



ILLINOIS – IMT *NEWS*

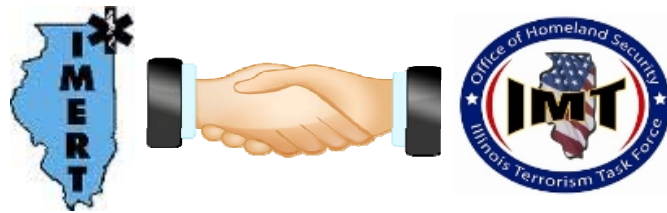
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Special Interest Articles:

- IL-IMT is a Deployable Asset.
- Hurricane Sandy Deployment.
- NIMO and other training opportunities.

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Illinois IMT partners with IMERT

Illinois Incident Management Team is on the move!

At the November 14-15 meeting Team Co-chair Steve Clarkeson briefed the team that a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) has been signed between the Illinois Medical Emergency Response Team (IMERT) and the

Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA). This MOU specifies that IL-IMT has partnered with IMERT. As a part of IMERT, IL-IMT is now considered a Mobile Support Team (MST).

Steve stated “this agreement now will permit the team to be a deployable state asset. This will also provide the stimulus for our members

to remain as active and dedicated to the mission of providing incident management to locals in need”.

Illinois IMT is made up of over 70 local and state members from police, fire, emergency medical services and emergency management dedicated to assist local government through the use of incident management principles.

IL-IMT is now a MST and was deployed to the Hurricane Sandy Disaster

The timing of becoming a MST could not be better. Right after meeting the MST requirements defined by IEMA, a request was made for our team to be deployed to the east coast in response to Hurricane Sandy.

The team was deployed to Suffolk County, New York from November 5-18, 2012.

Go to the IL-IMT website at www.illinois/imtcenter.net for more pictures.



Representing IL-IMT from left to right: Ralph Webster, Bob Elliott, Tom Lovejoy, Eric Hodges, Bill Farnum, Joe Jones, Alan Gower and Mark Bridges.



Thank You - Colonel Richard Jaehne

Illinois Fire Service Institute Director Richard Jaehne realized that the homeland security program in Illinois needed training in both NIMS material and the practical application of such courses. Director Jaehne was instrumental in the development of the training regimen that was needed to develop IMT in Illinois. He advocated the formalization of the IL-IMT as part of the response framework in Illinois by working with the Illinois Terrorism Task Force and the Illinois Emergency Management Agency. Director Jaehne also worked closely with the ITTF to formalize the credentialing process needed to get team members qualified in their respective positions. Dick was always "well armed" as discussions and votes were held at the ITTF on IL-IMT formation and development. Director Jaehne was also instrumental in the planning and execution of the first IMT conference that was held in DeKalb Illinois at Northern Illinois University. The "white paper" that was the outcome of that conference is still used today by FEMA and DHS in decisions involving all hazard incident management team legislation and funding. Director Jaehne was invaluable in getting the team to where it is today! Director Richard Jaehne retired from IFSI this August and we wish him well in his future endeavors.



Thank You - Jeff Schwanke

In June of 2005 Jeff Schwanke made his first trip to Illinois to serve as lead instructor for the 7-day All Hazards Incident Management Team Training Class. It was really hot that summer and Jeff commented that there really was no need for fire training in Illinois as, "nothing could possibly burn with all this humidity!" A mere three months later, class members had a chance to put the training to work as they deployed to assist the State of Louisiana in the hurricane Katrina response. The valuable insight that Jeff and his team brought to that first AHIMT class in Illinois was invaluable as was subsequent training that Jeff delivered in Illinois on additional AHIMT classes. Jeff also served as mentor to the Illinois Fire Service Institute team members who served as the instructional core for the Command and General Staff Classes and All Hazard Position Specific Classes. Jeff also assisted in All Hazard Task Book completion at two Fire Colleges and one all hazard technical rescue team and hazardous materials team validation exercise in Illinois. Through it all Jeff became more than a mentor. He became a trusted colleague and friend and has always been IL-IMT's greatest cheerleader nationally. Jeff's trips to Illinois were never without humorous stories and anecdotes. Truly IL-IMT owes a great debt to Jeff Schwanke and his team of mentors and instructors.

*"Jeff Schwanke is a national leader in Incident Management and has guided Illinois as we have developed.
Joe Gasparich,
Homeland Security Program Director, IFSI*

NIMO Training Opportunity Comes to Illinois

As mentioned at the team meeting earlier this month, the 3rd annual IL-IMT training event supported by the National Incident Management Organization (NIMO) is being planned. You are encouraged to participate!

WHO: Atlanta and Phoenix NIMO, IL-IMT, IDNR IMT, Mark Twain National Forest IMT, Shawnee National Forest IMT.

