

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2003 - 016

A RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER
INTO AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT WITH OTHER
ILLINOIS POLICE AGENCIES TO PROVIDE POLICE SERVICES

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
CHAMPAIGN, ILLINOIS as follows:

Section 1: That the City Manager is hereby authorized to enter into the Illinois Law Enforcement Alarm System Mutual Aid Agreement with other Illinois police agencies to provide police services in situations beyond the resources of a single community.

Section 2: That the City Manager is hereby authorized to take such steps as are desirable and necessary to accomplish the agreement referred to in Section 1 above.

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PASSED

APPROVED: _____
Mayor

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Attorney



REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Steven C. Carter, City Manager

DATE: January 04, 2003

SUBJECT: Explanation of Council Bill No. 2003-016

A. Introduction: The purpose of this Council Bill is to authorize the City Manager to execute the Illinois Law Enforcement Alarm System mutual aid agreement. This agreement allows all participating agencies in the State to provide mutual aid when requested.

B. Recommended Action: The Administration recommends the approval of this Council Bill, which would authorize the City Manager to execute the Illinois Law Enforcement Alarm System mutual aid agreement.

C. Prior Council Action:

- In September 2001 Council authorized a mutual aid agreement within Champaign County.

D. Background:

1. Necessity for Police Mutual Aid: There are emergencies or other occurrences, either natural or man-made, that may result in situations beyond the resources of a single community. For this reason, most police departments render mutual assistance to other departments in time of need. Mutual aid plans establish procedures for governing mutual aid requests. Some examples of the types of events that could lead to a need for mutual aid include, natural disasters such as tornadoes, acts of terrorism, riot situations, train accidents, hazardous material spills, and various large scale planned special events.

2. History of Local Mutual Aid: Police departments in this area have a long and successful history of assisting one another during both routine and critical incidents. Champaign has been involved in mutual aid agreements with other local agencies for many years. Mutual aid agreements approved in 2001 are in effect between the departments of Champaign, Urbana, University of Illinois, Rantoul, Parkland College, Thomasboro, Mahomet and Champaign County.

3. Illinois Terrorism Task Force Strategy: This task force was created prior to September 11, 2001 but has developed a statewide anti-terrorism strategy since that date. Two major components of this strategy are statewide mutual aid between all law enforcement agencies in

the state, and Special Regional Containment Teams. These teams will be made up of local law enforcement officers and would respond to acts of terrorism or other major disasters or emergencies and contain them until the Illinois State Police Weapons of Mass Destruction Teams can respond. These special containment teams will be equipped and trained at state expense and will be located throughout the state. Although it has not yet been determined exactly how the regional teams will be formed they will be made up of current SWAT or other specially trained officers. It is likely that the Police Department's Swat Team will be involved in the Special Regional Containment Team for East Central Illinois. The anti-terrorism strategy also includes cooperation between those teams and the Illinois State Police Weapons of Mass Destruction Teams, Illinois Medical Emergency Response Teams, local Fire Department Hazardous Materials and Technical Rescue Teams, the Illinois National Guard 5th Civil Support Team, and Urban Search and Rescue Teams.

4. Proposed Illinois Law Enforcement Alarm System Agreement: This system is modeled on the statewide Fire mutual aid system, that the Fire Department is already a signatory to (MABAS) and has been developed by the Illinois Terrorism Task Force as a key portion of their statewide strategy. In essence it would expand the Police Department's mutual aid responsibility and benefits from countywide to statewide. The proposed agreement is very similar in wording and scope to the agreement currently in place with the local police departments in Champaign County. However, unlike the Champaign County agreement it covers only disaster or emergency situations and not pre-planned events or routine situations. This system will be managed by the Illinois Law Enforcement Alarm System (ILEAS) governing board. This board is made up of Police Chiefs and Sheriff's who are the co-chairs of the regional mutual aid boards as well as representatives from Chicago PD, Illinois State Police, the Illinois Sheriff's Association and the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police.

In order to most directly benefit from the statewide response to terrorism it will be necessary to become a part of this mutual aid system. It should be understood that the decision to render mutual aid remains with the local police chief. If equipment or personnel cannot be spared at the time of the request the local chief will notify the requesting chief or sheriff that the request cannot be filled. Nothing in this proposed agreement changes anything in any other previous agreements that the City has with other local departments.

E. Alternatives:

1. Approve the Council Bill authorizing the City Manager to execute the Illinois Law Enforcement Alarm System Mutual Aid Agreement.
2. Do not approve the council Bill as proposed and provide further direction to staff.

F. Discussion of Alternatives:

Alternative 1 would expand the local mutual aid system to other police agencies in the state that wish to participate.

a. Advantages

- Provides for mutual aid during terrorism and other emergencies that cannot be handled with local resources only.
- Expands the mutual aid agreement beyond Champaign County.
- Resources provided to the City are provided at no cost.
- Allows the City to be more directly involved in statewide anti-terrorism strategies.
- May result in additional training and equipment for the Police Department's SWAT Team.

b. Disadvantages

- The Champaign Police Department may have to provide assistance to other communities at no charge to the requesting department.
- Mutual aid responsibility will be expanded beyond Champaign County.

Alternative 2 would not allow any expansion of mutual aid pacts that are already in effect between police agencies in Champaign County.

a. Advantages

- The Champaign Police Department would not have to provide assistance to communities outside Champaign County.
- Provides Council the opportunity to give direction to staff on this issue.

b. Disadvantages

- Limits opportunities to call on some agencies in the state for mutual aid.
- Would not provide for the opportunity to receive additional training or equipment for the Police Department's SWAT Team

G. Community Input: Community input on mutual aid was previously sought when county wide mutual aid was discussed at the City Council Study Session on August 14, 2001.

H. Budget and Staffing Impact: There is no fee to participate in the Illinois Law Enforcement Alarm System Agreement and no further funds are being sought in relation to this agreement. The Police Department may have to provide resources to other communities if requested at no charge and other communities will do the same for us. If the Police Department's SWAT Team is chosen to be a part of the Special Regional Containment Team for East Central Illinois equipment and training will be provided by the State of Illinois.

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