7	X	
Chief Jim Kuchenbecker	7		X
Chief Chris Sullivan	8		X
Sheriff Jim Vazzi	8		X
Chief Larry Evans	9	X	
Sheriff Andrew Hires	9		X
Sheriff Tom Cundiff	11		X
Chief Lyndon Thies	11	X	
Dep. Director Bruggeman Insp. Kevin Eack-Delegate	ISP	X	
Deputy Supt. Mike Shields	CPD		X
Commander Wayne Guliford	CPD	X	

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- \* Approval of minutes from April 16th, 2008 meeting

**Motion to accept the minutes from the April 16th, 2008 meeting made by Sheriff Brent Fischer  
2nd by Sheriff Dave Snyders  
Motion carried.**

- \* Treasurer's report

Treasurer Don Bennett outlined financial statements and accounts for ILEAS Corporation. Director Page pointed out account shortages of approximately \$27,000.00 attributed to the lack of State funding. Accounts are being moved from First National Bank and transferred to National City accounts. President Beckwith explained our efforts to encourage legislators and thanked people who helped with the reception.

**Motion to approve the financial report made by Chief Lyndon Thies  
2nd by Chief Jeff Chudwin  
Motion carried.**

- \* Executive Director's report

Director Page conducts informational presentation on topics covered in Executive Directors report. Topics that included additional discussion include:

WMD/SRT - 2 Air trucks and 6 response vehicles have been ordered. Chief Jeff Chudwin states that if ILEAS were to order a 3rd truck at this time, the overall price per truck would be reduced by \$20,000.00 to \$30,000.00 but this offer would have to be taken advantage of quickly. Chudwin suggests calling UASI group and encouraging them to make their order to take advantage of this offer. Pete Smith reports that UASI eliminated the 3rd Air Truck from their priority list and was not going to place an order. Chiefs in this area feel that a Bomb Disposal Unit is a higher priority for UASI. Director Page suggests that the budget be researched to determine if ILEAS can cover the cost of a 3rd Air-truck since one Bearcat was removed from the budget. Chief Chudwin points out that the northern part of the State needs this capability since Fire Service will not prioritize police mission in the event of an incident. Board recommends that Director Page research budget and if finances exist, put the measure to purchase 3rd Air Truck up on On-Line Vote.

**Motion to accept the Executive Directors report as given by Director Page made by Sheriff Robert McCarty  
2nd by Sheriff Gib Cady  
Motion carried.**

- \* Special Teams.

Director Page discussed the outline of where teams are located. Indicated that while an additional SRT/WMD Team is not possible, a Mobile Field Force should be considered for the Central/Eastern part of the State especially around the major colleges.

IL-TERT Presentation - Doug Edwards. Doug discussed the progress of the IL-TERT program and the status of national level coordination for telecommunications initiatives. This group is developing a team leader program and promotional video to discuss and educate agencies on the program. In Illinois, 35 agencies have enrolled with intergovernmental agreements. Trained approx 60 T/C team members. Waiting for team leader program to get finished to get them trained. Developing online roster program and alarm card system. The video being designed to promote the program to fire, police and city administrations. Web site will give general information about any deployment and what to expect. [www.njti-tert.com](http://www.njti-tert.com). Chief Jeff Chudwin thanked the board for assistance in getting grant funding for their communication system.

\* Mutual Aid

Use of Special Teams

Director Page reports that a Mobile Field Force was called out for a tornado response while a WMD/SRT Team was deployed for flood relief efforts. Questions whether this is an appropriate use of these assets. Director Page points out that agencies should make requests for specialized resources through Northwest Central or ILEAS rather than calling individual teams. By following this guideline, ILEAS will coordinate through the State EOC to ensure that reimbursement and recognition of the problem is made from the beginning. By not requesting resources through the proper channels, there is no documentation or accountability for the requesting agency or ILEAS leaving the possibility for lapses in liability and control. Additionally, it was discussed that by making the request through appropriate channels, the proper asset could be assigned. If there is a situation that requires a tactical team, then a tactical team can be sent but if it is just a manpower issue, a regular alarm card should be pulled. President Beckwith asks if we need to educate our members on the proper way to use our assets. Bill Feithen suggests keeping the process of activation out front and make it a topic at ILEAS conferences. Dispatchers are the ones who actually make the calls for assistance so it was suggested that some sort of placard or poster system be investigated to make the process easier.

Director Page states a need to have a liaison staff member in the SEOC when there is a disaster. Jim outlines how important it is that a representative be present however the funding to pay for this individual was removed by the State administration.

Susie Nichols - reports that the suggestions made are very good including the posters to place in dispatch. Other ideas include web-conferencing since people are more likely to review training over their computers rather than missing work to attend classes. Transportation costs are another factor for looking into on-line training options.

\* Deputy Director Bruggeman addresses meeting reference State resources.