WHAT: Two day training event taught by Bob Houseman's NIMO Team members

Day 1 includes: Review of the planning process, team dynamics, risk assessment and practical exercises.

Day 2 includes: A practical exercise to include transition to/from another team.

WHERE/WHEN: Joliet area (specific location to be determined) February 6-7, 2013.

WHY: To further develop our team skill sets and work in conjunction with other teams.

HOW TO REGISTER: In order to plan for sufficient lodging and team assignments you must commit to participate by 12/19/12. Sooner is better! If you can participate, send an email to Bob Elliott at elliott@isp.state.il.us. include;

1. Team position you prefer to be assigned and,
2. If lodging is needed for FEB 5th, FEB 6th or both.

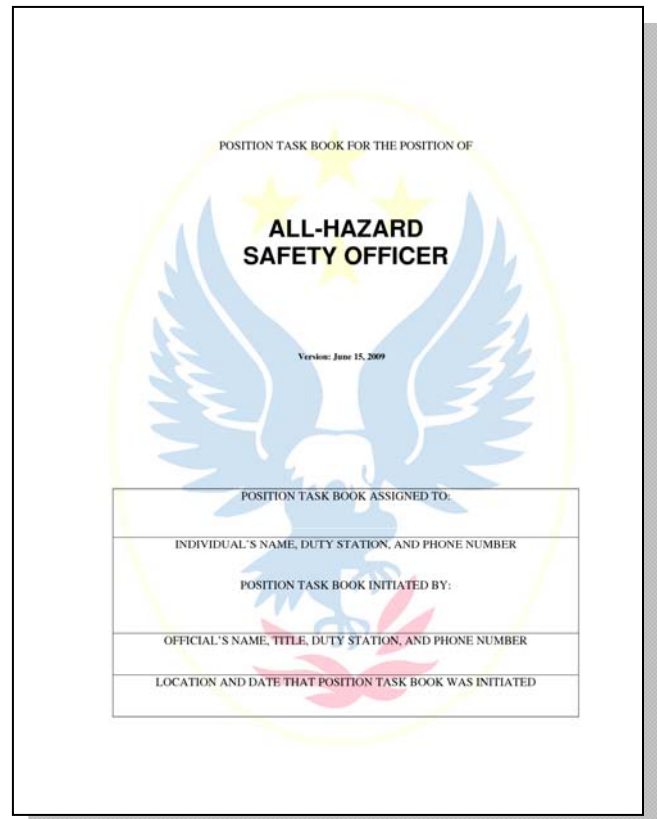
Additional information will be sent at a later date to those participating in the training.

Training Calendar

Class	Date	Location
2012		
SOFR	November 26-29	Cahokia
2013		
FASC	February 20-21	Champaign
LSC	March 4-8	Bloomington
RESL	April 8-11	Champaign
PSC	May 14-17	Cahokia
OSC	July 9-12	Bloomington
PIO	TBD	Chicago

Training grants and federal funds are becoming more difficult to come by. It is highly recommended that you take advantage of the training offered while it is made available through grants.

For more information on these classes contact Joe Gasparich with IFSI.



2013 Meeting Schedule

Planning Section Chief Matt Bryan announces the following tentative 2013 meeting schedule.

New to team members is the requirement to complete three training exercises every year. The meeting schedule will incorporate training programs that will assist you in meeting this new team requirement.

Further information will be made available to team members on the team requirements and other activities. Remember by attending a team meeting you learn what is the newest and latest in IMT as well as an opportunity to sharpen your skills.

MEETING SCHEDULE:

DATE	LOCATION
January 17, 2013	Springfield (OSFM)
April 11-12, 2013	Springfield (IEMA)
June 13-14, 2013	TBD
August 22-23, 2013	TBD
October 17-18, 2013	TBD
December 12-13, 2013	TBD

“It is critical that team members attend meetings to keep up with new information and to remain qualified through training as required by IEMA.

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See us at: www.illinois/imtcenter.net

Recently Added to the Website

Pictures from Hurricane Sandy deployment and PIO class; FTP now has newest member roster, newest radio ID list and the 2012 NAERG.

Check It Out!

About Our Organization...

Illinois IMT is comprised of approximately 70 members of law enforcement, fire, emergency management and the private sector from throughout the state. We are trained to perform the various positions in the Incident Command System structure. Illinois IMT is self-sufficient with our own supplies and equipment. **We report to the local government requesting us.**

IMT can provide crucial assistance by:

- Providing a team made up of different emergency disciplines that looks at your situation from an "All Hazard" point-of-view.
- Providing a team with expertise to assist in managing the incident.
- Performing specific staff and command functions for which you need assistance.
- Aiding in the development of your Incident Action Plan (IAP).