



# NEWSLETTER

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## Coming Together to Build Resilient Communities

**T**he Bay Area UASI is proud to present the first-annual Public Safety Preparedness Summit. Given the region's risk of widespread catastrophic disasters, it is essential that we come together to strengthen our ability to build prepared and resilient communities. More than 1,000 public safety professionals, private sector partners, and community preparedness professionals across the Bay Area, California and other U.S. jurisdictions, are expected to participate.

The Summit kicks off November 3rd with a region-wide multi-discipline full day exercise. A simulated catastrophic earthquake will prompt the coordination of whole community activities that include mass evacuation, re-opening of vital transportation, and the distribution life-saving commodities. The exercise will bring together local government, transit, state, and federal agencies, the Bay Area Joint Information System, private sector, and community preparedness partners. Opportunities to observe at participating

locations including Emergency Operations Centers and Commodity Points of Distribution or virtually are available. Notify us of your interest by registering for the Summit.

The two-day Seminar and Training Event on November 4th and 5th will feature keynote presenter **Mary Ellen Carroll, Executive Director, San Francisco Department of Emergency Management** and guest video messages from US Representatives Eric Swalwell and Jackie Speier. A plenary session, **Combating Domestic Extremism** will be moderated by Jodi Traversaro of the Bay Area UASI and feature panelists Randy Wagner, NCRIC; Chris Ellis, National Counterterrorism Center, Regional Representative: Northern California and Nevada; and Noel Lipana, TVTP.

Mass Notification Seminar breakout panels will include subject matter experts in mass notification including local emergency management, public health, and public information officers. This forum is an

opportunity to share perspectives across a wide variety of disciplines and experiences and will present topics integral to equitable and effective mass notification messaging during an emergency. This event will be live-streamed. Notify us of your interest to view the live-stream by registering for the Summit.

The Bay Area Training and Exercise Program will be offering several trainings during the two-day Seminar including emergency preparedness training specifically geared towards community-based organizations and terrorism awareness training,

The Securing the Cities Program, in coordination with Counterterrorism Operations Support,

will host hands-on drill trainings on November 5th. Participants will demonstrate their ability to detect and identify radiation sources using Personal Radiation Detector and Radio Isotope Identification Devices purchased as part of the STC Program. In addition, the Securing the Cities Program will be conducting an Introduction to Rad/Nuc WMD, a Backpack Refresher class, and a Primary Screener Class.

We look forward to welcoming you to this year's Summit and are confident you will gain new skills, relationships, and ideas to strengthen resiliency in your community. Visit <http://www.bayareauasi.org/2021summit> to register or for more information. Direct any questions to [corinne.bartshire@sfgov.org](mailto:corinne.bartshire@sfgov.org).

## Targeted Violence and Terrorism Prevention (TVTP)

In September, the Bay Area UASI was awarded over \$1 million in FY2021 TVTP grant funding. Not only were we the only UASI in the nation to be awarded this grant, we also received the second highest award of all grantees. The goal of this program, run through the Center for Prevention Programs and Partnerships (CP3), is designed to prevent targeted violence and terrorism. The Bay Area UASI, with its tradition of multi-discipline, multi-jurisdictional collaboration, is ideally suited to conduct such efforts and create and expand regional partnerships.

Since it was first awarded funding in FY20, efforts to replicate and implement local prevention programs have been in process. Implementation of this program required new partnerships and collaborations to be established. Traditionally, our workgroups consisted of mainly local law enforcement, fire, emergency management, and medical/public health practitioners. For this program, we needed to go beyond these disciplines and

jurisdictions. After extensive outreach and the leveraging of existing relationships, we've established partnerships with schools, county behavioral health, school resource officers, school counselors, faith-based organizations, and juvenile probation elements within the service area.

CP3 and the McCain Institute for International Leadership are building a national network of interdisciplinary professionals dedicated to preventing targeted violence, terrorism, and their impacts within the United States. Program Manager Jodi Traversaro has established the California Prevention Practitioners Network to meet this need, increase the efficacy of locally based prevention frameworks and programs, and refer qualified programs throughout the country.

To learn more about our TVTP funded programs or to join the CA Prevention Practitioners Network, visit [www.BayAreaUASI.org/TVTP](http://www.BayAreaUASI.org/TVTP).