STIC center talking to the private sector about them becoming engaged. Since 2004, there has been a website exchange of information between the State and private sectors which has been successful. Several companies have elected to

put an employee in the STIC facility. Initially, this was not the course ISP wanted to go. This created a business intelligence side that paralleled and sometimes overlapped government efforts to gather and report security intelligence. The Federal Government was initially against providing funding for private intelligence sharing and accumulation. A number of larger corporations are suggesting private funding to hire analysts to represent private interest in STIC. Initially there may be as many as 5 employees that would man the STIC center continuously to accept and disseminate information between law enforcement and the private sector. Director Bruggeman stressed that although information would be fed into and received from the STIC, that local agencies would not be cut out of the loop when information is received that may be of importance to the fire and police agencies in that area. Discussions will be held within the next month where it will be determined if enough private funding will be obtained. Director Bruggeman requests that these funds be turned over to ILEAS who would then act as the employer of these individuals for a management fee. The analysts would work at STIC under an ILEAS contract. ISP requests that ILEAS conduct the hiring however they would like to have a representative participate in the process if possible. STIC is being expanded to include the fire service. Chief Caldwell mentions the need to make sure that local authorities are informed when something that comes into STIC is sent out. Communications have to stay open. Director Page outlines manpower and the fact that we have a large span of control going on with all of these people we are adding for a number of other groups. As he has done in previous meetings, he suggests the board will have to consider the idea of creating 2<sup>nd</sup> level of command within the ILEAS structure. More information is expected as details are worked out.

\* Rick Slagle from Anniston joins meeting. He thanks board and staff for everything done for law enforcement across the state. He is incredibly awed by the status of ILEAS and what we have here. He is very proud to have delivered the first class at new facility. Nearly all future law enforcement classes for this area have been schedule to be directed through ILEAS.

\* UASI Report - Pete Smith.

Pete has been attending UASI meetings as a representative for ILEAS. Pete feels a good relationship has been established between the two organizations. UASI is discussing including assets into the ILEAS inventory data base search. ILEAS has been issued a seat on a regional planning initiative for the three state, regional planning committee formed with newly received grant funds. Chief Chudwin re-addresses the air truck issue. Chief Chudwin requests that it be noted that while he has no problem with the fire service providing air, they have different priorities than law enforcement during incidents and cannot be considered our only air resource. He believes that after investing over \$10 million on WMD/SRT, a failure to spend an additional \$230,000.00 for a northern air truck would be an issue of "false economy." Director Page will review the budget to see if this is possible. Feithen suggests before we do this, can we bring issue up to UASI and ITTF and point out the critical need for this equipment. Pete Smith states that regional Chiefs do not agree that this is a piece of equipment that is critical and when they prioritized, even with NIPAS input, they feel there are enough air trucks. Pete believes that the issue has been discussed and UASI is aware of both sides but chose against the air truck. Chief Caldwell supports Chindwin's position on having our own equipment.

Director Page reminds all the board voted in 07 budget to buy 10<sup>th</sup> armored vehicle. Since that vehicle is not needed because Region Seven has disbanded, we could reallocate that money to an air truck.

**Motion to allow Director Page to research the budget for available funds to purchase a 3rd air truck using previous Bearcat money. If funds are available, the decision to purchase the air truck should be presented by On-Line Vote. Motion made by Sheriff Fischer.**

**2nd by Sheriff McCarty**

**Motion carried.**

\* Legislative/Funding.

The 911 license plate fund about generates approximately \$100,000.00 per year. In the past this was split with other organizations. This year, we will be getting approximately \$45,000.00 which will cover our insurance costs for the year. This is not a revenue source we can count on for future years.

The ILEAS Training facility received a \$40,000.00 Illinois Clean Energy grant for lighting inside the center.

\* Local grants

Mobile Data Computer Grant Committee meets on July 11<sup>th</sup> to make awards after reviewing all equipment requests.

\* Old Business - Director Page outlined agencies with overdue dues.

\* New Business

Board Meetings

Discussion was held about the difficulty of gaining a quorum at meetings due to low attendance. It was opened for discussion about possibly adopting a quarterly format rather than the current arrangement. Chief Chudwin believes that quarterly is too far out and that the current arrangement allows everyone to see each other and interact more often. President Beckwith requested stats on members who aren't regularly attending to contact and them and seek a commitment or appoint a delegate. Chief Caldwell suggests staying to bimonthly and then rotate between the training center and Springfield to allow for local people to offer short presentations.

\* Susie Nichols reports that the training board knows their budget will be cut. She reminded the board that MTU courses for ILEAS were funding by training and standards board but they will be looking to reduce costs. Oct 22 and 23, the Springfield MTU is hosting a school executive summit regarding on-campus active shooters. A speaker from the Beslan Russia incident will be attending.

\* President Beckwith thanks Sheriff Cady and ISP for their assistance after the recent loss of one of their officers.

- \* Director Page discussed that on the agenda for the 15 July ITTF meeting is a requirement for ILEAS to become NIMS compliant as if they were an actual police agency. Additionally, ILEAS may be required to confirm that any agency that receives any type of funding or service from ILEAS is also NIMS compliant under the most current definition. Pete Smith will continue to investigate and report what our requirements are. Agencies should go to the ILEAS web-site to review current and future requirements.

- \* Adjournment

**Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Chief Jeff Chudwin  
2nd by Director Bruggeman  
Meeting adjourned at 1100**