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IL State Police  
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## Terrorism Task Force - Training Sub-Committee

### Activities Prior to September 11, 2001

In March 2000, the State Terrorism Task Force organized an interagency training sub-committee to define and prioritize a training strategy. The sub-committee is co-chaired by the Illinois Fire Service Institute (IFSI) and the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board (ILETSB), with representatives from:

- ◆ Chicago Fire Department
- ◆ Chicago Police Dept
- ◆ IL Department of Nuclear Safety
- ◆ IL Department of Public Health
- ◆ IL Dept of Transportation
- ◆ IL Emergency Management Agency
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The training sub-committee conducted several working sessions to develop a concept for terrorism training. In May 2000, a concept strategy was approved by the full task Force and immediately implemented. The training program was built upon the nationally recognized groundbreaking work of Chief John Eversole, Gene Ryan and the special operations staff of the Chicago Fire Department begun in response to Federal anti-terrorism legislation in 1996-98. These programs expanded hazardous materials (HAZMAT) mitigation and terrorism response protocols and programs and provide the solid base upon which the statewide terrorism training program was built. The strategy was reviewed and updated post-11 September 2001.

In 2000 and 2001 statewide training programs conducted 2,008 classes, totaling 365,701 student hours for 40,240 first responders plus 3,127 officials and interested citizens attended the Governor's Public Information Workshops. It was recognized from the start that the program had to both create a curriculum tailored to Illinois first responder needs and get the training to the local level, when and where first responders were available to participate in the training. To achieve this, a set of courses was created that was based upon national terrorism and HAZMAT curriculum and state first responder standards. Sixteen ILETSB Law Enforcement Mobile Training Units (MTU's) and twenty IFSI Regional Training Centers (RTC's) were designated in partnership with local communities spread throughout Illinois. A series of Train-the-Trainer courses were conducted to create a statewide instructor network, and instructional kits were published and distributed. A key component was to incorporate existing technical standards for hazardous material and emergency medical certification into the terrorism training thus reducing the additional training time demands on local responders.

The 3-year total of homeland security training 2000 – 2002 is:

	Year 2000	Year 2001	Year 2002	Total
<b>Classes</b>	<b>986</b>	<b>1,022</b>	<b>1,408</b>	<b>3,416</b>
<b>Enrollments</b>	<b>18,547</b>	<b>24,820</b>	<b>30,069</b>	<b>73,436</b>
<b>Student Instructional Hours</b>	<b>139,153</b>	<b>226,548</b>	<b>855,637</b>	<b>1,221,338</b>

#### Training Concept.

Using existing training organizations, Mobile Training Units, Regional Training Centers, and established networks of instructors, the sub-committee member organizations initially developed curriculum and course materials in FY 2000, focused on instructor training and initial course delivery in FY 2001, and maximum delivery in FY2002 and beyond. The program provides for training focused on nine critical groups: elected officials, fire, police, emergency management, public & private health, public and private works, private sector decisionmakers and first responders, educators, and non-government organizations.

## Activities After September 11, 2001 through 2002

The State Training Plan was updated post-9/11/01 to address 9 objective areas.

**Objective #1 - State Weapons of Mass Destruction Team (SWMDT) Training.** Completed unified command training for each of the 3 interagency teams,

- ◆ Implemented a program to provide IFSI instructors as technical advisors.
- ◆ Trained additional SWMDT personnel to HAZMAT & Terrorism Operations level.
- ◆ SWMDT assisted by IFSI conducted two demonstrations for 581 public officials.
- ◆ SWMDT and technical advisors participated in two countywide WMD Exercises involving Fire, Law enforcement, Emergency Medical Services, FBI and Civil Support Team.

**Objective #2 - All First Responders.** To establish a statewide program of training for local first responders to provide a basic level of knowledge and skills for first response and initial scene management / incident command. 2002 accomplishments:

- **1,268** - Classes and Train-the-Trainer programs
- **21,218** – Enrollments (training for City of Chicago 2,088 participants)
- **166,938** - Student Instructional hours (SIH)

**Objective #3 - Unified Incident Command.** To provide incident command systems training that will ensure that On-scene incident commanders, local and State Emergency Operations Center processes and protocols can effectively direct emergency response and coordinate with federal response to a terrorist incident. 2002 accomplishments:

- **82** - Classes and Train-the-Trainer programs
- **1,464** - enrollments
- **23,336** - SIH

