

# Community Preparedness Training & Exercises



The Bay Area UASI is pleased to announce the start of the new Bay Area Training & Exercise Program (TEP) which includes traditional first responders and *Whole Community* partners. We have teamed with San Francisco Community Agencies Responding to Disaster (SFCARD) to help ensure all community preparedness partners voices are heard as we identify the regions training and exercise needs. The administration of the Bay Area TEP will be a joint public/private approach led by the UASI Management Team, supported by SFCARD and SenseMakers LLC.

## Community Preparedness Highlights

### Community Engagement.

There will be reoccurring monthly meetings facilitated by SFCARD with regional community partners including Collaborating Agencies' Disaster Relief Effort (CADRE), Alameda Volunteer Agencies Active in Disaster (VOAD), Center for Volunteer Nonprofit Leadership (CVNL) and others to discuss training and exercise needs, share information about the Bay Area TEP activities, and provide a platform for ongoing stakeholder feedback.

### Integration with the Training & Exercise Workgroup.

The information gathered from the ongoing community preparedness meetings will be presented by SFCARD at the monthly Training & Exercise Workgroup (TEWG) Meetings. The TEWG is representative of the larger Bay Area region and includes all disciplines- and now it will include representation from community preparedness!

### Community Preparedness Liaison.

The role of SFCARD, and its coordination with both regional and local community organizations, is a highlight of the new Bay Area TEP. A Community Preparedness Liaison will be the point person for all community preparedness organizations, to ensure a seamless, consistent and supportive framework for the various community preparedness agencies within the region.

### Training & Exercise Planning Workshop (TEPW).

The purpose of the TEPW is to gather the information needed to create the Multi-Year Training and Exercise Plan (MYTEP) which will serve as the roadmap for the Bay Area TEP. Starting this year, the identified community preparedness training and exercise needs, as a result of the information gleaned in the *Community Survey* taken in October 2019, will be included in the MYTEP.

### Community Preparedness Training and Exercises.

Following approval of the Multi-Year Training and Exercise Plan, training course deliveries are expected to begin in July 2020. Community preparedness partners will have an opportunity to participate in a wide range of training and exercise events, many of which were identified in Fall 2019 assessments, and others that will be new and exciting for all! Our vision is to provide frequent opportunities for community partners and first responders to train *together* – allowing for training that will more closely mirror a real-world response.

### Community Preparedness Annual Report.

At the conclusion of each calendar year SFCARD will document activities completed and distribute a stakeholder survey. The Annual Report will highlight the training courses completed, organizations trained, program next steps, survey results and process improvements to continually enhance community preparedness within the region.

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