



City of Rochelle Police Department

Memo

To: City Manager Plyman
From: Chief Higby
Date: 082213
Re: Illinois TERT

The Rochelle Police Department wishes to become a member of the Illinois Telecommunicator Emergency Response Taskforce (IL-TERT). TERT since 2006, has been an intergovernmental mutual aid program which provides teams of highly qualified public safety/9-1-1 telecommunicators to respond rapidly to disaster scenes in or out of Illinois, and to provide assistance to other Illinois PSAP's (Public Safety Answering Points). These telecommunicators can be deployed to incident command or to the aforementioned stricken PSAP's. Effective communication in disaster situations requires the deployment of professional telecommunicators who have been specially trained in incident command and field operations.

TERT has entered into an intergovernmental agreement with IEMA (Illinois Emergency Management Agency) and works closely with MABAS (Mutual Aid Box Alarm System) and ILEAS (Illinois Law Enforcement Alarm System). In order to become a member of TERT, the City of Rochelle also must enter into an intergovernmental agreement. It should be noted that the attached agreement is the one that must be passed in order to become a member. TERT does not accept language changes to their version.

Selection of participants is determined by the member agency. A telecommunicator is recommended to have a minimum of 3 years of experience, be EMD certified, and complete ICS 100,200,700 and 800. Participants are not mandated to respond to all deployments. Responding to situations where an Illinois state of emergency has been declared or an out of state deployment under the terms of an emergency management assistance compact (EMAC), would qualify for reimbursement. Transportation to emergency scenes will be done on a case by case basis.

In short, at this time it does not cost the police department money to become a member of TERT. The 46 member agencies will receive better assistance with their communications during emergencies, and it is my recommendation that we proceed with the membership process.