**Objective #4 - Specialized Technician (Tier 3) Teams.** To provide for a prioritization system for allocation of terrorism training within Illinois based upon assessed terrorism risks, and response requirements and capabilities of local and regional emergency first response organizations. 2002 accomplishments:

- a. **Specialized Team Training - National Training.** Members of the SWMDT, CST, IFSI Technical Advisors, and the City of Chicago Fire Department participated in Department of Justice Surveying and Forensic Sampling for Biological and Chemical Operations Level Course. The course was carried out in three week sections, first two weeks in the City of Chicago, the last week at Dugway Providing Grounds, Utah.
- b. **Specialized Team Training – HAZMAT**
  - ◆ **HAZMAT Technician (IFSI)**
    - 18 classes, 550 enrollments, 21,925 SIH
    - Additional trailers and towing vehicle purchased in 2002 with supplemental State Homeland Security Training funds.
    - Technician-level curriculum updated to 2002 NFPA 472 Standards
  - ◆ **Specialized Rescue (MABAS, CART, Chicago Fire Department and IFSI)**
    - Using funds from the Illinois Homeland Security Supplemental appropriation, students fees for various rescue classes were waived for Spring 02 rescue courses resulting in: **65 classes for 243 fire departments, 1413 students and 24,488 SIH.**
    - IFSI developed curriculum and built a system of training props for structural collapse rescue, and the first-ever statewide 40-hour class for 32 students.
    - Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MABAS) conducted a statewide review of specialized rescue team capabilities.
    - OSFM established State fire service certification standards, IFSI & selected regional fire training academies offered courses in technical rescue training for:
      - Technical Rescue Awareness
      - Vertical Rescue (I, II, III)
      - Confined Space Rescue
      - Trench / Below Grade Rescue
    - Additional trailers and towing vehicle were purchased with supplemental State Homeland Security Training funds.
    - Spring 02 first series of Collapse rescue operations and technician training courses.

- Numerous tool manufacturers including, AMKUS, Bosch, HURST, Paratech, and Stanley donated tools to be used in rescue classes throughout Illinois.
- Chicago Fire Department committed to a IFSI-led training program to deliver Vertical I training to their Squad Companies, as well as several Suburban Fire Departments.

**Objective # 5 - Public Information.** To make public terrorism awareness information available locally, regionally and at the state level. 2002 accomplishments:

- ◆ SWMDT and IFSI technical advisors gave two demonstrations for 450 people.
- ◆ IEMA , Chicago Fire Department and IFSI technical advisors gave three demonstrations in the City of Chicago for 156 people.
- ◆ Numerous public forums addressed.

**Objective # 6 - Key Decisionmakers.** To provide events and information that will achieve “buy-in” for implementation of critical homeland security programs by local, regional and state government and public safety organization decisionmakers. 2002 accomplishments:

- ◆ **Governor’s Public Information Sessions.** During November 200, task Force members conducted 16 information sessions for 3,128 participants for 12,512 SIH.
- ◆ **Homeland Security Planning Workshops and Summit.** 18 Homeland Security Planning Workshops were held for 823 participants for 6,584 SIH.
- ◆ **Homeland Security Summit** was held in May of 20-21, 2002 for 150 state and local government officials from every region of the State of Illinois.

**Objective # 7 - Public Health.** To provide weapons of mass destruction / homeland defense training to public health and medical preparedness and response staff. 2002 accomplishments:

- ◆ **Domestic Preparedness: Improving Hospital and Provider Response to a Bioterrorism Event.** 22 presentations, 1,249 participants, 69,944 SIH.
- ◆ **Communicable Disease and Immunizations conference.** 551 participants, 4,275 SIH.
- ◆ **The Bioterrorism Summit 2002: Preparing the Heartland.** 750 participants, 12,000 SIH.
- ◆ **Emergency Medical courses for Response to Terrorism (IFSI).** 3 classes, 717 participants, 1704 SIH.
- ◆ **IMERT “Boot Camp” (IDPH).** 4 classes for 209 participants, 1,463 SIH.

**Objective # 8 - Prevention.** To provide training and education to assist in prevention, preemption and intelligence Fusion. This new objective was established in fall 02 as a result of input received at the state-wide Homeland Security Summit and in response to concerns there needs to be a focus on crisis management training in addition to the focus on consequence management training.

