



City of Rochelle Police Department

Memo

To: City Manager Plyman
From: Chief Higby
Date: 072114
Re: I.L.E.A.S.

The City of Rochelle's Police Department is currently a member of I.L.E.A.S. (Illinois Law Enforcement Alarm System), which is a mutual aid consortium of over 900 local law enforcement agencies. We have been a member since the inception of the system, and we responded to the first ever call-out which was the Utica tornado in 2004. The I.L.E.A.S. board has recently made some changes make the mutual aid system more flexible. As a result, the City of Rochelle will need to pass a resolution to adopt these changes. It should be noted that the changes will not change the call-out procedures, governing board or the operation. The new agreement establishes a smooth transition from the original document over a period of time. It is written in such a way that the current agreement and the new one can co-exist for a period of time without causing operational disruptions.

The differences between the current and new agreements are as follows:

- The clarity of intent that the signatory member public agencies agree to create I.L.E.A.S.
- The inclusion of basic by-laws into the actual agreement.
- The establishment of an amendment process so that the agreement can be kept current without completely replacing it each time an improvement is necessary.
- More clearly defining the legal foundation of I.L.E.A.S.
- Establishes a more specific minimum level of insurance coverage for participating agencies.
- Expands the definition of law enforcement personnel to include correctional officers so that sheriffs can utilize the mutual aid agreement to assist each other with jail emergencies.

I have attached a sample resolution for your convenience.

