

## Elected Officials Committee

### Purpose Statement

The mission of the Elected Officials Committee is to establish two-way communication with elected officials regarding the state's homeland security strategy and the yearly goals.

### 2008 Key Activities

The Elected Officials Committee was reformed in the summer of 2008. Members include:

Gary Koch, Director of Communications, Illinois Municipal League – Chairman

Dale B. Adams, Village President of Rockton

James E. Bohnsack, Chairman, Rock Island County Board

Joe Cook, Mayor of Channahon

Rick J. Gottman, Mayor of Vandalia

James McMahon, Chairman, Vermilion County Board

Raymond Muniz, Village President of Saint Jacob

Richard Reinbold, Village President of Richton Park

Victor M. Ritter, Mayor of Herrin

Bryan Smith, Executive Director, Township Officials of Illinois

Robert P. Walter, Mayor of Fairbury

Mick Wisslead, Mayor of Macomb

Ron Wooten, Chairman, White County Board

Karen McConnaughay, Chairman, Kane County Board

Activities have focused on NIMS training and compliance among local officials.

### 2009 Initiatives

- Conduct an assessment to determine baseline knowledge of emergency preparedness of elected officials and first responders.
- Develop an educational program that trains elected officials and first responders on homeland security programs and emergency preparedness that support disaster response and recovery.
- Continue to provide coordinated NIMS training through newly elected officials programs and annual conferences.