- Law enforcement was particularly concerned that training was required to be more proactive and less reactive.
- Further study is required to address the ability of Illinois first response organizations to prevent and preempt acts of terrorism.

**Objective # 9 - Support Organizations Personal Safety Awareness.** Goal established in December 2002 to develop homeland security Personal Safety Awareness course for Support Organizations.

## 2003 Goals projected through 2007

Training goals for the 5-year period are to provide local access to Tier 1-3 first response capability within 1 hour in each of 26 regions and sub-regions in Illinois. This goal was established based upon recommendations from the Homeland Security Summit and direction of the Illinois Homeland Security Coordinator. The training sub-committee estimates that the goals established for 2003 must be extended on an annual basis through 2007 to fully achieve that training strategy. In addition, availability of funding to cover overtime / hire-back costs for specialized technician-level team members is essential to the creation of Tier 3 – level response teams for statewide response.

### Objective # 1 Goals - SWMDT Teams.

- Provide ERT:BC, HAZMAT Technician A and B training for additional team members and refresher and advanced response training for current team members.
- WMD, MABAS Teams and IFSI technical advisors will participate in response exercises .

### Objective # 2 Goals - All First Responders

- ◆ **HAZMAT Awareness for Fire Service (12 hours) (IFSI)**
  - Continue to deliver awareness training and provide assistance to State Instructors through on-line awareness program and Regional Training Centers.
  - 11 instructor-training sessions will be delivered annually.
  - Web-based on-line program will be expanded to include State Instructors
- ◆ **HAZMAT Awareness Refresher for Fire Service (IFSI) (8-24 hours)** (For those already certified as HAZMAT Awareness.)
  - Continue to deliver training
- ◆ **Emergency Response to Terrorism: Basic Concepts (IFSI, ILETSB, IEMA) (12 hours fire service & 8 hours for all public sector employees)**
  - Continue to deliver training.
  - On-line program will be available in 2003
  - Provide additional resources to Regional training sites
  - Provide 11 Train-the-Trainer courses for State Instructors annually.
- ◆ **HAZMAT Operations**
  - Will deliver training to MABAS teams established for prioritization and through Haz-Mat grant provide training to additional departments.
  - Provide opportunity to departments to do partnership training
  - Additional trailer and towing vehicle will be utilized in the State Instructor programs.
  - Critical training aids and equipment repositioned at key RTC's.

### Objective # 3 - Unified Incident Command

- ◆ **BOMAC Incident Command Course (ILETSB and Illinois State Police)**
  - 50 classes available annually.
- ◆ **HAZMAT Incident Command System (IFSI / fire service)**
  - 10 classes, 350 students, 5,600 student instructional hours annually.
  - 10 Train-the-Trainers for State Instructors annually.

### Objective # 4 - Specialized Technician (Tier 3) Teams

- ◆ Attend selected national training courses offered by the Office of State and Domestic Preparedness, Department of Justice, Department of Defense and National Fire Academy. Priority given to SWMDT and IFSI instructors.
- ◆ Train and equip Response teams for Statewide MABAS response.
- ◆ Implement a training program to create the initial Illinois USAR teams by offering 4 complete series of operations and technician-level courses, 2 sets in Champaign, 2 in the Chicago metro area.
- ◆ Implement a system of team validation.

### Objective # 5 Deleted and moved to Public Information sub-committee.

### Objective # 6 - Key Decisionmakers

- ◆ Continue planning workshops for key local & regional elected officials and public safety officials
- ◆ Enhance Homeland Security Website(s) as a training information Clearinghouse.

- ◆ Establish a Speakers Bureau

**Objective # 7 - Public Health**

- ◆ **Domestic Preparedness: Improving Hospital and Provider Response to a Bioterrorism Event.**
  - 6 Courses, 400 participants
- ◆ **Annual Immunization/ Communicable Disease Conference**
  - 1 conference, 500 participants
- ◆ **IMERT Boot Camp TTT**

**Objective # 8 - Prevention**

- ◆ Train the Trainers for MTU's to deliver ISP Recognition/ Prevention for Law Enforcement Officers
- ◆ Programs to establish preplanning of events, protocol, and standard operating guidelines for first responders.

**Objective # 9 - Support Organizations Personal Safety Awareness**

- ◆ Create course(s) to provide Personal Safety Awareness for second and third responders.