## Regional Catastrophic Preparedness Grant Program (RCPGP)

In September, the Bay Area UASI received nearly \$946,000 in FY21 RCPGP funding. The focus of our application was based on experiences during the COVID-19 pandemic which identified numerous capability gaps for community organizations. Programs that rely on volunteer labor, such as food banks and meal delivery programs, saw huge staffing shortages as people complied with public health orders. Furthermore, supply chain issues resulted in reduced sources of food product, personal protective equipment, and cleaning supplies which led to reduced capacity to serve clients at a time when more people were in need of services. Many community-based organizations' ability to provide essential services was challenged because they lacked understanding of how to make their critical needs known to local government. Bay Area jurisdictions do not have structures in place to support the type

of public-private sector coordination necessary to address these issues. With support from the RCPGP FY19 and FY20 awards, the Bay Area is documenting lessons from the COVID-19 pandemic to identify lasting strategies for improved coordination between the public and private sectors. This project will build on current efforts to close key gaps by ensuring the whole community is engaged in strengthening Bay Area supply chain resilience.

The Bay Area UASI will be working to provide subject matter expertise, guidance, planning, technical assistance, and workshop support to strengthen overall pandemic preparedness and coordination across the BAUASI region. If you have any questions about the project, please contact BAUASI Project Manager, Amy Ramirez at: [amy.ramirez@sfgov.org](mailto:amy.ramirez@sfgov.org).

## San Francisco Bay Area Securing the Cities (SFBA STC)

The SFBA STC has entered year three of its ten-year grant performance period. The Program continues enhancing regional "left of boom" capabilities by providing equipment, training and workshops.

During the upcoming Summit (described on page 1), attendees will be able to participate in trainings in conjunction with the office of Counterterrorism Operations Support (CTOS) and participate in a roundtable discussion of best practices with other visiting STC jurisdictions. To register for other SFBA STC trainings [CLICK HERE](#).

Also, the office of Countering Weapons of

Mass Destruction has approved approximately \$450,000 for the purchase of radiation detector "backpacks" from our grant application.

On October 27th, SFBA STC hosted an "equipment rodeo" at Coyote Point in San Mateo County for equipment subcommittee members to evaluate backpack radiation detection device options from six different vendors. SFBA STC is currently working through subcommittee feedback to finalize this equipment purchase. Already ordered and awaiting delivery are 54 Radioisotope Identification Devices and 1117 Personal Radiation Detectors. These devices will be distributed to our regional partners when they arrive.

# UASI Grant Program

## BAUASI Calendar

### Over 200 FY22/23 Project Applications Received!

The FY 22/23 UASI application portal closed on Oct. 8. This new process, in which jurisdictions submitted requests for both FY 22 and FY 23, is now in the review phase. Hub representatives, selected by their respective Approval Authority members, performed a preliminary review.

The UASI Management Team is currently reviewing the projects. In mid-November the projects will be sent to the Approval Authority for further review. Final review and project selections will be held at the annual January Hub Prioritization Meetings.

### Congratulations!

**Kevin Oakley**  
on your retirement from  
Monterey County!

### Welcome!

**Matthew Devine**  
to the BAUASI Management Team who recently accepted the position of Bay Area UASI Training and Exercise Project Manager. Matt will be overseeing training course administration for the Bay Area Training and Exercise Program.

**Chief Jonathon Thomburg**  
to the Bay Area UASI Approval Authority as an alternate for Monterey County.

Public Safety Preparedness Summit	11/3- 11/5
Approval Authority Meeting * <b>IN PERSON</b> *	11/18 10am
<b>TVTP: CA Violence Prevention Practitioner's network</b>	11/10 10am
Disaster Logistics for Practitioners Training pilot	12/10
<b>TVTP: Community Awareness and Prevention Strategies</b>	January 2022

### Compliance Corner



This quarter's Compliance Corner focuses on a continuing federal grant requirement. According to the FY21 Homeland Security Grant Program Notice of Funding Opportunity, recipients and sub-recipients of FY21 grant funds are required to complete the 2021 Nationwide Cybersecurity Review (NCSR). This annual assessment will assist your jurisdiction in benchmarking and measuring improvements to your cybersecurity posture.

Per the guidance, the Chief Information Officer, Chief Information Security Officer, or the most senior cybersecurity professional, should complete the assessment. The process is no-cost and takes approximately 2-3 hours to complete. The 2021 NCSR portal is estimated to be open for submissions from October – December 2021.



To meet the NCSR grant requirement and allow the UASI to provide proof of completion to DHS in a timely manner, all Bay Area sub-recipient jurisdictions must submit a proof of completion certificate to: Janell Myhre, Regional Program Manager, at [Janell.Myhre@sfgov.org](mailto:Janell.Myhre@sfgov.org) by December 10, 2021. For any additional questions or for more information, please call Janell at 415-760-1500.

For more detailed information and background on the NCSR, please see [FEMA's Grants Programs Directorate Information Bulletin 439](#).

NOTE: Failure to complete and submit this assessment may result in the suspension or termination of your UASI grant award.