



**Board of Commissioners of Cook County**

**Homeland Security and Emergency Management Committee**

**Wednesday, July 23, 2014**

**9:30 AM**

**Cook County Building, Board Room, Rm. 569  
118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois**

**NOTICE AND AGENDA**

There will be a meeting of the Committee or Subcommittee of the Board of Commissioners of Cook County at the date, time and location listed above to consider the following:

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY**

Authorization as a public speaker shall only be granted to those individuals who have submitted in writing, their name, address, subject matter, and organization (if any) to the Secretary 24 hours in advance of the meeting. Duly authorized public speakers shall be called upon to deliver testimony at a time specified in the meeting agenda. Authorized public speakers who are not present during the specified time for public testimony will forfeit their allotted time to speak at the meeting. Public testimony must be germane to a specific item(s) on the meeting agenda, and the testimony must not exceed three minutes; the Secretary will keep track of the time and advise when the time for public testimony has expired. Persons authorized to provide public testimony shall not use vulgar, abusive, or otherwise inappropriate language when addressing the Board; failure to act appropriately; failure to speak to an item that is germane to the meeting, or failure to adhere to the time requirements may result in expulsion from the meeting and/or disqualify the person from providing future testimony.

**14-3553**

**Presented by:** MICHAEL MASTERS, Executive Director, Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management

**Sponsored by:** TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT**

**AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO MEMORANDA OF UNDERSTANDING AND VARIOUS AGREEMENTS**

**BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Cook County Board of Commissioners, that Chapter 26 Emergency Management and Services, Section 26-35 of the Cook County Code of the Cook County Code is hereby amended as Follows:

**Sec. 26-35. Agreements with other political subdivisions and nongovernmental organizations.**

- (a) Mutual Aid, Intergovernmental or Interagency Agreements. The Executive Director of DHSEM may negotiate Mutual Aid Agreements and Intergovernmental or Interagency Agreements with other political subdivisions and taxing districts of the State as well as ~~agreements~~ with nongovernmental organizations, provided such agreements are consistent with the State Emergency Operations Plan and emergency management program, ~~but no such agreement shall be effective until it has been approved by the County Board.~~ Negotiated Mutual Aid Agreements, Intergovernmental Agreements or Interagency Agreements shall be approved by the County Board in advance of execution by the Executive Director. The Executive Director shall be authorized to enter into Memoranda of Understanding, setting forth the agreed roles of the parties thereto with respect to preparedness and response activities within Cook County without further approval by the Board.
  
- (b) Agreements and/or Memoranda of Understanding Related to Training and Curriculum Development. The Executive Director or his/her designee is authorized to negotiate and execute agreements or Memoranda of Understanding (“MOU”) with other political subdivisions or governmental units, nonprofit entities, and volunteer groups, and private parties for the purpose of procuring and providing training and curriculum development for first responder agencies and other stakeholders throughout Cook County, as appropriated, and including provisions providing indemnification. Said agreements or MOUs shall not require additional authorization from the County Board when limited to the purpose of procuring and/or providing training and/or curriculum development for first responder agencies and other stakeholders.
  
- (c) Agreements and/or Memoranda of Understanding to Advance Additional Partnership Opportunities. In order to facilitate and advance additional partnership opportunities to effectuate effective and efficient emergency response and coordination activities, the Executive Director shall be authorized to negotiate and execute MOUs or agreements with other political subdivisions, governmental units, nonprofit entities, volunteer groups and private parties, setting forth the agreed roles of the parties thereto with respect to preparedness and response activities within Cook County, without further approval by the County Board. These agreements or MOUs shall not bind Cook County to indemnification provisions, nor shall such MOUs obligate Cook County to make any direct payments to a third party. Said agreements or MOUs may not require a separate Mutual Aid Agreement, Intergovernmental Agreement or Interagency Agreements; however, should the agreement or MOU require the County to indemnify the other party, County Board authorization will be required in advance of execution.

- (d) The Executive Director shall further maintain a record of all agreements or MOUs entered into pursuant to the authority afforded in subsection (b) and (c) and make available to the President or the Cook County Board of Commissioners a quarterly report listing the various agreements or MOUs entered into pursuant to this authority at their request

**Effective date:** This ordinance shall be in effect immediately upon adoption.

**Legislative History:** 6/18/14 Board of Commissioners referred to the Homeland Security and Emergency Management Committee



Secretary

Chairman: Tobolski  
Vice-Chairman: Gainer  
Members: Committee of the Whole