

ILLINOIS TERRORISM TASK FORCE
Minutes of Chairs Meeting
April 28, 2010
ATTENDEES

Committee Chairs

Chamness, Mike – Illinois Terrorism Task Force-Chair

Bioterrorism Committee

Edmiston, Mark - IL Department of Public Health

Communications Committee

Noble, Jan - IACP

Crisis Response/Prevention Committee

Haley, Rob- Illinois State Police

Elected Officials Committee

Donnewald, Pam – Illinois Municipal League

Emergency Management Committee

Hawk, Curtis - IESMA

Fire Mutual Aid Committee

Reardon, Jay - MABAS

Information Technology Committee

Keen, Pat – Illinois State Police

Law Enforcement Mutual Aid Committee

Beckwith, Mark - ILEAS

Private Sector Committee

Tishuk, Brian – Chicago First

Public Information Committee

Clarke, Scott – American Red Cross

Moos, Mike – Office of State Fire Marshal

Science and Technology Committee

Drucker, Harvey – Argonne Laboratory

Training Committee

Clark, Dave – IFSI

McClain, Kevin - ILETSB

Transportation Committee

Korty, Tom– IL Dept. of Transportation

Urban Area Committee

Ramos, David – Cook County DHSEM

Volunteers and Donations Committee

Hanneken, Michelle – ITTF

Other Attendees

Hawkinson, Carl

Staff Members

Kauerauf, Don – Illinois Terrorism Task Force Co-Chair

Avart, Cyndi – ITTF

Aders, Darryl - ISP

Beamer-Pfeifer, Julie - ITTF

Beaty, Rick - SOS

Casella, Edie - ITTF

Clark, Deb – ITTF

Desai, Lisa – IEMA

Evans, Bob - ITTF

Cunningham, Maureen – IEMA

Knuppel, Ashley – ITTF

Matkaitis, Larry – OSFM

Muller, Greg – ISP

Taylor, Belinda – ISP

Kustermann, Aaron – ISP

Alexander, Sara – Chicago First

Allen, Craig – FBI

Rushing, Randy - FBI

Evans, Bob - ITTF

Fritz, Jeff - ILETSB

Grim, Mike - SOS

Guardiola, Cesar – Cook County DHSEM

Ricker, Jennifer – IEMA

Sackett, Sue - ITTF

Sanji, Roy - ISP

Watts, Jim - OSFM

Zimmerman, Tom – ITTF

Illinois Terrorism Task Force (ITTF) Chairs Meeting – April 28, 2010 - 11:00 a.m.

Welcome and Acknowledgements

Chairman Chamness welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Chairman Chamness acknowledged and thanked Jim Watts, who has served Chief of Operations for 23 exceptional years of service to the Illinois Emergency Management Agency. He is now serving as Senior Advisor to the State Fire Marshal. He also recognized Carl Hawkinson, former Deputy Chief of Staff for Public Safety in the Governor's Office.

Chairman Chamness announced that Director Andrew Velasquez was appointed by the President to become the new FEMA Region 5 Administrator.

Special Presentations

Chairman Chamness expressed his appreciation to Director Velasquez for his guidance and leadership to bring this agency forward.

Chief Jay Reardon, on behalf of the Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MABAS) and the fire service in the State of Illinois, expressed appreciation by presenting Director Velasquez with the MABAS Leadership Award.

Director David Ramos, Cook County Department of Homeland Security & Emergency Management, expressed appreciation for the Director's leadership and continued support.

ITTF Issues

Chairman Chamness discussed the Revised Illinois Terrorism Task Force Committee Structure Discussion Points handout. The ITTF Charter serves as a blueprint for the ITTF and the roles and responsibilities of the ITTF Committees. The concurrence of the Committee Chairs is to take this document forward to the full the May ITTF Meeting for adoption to the ITTF Charter.

Motion to present to the full ITTF Membership: David Ramos
Seconded: Kevin McClain
Motion Carried by Committee Chairs

State Preparedness Report

Co-Chair Don Kauerauf discussed and sought input and guidance from the ITTF Committee Chairs to complete the Illinois State Preparedness Report. The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) State Preparedness Report is required of all states and assesses where the states are in achieving the 37 targeted capabilities established by FEMA.

Formulating 2010 Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Budget

Co-Chair Don Kauerauf stated the 2010 DHS Grant application has been submitted and requested that the committees start formulating their budgets for the projects that were approved.

Short-term Strategies

Chairman Chamness discussed the following short-term strategies that were discussed at the March ITTF Chairs Meeting as follows:

1. Program Funding of statewide preparedness centered on high risk-threat/population - Complete prior approved projects – prioritize core mission.
2. Collaborate Preparedness (link urban/area/state projects).
3. Integrate Intelligence in Preparedness Decision
4. Preparedness in all-hazard focused/non- terrorism specific
5. Validate (exercise) Core Capabilities

6. Establish Contingency Plan to sustain capabilities.
 7. Sustain Critical Mutual aid systems/establish as needed to sustain core mission.
- Additional short-term strategies discussed included:

8. To assess our capabilities of resiliency with the loss of response capability i.e., workforce, critical infrastructure.
9. Complete Credentialing System.
10. Incorporating private sector groups to provide assistance with disasters.

New Business

- The next Chairs/ Full ITTF meeting will be held May 26, 2010 at the Illinois Emergency Management Agency, Springfield, Illinois. Committee Chairs will meet at 11:00 a.m. and the full ITTF meeting will be held at 1:00 p.m.

Motion to adjourn.