

Crisis Response and Prevention Committee

Purpose Statement

The mission of the Crisis Prevention and Response Committee is to provide oversight, direction and planning for all prevention and response efforts in Illinois relative to terrorist activity, the use of weapons of mass destruction, or other major incidents. The formation, training, and equipping of both prevention efforts and strategies; the creation of private, local, state, and federal partnerships; and the development of multi-layer response capabilities are among the committee's roles and accomplishments.

2008 Key Activities

- The Statewide Terrorism and Intelligence Center (STIC) instituted web conferencing to conduct live meetings, presentations and security briefings over the Internet to meet the needs of the private sector regarding infrastructure security awareness. Monthly all-crimes briefings at the "For Official Use Only" classification level were conducted. STIC was able to engage the private sector in a more efficient manner.
- STIC and the Missouri Information Analysis Center (MIAC), along with the Chicago Crime Prevention Information Center (CPIC), St. Louis Terrorism Early Warning Center, Kansas City Terrorism Early Warning Center, Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), and Department of Homeland Security (DHS), conducted a three-week criminal intelligence analyst exchange training program. A multi jurisdictional strategic intelligence product was produced through this collaboration.
- The Office of Counter Terrorism (OCT) remained active in investigating suspicious activity reports and opening investigations on terrorist activity in conjunction with the FBI Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF). The Illinois State Police (ISP) remained one of the top contributors to the JTTF.
- The OCT chaired the Midwest Homeland Security Consortium for the fourth straight year. The consortium was established in 2004 by OCT to strengthen relationships and collaboration between Midwest states and major cities with counter terrorism units or fusion centers. This organization has been recognized by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and represents 12 Midwest states and several major cities.
- The OCT strengthened the capabilities of key stakeholders in the state's homeland security preparedness plans, including the Illinois Department of Natural Resources Conservation Police, Secretary of State Police, Illinois National Guard, Illinois Department of Transportation, Illinois Department of Corrections, Illinois Department of Public Health, and others.



- The Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) and ISP collaborated with the Illinois Law Enforcement Alarm System (ILEAS) to update the Illinois Chem-Pack Preparedness and Response Plan. Preparedness and response representatives from IDPH, ISP and ILEAS worked to ensure coordination between the chem-pack hospitals and local law enforcement, local emergency medical services and local health departments to allow for timely delivery of antidotes anywhere in the state during a nerve agent event.
- State Weapons of Mass Destruction (SWMD) Teams completed the following training:
 - Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC) boat operators anti-terrorism training
 - United States Coast Guard waterborne operations training
 - Illinois Fire Safety Institute (IFSI) rescue rope training
 - Special Purpose Expedient Decontamination System (SPEEDS)



- The SWMD Teams conducted Department of Homeland Security on-site reviews of Illinois nuclear power plants and riverboat gambling casinos.
- SWMD Teams also conducted personal security and chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear (CBRNE) package deployments for Morris Dees and campaign visits to Illinois by Senator Barack Obama, as well as the election detail in Chicago.



- The State Weapons of Mass Destruction Teams deployed personnel and equipment to the flooding along the Mississippi River in western and southern Illinois during the spring of 2008.
- The Illinois Incident Management Team (IL-IMT) currently consists of 66 team members from various disciplines. These members provide emergency management assistance to local and state governments for both planned events and emergency deployment.
- The IL-IMT continues to work under the direction of the IL-IMT Sub-committee and the leadership of both the Illinois Terrorism Task Force and Illinois Emergency Management



Agency. IL-IMT team members provided Incident Management for the following in-state and out-of-state major incidents:

- Northern Illinois University (NIU)/DeKalb school shooting incident
- flood fight 2008 deployment along the Mississippi River
- Hurricane Gustav/Ike deployment to Baton Rouge, Louisiana and McComb, Mississippi
- election night 2008 rally, Grant Park, Chicago



- The IL-IMT hosted the first ever All-Hazards Incident Management Team (AHIMT) Conference in October 2008 on the NIU campus in DeKalb. Incident Management Teams (IMTs) from various states and locations were represented, including Pennsylvania, Texas, Alaska, Indian Nation, FDNY, New York State, Hawaii, Michigan, Wisconsin, Chicago FD, and Illinois. This conference served to provide very useful information to the Department of Homeland Security in Washington, D.C.
- The IL-IMT maintains an active web-site, which can be found at:
<http://www.imtcenter.net/IllinoisIMT3/default.html?TeamID=73>

2009 Initiatives

- In response to the upsurge in violent gang crimes, the ISP created a Gang Intelligence Coordinator (GIC) position within STIC as part of their Violent Crime Initiative. The GIC is responsible for directing all activities regarding gang intelligence, including training, tactical case support, strategic analysis, case referrals, and reports in support of the program. In addition, five analyst positions were created to support this initiative.
- STIC will increase their preparedness, prevention, and response capabilities to all crimes, all-hazards, all-threats. This perpetuates a well-rounded, cross discipline approach to sharing a wide range of information among those responsible for providing public safety services to the citizens of Illinois.
- STIC will continue to leverage technology to enhance collaboration among the homeland security community. Using technology advances, including portal, web conferences, and virtual workspaces, STIC will develop and expand partnerships to augment the safety and security of the citizens of Illinois.
- The OCT will continue to work with STIC on its private sector initiative/outreach, including the Infrastructure Security Awareness (ISA) Program to expand infrastructure protection efforts to better provide critical infrastructure data to STIC.
- The OCT will continue to foster ongoing collaboration between state and local law enforcement, DHS, FBI JTTF, private stakeholders and the STIC to prevent, detect, investigate, and respond to terrorism activity.



- The OCT will continue outreach to the public, associations, organizations and other homeland security stakeholders regarding Illinois' homeland security strategy and accomplishments.
- The OCT will continue to assist in leading planning meetings, discussions and training/exercises to ensure there are robust and resilient plans in place to prevent, detect and respond to man-made or natural threats, including pandemics, chemical, nuclear, biological or similar incidents affecting critical infrastructure; major events; or other threats to Illinois citizens.
- SWMDTs will continue the use of Groove computer workspaces to increase communication, coordination and awareness for all participating agencies. This workspace includes equipment utilization, layout, footprints, training and operational reports, meeting agendas and schedules.
- SWMD teams will continue to formalize rollout procedures and blueprints for all issued SWMDT equipment to ensure consistency throughout the program.
- The IL-IMT created both a Policy and Procedure Manual and Qualification System that are reportedly among the first in the nation for an AHIMT Type III Team. Both the IL-IMT Policy and Procedure Manual and the Qualification System are a direct result of efforts extended by the IL-IMT members and the leadership of the IL-IMT Subcommittee.
- The IL-IMT Subcommittee and team members remain committed to the concept and look forward to working together in the future with the vast number of state agencies represented. The Illinois IMT is one of the top recognized IMTs in the nation.

