

Private Sector Committee

Purpose Statement

The ITTF Private Sector Committee was established to foster dialogue/partnerships/affiliations between private sector entities and Illinois' homeland security agencies. With the private sector controlling 85 percent of the nation's infrastructure, government alone cannot safeguard private infrastructure/business assets following a critical incident/disaster and provide response and recovery to the community without pre-established public/private sector collaboration, communication and partnerships.



2008 Key Activities

- The committee-sponsored Private Sector Alliance Project (PSAP) is an ongoing example of engaging public/private representation to promote a culture of information sharing, preparedness and partnership. The project is first preventative in functionality then action-oriented in preparedness and response/recovery activities. The Project is comprised of two mutually sustaining programs: 1) Infrastructure Security Awareness (ISA) and 2) Mutual Aid Response/Resource Network (MAR²N).
 - Infrastructure Security Awareness (ISA)—Using community policing initiatives, strategies and policies at its foundation, the ISA program seeks security professionals as the primary keystone for reporting detection of suspicious activities associated with terrorism/other criminal activities and all-hazards. Alerts, warnings, threat assessments and daily briefings are shared with members. Interested private sector representatives complete background information through a vetted process. Members exchange critical, “responsibility to inform” information as well as information obtained within the corporate security community with an emphasis on infrastructure security and asset protection. The communications tool for access to other members as well as the Statewide Terrorism & Intelligence Center (STIC) is the DHS Homeland Security Information Network (HSIN) portal. Information housed on the HSIN portal is organized by categories and can be posted, requested, reported, viewed and shared by participants. The program also provides access to STIC intelligence personnel for research and analysis of sector-specific homeland security information.
 - Mutual Aid Response/Resource Network (MAR²N)—Critical response components of Illinois government are engaging the private sector to unite in a two-fold approach for 1) regional response support and 2) clearinghouse resource deployment needed during emergency response and recovery. Program personnel are identifying existing



public/private grassroots efforts at local/regional levels of partnerships for preparedness, response and recovery. From a centralized perspective, it is essential to recognize these existing partnerships



to provide outreach or employ these associations to augment a centralized response through support and resources at a local level. The clearinghouse will contain resources available from the private sector through Memorandums of Understanding/applications and include reimbursement and terms of use of equipment. These resources will supplement those gleaned at the operational center through government outreach. The program emphasizes proactive preparedness through both the clearinghouse and regional response support. MAR²N is designed to act as a force multiplier between the public and private sector to mitigate the impact of critical incidents, including natural disasters and acts of terrorism.

- The monthly webinar private sector intelligence briefings sponsored by STIC were initiated in March 2008 to meet the evolving needs/requests of the private sector to share, contribute and receive information jointly through Illinois' fusion center. Members of the ISA program sign-on for the briefings at a location of their choice and are provided "responsibility to inform" terrorism, all crimes and all hazards information at international, national, and local levels.
- The MAR²N database is progressing from a planned viewpoint to execution of a user-friendly system of critical resources to aid in emergency response efforts. This system will be categorized by National Incident Management System (NIMS) resource type code and be accessible at the Private Sector Liaison position at the SEOC.
- The private sector web page is updated to include an official logo, a link to the FBI's private sector initiative InfraGuard and the applications for membership to ISA and MAR²N. The web page will evolve to include additional updated information and content reflecting the current foundation for the PSAP initiative.
- The proposal to evaluate the business processes of the HSIN/ISA communications Internet portal is still pending due to funding and resource allocation.
- The Private Sector Committee co-chairpersons are in the process of seeking private sector representatives to become committee members. Also under deliberation is the formation of an advisory board consisting of cross-sector representation to provide oversight and sustainment of private sector committee initiatives.

2009 Initiatives

- PSAP Kick-Off Forum—A kick-off meeting will be held in early spring to convene public agency and business stakeholders in a forum to officially launch the Private Sector Alliance Project and discuss methodologies and opportunities for initiating additional and expanding existing public/private partnerships.



- A private sector liaison will volunteer and partner with complementary public agency representatives when SEOC is activated to provide response, assistance and resource deployment during times of critical incidents/disasters.
- The “Shared Intelligence Resource (SIR) Program”—a pilot enterprise between ASIS International and STIC to fund salaries of intelligence analysts committed to serving the intelligence information requirements of the private sector while deployed at the fusion center.
- Private sector responders, when required to evaluate and address issues and results from critical incidents affecting their assets/properties, will need credentialing for authorized admittance at these scenes. An initiative is under consideration to effectively distribute credentialing to private sector representatives during times of incident/needs.
- Mutual inter-state initiatives with public/private partnerships—Illinois and California are sharing strategies, best practices and lessons learned regarding private sector partnership initiatives and opportunities to glean these efforts for future deployment within their respective states.
- Outreach during private sector activities—The ITTF Private Sector Committee will conduct presentations/displays at private sector workshops, conferences and trade shows to inform and reinforce homeland security awareness and public-private partnerships in Illinois.

