

By-Laws of the Illinois Law Enforcement Alarm System Regions

Article I – Authority

The Illinois Law Enforcement Alarm System (ILEAS) was established by Intergovernmental Mutual Aid Agreements in 2002. System membership is in full force and in effect with the passage and approval of a companion ordinance by a participating agency, in the manner provided by law, and executed by a representative of a participating law enforcement agency who has the legal authority to sign and enter into this Agreement on behalf of his law enforcement agency.

Article II – Purpose

ILEAS is organized to provide a system of Mutual Aid among participating law enforcement agencies. The purpose is explicit in the “intergovernmental agreement” reading as follows:

This agreement is made in recognition of the fact that natural or man-made occurrences may result in situations which are beyond the ability of the individual community to deal with effectively in terms of manpower and equipment resources on hand at a given time. Each community has and does express its intent to assist its neighboring communities by assisting some of its manpower and equipment resources to an affected community as resources and situations allow. The specific intent of this agreement is to permit the police departments of each community to more fully safeguard the lives, persons, and property of all residents.

Article III - Membership

Section 1

Before any agency may become a member of ILEAS, its membership must be approved by the Governing Board. Membership shall be limited to law enforcement agencies, as defined by Illinois Statutes.

Section 2

Governing Board officers, will by a majority vote, approve or disapprove the membership of any requesting agency after the submission of approval of application form and the recommendations of an active ILEAS member.

Section 3

Member agencies each have one vote.

Section 4

When considering membership, the Governing Board shall consider all factors including:

- A) Agencies’ capabilities of providing or being resources to ILEAS communities.
- B) Geographic proximity to other ILEAS communities.

Section 5

Applicants shall become members upon the approval of the Governing Board, the execution of the Intergovernmental Mutual Aid Agreement by the corporate authority of the applicant agency, and the payment of fees or dues, if any.

Section 6

Members who fail to meet their obligations in accordance with the Intergovernmental Mutual Aid Agreement or with these Bylaws may be excluded from membership by a two-thirds vote of the Governing Board.

Section 7

By a two-third vote of the Governing Board, any agency found responsible of any behavior detrimental to law enforcement or whose continued membership would prove detrimental to ILEAS, shall be suspended or expelled from membership. Before any member may be suspended or expelled, the member will be notified of the hearing and shall have a right to appear before the Governing Board.

Article IV - Board of Officers

Section 1

The Governing Board of ILEAS shall consist of the Co-Chairmen (one Chief and one Sheriff from the region), Secretary, Treasurer, the immediate past Co-Chairmen, and Sergeant of Arms. The Co-Chairmen shall serve for a two-year period. The remaining members of the Board shall be appointed, by the Co-Chairmen, to a one-year term of officer at the Annual General Meeting. All officers must be the Chief Executive Officer or official designee of a participating ILEAS agency.

Section 2

The Governing Board shall have the authority to take all appropriate actions and to perform all duties required to accomplish the goals of ILEAS.

Section 3

The Governing Board shall convene at a time and place specified by the Co-Chairmen. The Co-Chairmen shall preside at the meeting of the Board of Officers and conduct business for ILEAS. Minutes of these meetings shall be provided to all members.

Section 4

Decisions by the Governing Board shall be determined by a simple majority of the members present.

Section 5

Objections to rules or actions by the Governing Board may be made by any member. Objections by members will be brought to a vote by the general membership and decided by a majority vote.

Section 6

The Governing Board shall promulgate an operational plan for giving and receiving aid under the provisions of the Intergovernmental Mutual Aid Agreement.

Section 7

In the event that the Co-Chairmen are unable to agree on rules or action, they will be brought to the Governing Board to be decided on by majority vote.

Article V – Officers of ILEAS

Section 1

The officers of ILEAS shall consist of the Co-Chairmen, Secretary, Treasurer and Sergeant of Arms. They shall have been a member, in good standing, for at least one year prior to their election.

Section 2

The Co-Chairmen shall hold office for a term of two years or until their successors have been duly elected, providing they continue to qualify for active membership during their term of office. All officers may be reelected or appointed for additional terms of office. The Secretary, Treasurer and Sergeant of Arms are appointed by the Co-Chairmen with approval by the Governing Board. Vacancies to the position of Co-Chairmen within the two-year term will be appointed by the remaining Co-Chairmen subject to approval by the Governing Board.

Section 3

A Nominating Committee consisting of three Active Members shall be appointed by the Co-Chairmen of the Governing Board. It shall be the duty of the Nominating Committee to present one nominee to serve if elected prior to placing the name in the Nomination. The current officers shall not serve as Nominating Committee Members. Any active member of ILEAS may make additional nominations from the floor.

Section 4

Election shall be by ballot. If there is but one nominee for each office, election may be by voice vote. A majority shall elect on the first ballot. In the event no candidate receives a majority vote, a second ballot shall be taken between the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes. Elected officers shall be installed at the first annual meeting and shall assume their duties of office at that time.

Article VI – Duties of the Officers

Section 1

The Co-Chairmen shall preside at all general meetings of ILEAS.

Section 2

The Secretary shall keep an accurate record of the proceedings of all meetings for ILEAS. He or she shall carry on all official correspondence of the Association under the direction of the Governing Board, provide to each member the official minutes of all meetings, and maintain charters and legal documents and all official records and correspondence.

Section 3

The Treasurer shall receive all monies of ILEAS and shall be custodian of all funds; these funds to be deposited in a financial institution approved by the Governing Board. The treasurer shall give a full report at the General Membership Meeting. The treasurer shall also sign checks and perform such duties as usually pertain to the office.

Section 4

The Sergeant of Arms shall keep order in all the proceedings of all meetings for ILEAS. He or she shall provide guidance to the Governing Board on the proper protocols for meetings as dictated in Roberts Rules of Order.

Article VII – ILEAS Staff

Section 1

The Governing Board officers are authorized to appoint and discharge staff to help carry out administrative duties of ILEAS.

Section 2

The duties and responsibilities of appointed staff personnel are defined in the ILEAS “Definitions and Operating Procedures.”

Article VIII – Compensation

Section 1

All officers and members of the Governing Board shall serve without compensation.