
DATE: Friday, May 1, 2026
TIME: 5:30 -7:30 PM
PLACE: Urbana City Council Chambers,
400 South Vine Street, Urbana, IL, 61801

**Notice that a Majority Quorum of the Urbana City Council
may be attending:**

**The Alternative Response Task Force (ARTF)
Community Engagement Event**

The ARTF Community Engagement Event will be held on Friday, May 1, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the City of Urbana's Council Chambers (400 South Vine Street) and is open to the public.

The ARTF Community Engagement Event is an opportunity for the community to provide LEAP, elected and appointed officials, City staff, and others with feedback, perspectives, and ideas about alternative responses to public safety. Community input will help LEAP develop a practical and community-informed alternative response model.

No official action by the City Council will be taken at this event.

FAQs: ARTF Community Engagement Event

What is the Alternative Response Task Force (ARTF)?

The Alternative Response Task Force (ARTF) is the name of Urbana's overall initiative on alternative responses to public safety, which includes data analysis, one-on-one conversations, and community engagement. The City of Urbana has selected the Law Enforcement Action Partnership (LEAP) as the consulting partner to lead the ARTF initiative (more on LEAP below). Learn more: www.urbanail.gov/executive-department/page/alternative-response-task-force

What is an ARTF Community Engagement Event?

The ARTF Community Engagement Event is an opportunity for the community to provide LEAP, elected and appointed officials, City staff, and others with feedback, perspectives, and ideas about alternative responses to public safety. Community input will help LEAP develop a practical and community-informed alternative response model.

When and Where Will the Community Engagement Event Be Held?

The ARTF Community Engagement Event will be held on **Friday, May 1**, from **5:30 to 7:30 p.m.** in the City of Urbana's **Council Chambers** (400 South Vine Street).

How Is the Community Engagement Event Different?

The Community Engagement Event is different from the ongoing stakeholder working sessions at the Independent Media Center (IMC, www.ucimc.org). To help decide which to attend, please see the table below:

	May 1 Community Engagement Event	April 30 Working Session
Public Role	Active Participant. After LEAP's presentation, the floor opens for public comment.	Observer. Public comment via email, voicemail, or letter; or at City Council meetings.
Goal	Join the Conversation: Provide direct feedback on ARTF progress so far.	Watch the Process: transparency into Task Force discussions.
Format	Presentation followed by public comment and Q&A.	Working Session: presentation and discussion.
Location	City of Urbana Council Chambers	IMC (Independent Media Center)
Date & Time	May 1, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.	April 30, 3:30 to 5 p.m.

FAQs: ARTF Community Engagement Event

What is the Law Enforcement Action Partnership (LEAP)?

The Law Enforcement Action Partnership (LEAP) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit founded in 2002. It is made up of social scientists, community advocates, and current and former judges and law enforcement officials committed to criminal justice reforms that make communities safer and more just. LEAP advises on a range of topics including police-community relations, incarceration, and alternative response models. Additional information can be found at their website: lawenforcementactionpartnership.org/

How Can the Public Participate?

The Community Engagement Event is open for public attendance and participation. Members of the public may record the Event as long as it does not interfere with others' ability to see or hear the discussion. Check online for an agenda from any recent City Council Regular Meeting or Committee of the Whole for important information on how to share email, verbal, and written input. For more information on public input, please contact the City Clerk's Office at least 48 hours in advance by: (1) phone: 217-384-2366; (2) email: CityClerk@urbanail.gov; or (3) in-person during normal business hours. Urbana City Hall, Council Chambers, and the IMC are accessible.

How Will Transparency and Public Access be Ensured? Is the ARTF Community Engagement Event Governed by the Illinois Open Meetings Act (OMA)?

The City is committed to following procedures that promote transparency and public engagement in alignment with the Illinois Open Meetings Act (OMA). Agendas will be published in advance ("noticed") as Community Civic Events. A summary, similar to minutes, will be prepared and published. Feedback received via email or other channels will be included in Event records, although time constraints prevent reading into the record.

The Event will follow procedural rules to maintain decorum and productive discussion, guided by the City Clerk and Robert's Rules of Order. However, the Community Engagement Event is not strictly governed by OMA or Robert's Rules, because it is not a public body, board, or commission. City Council members may attend as part of the audience.

Will the Community Engagement Event Be Recorded?

Yes. The Community Engagement Event will be audio and video recorded, with a best effort to livestream, and recordings will be made available online when possible. Check www.youtube.com/@UPTV6.

Where Can I Learn More?

For more details on the ARTF initiative, including key deliverables, the timeline, other community engagement touchpoints, and other cities LEAP has advised, please review the FAQs from the October 6, 2025 Council presentation: www.urbanail.gov/media/6841.

Please join Urbana's Journey to an Alternative Response to Public Safety. Thank you!

Alternative Response Task Force Community Engagement Event

A Few Ways We Can Make This a Good Conversation Together:

1. **Let's Be Respectful:** Please speak to others with civility, respect, and courtesy, even when you disagree.
2. **Let's Stay On Topic:** We're here to talk about alternative responses to some public safety calls for service (911 calls).
3. **Share Your Views:** Speak from your own experience. Share your perspectives. Avoid guessing the intentions, motives, or beliefs of other people or other groups.
4. **Let's Share the Floor:** To ensure everyone has the opportunity to be heard, please be mindful of your time.
5. **Let's Keep Focus:** Please put phones on silent. Step into the lobby for any side conversations. *(This will help ensure a clear recording and ensure all can hear.)*

Thank you! We appreciate your help to create a safe and respectful space to speak *and* listen.