

Bay Area UASI



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Urban Shield 2016: Intense Training for Intense Times

The 10th annual Urban Shield event was held across the Bay Area from September 8th - September 12th. More than two hundred partner agencies, in scenario sites located in Alameda, Contra Costa, San Francisco, San Mateo, and Santa Clara counties, tested their abilities to plan and respond to critical public safety incidents during this nationally-renowned, multi-day, multi-jurisdiction, multi-disciplinary exercise. 36 Tactical Teams, 17 fire agencies (HazMat, Technical Rescue/USAR, and Water Rescue/Maritime), and 8 EOD teams participated in 53 unique scenarios. Between participants and volunteers, more than 5,000 were involved in the planning and conduct of this exercise.

The region's HazMat teams tested capabilities in the area of radiation and biological agents, chemical warfare attacks, toxic leaks, and oil by rail accidents. Urban Search and Rescue team scenarios included a building collapse, trench and high-angle rescue, and heavy lift operations. Water rescue teams conducted drills for a ferry emergency, boom deployment, towing and victim recovery, and EMS and Fire.

The law enforcement tactical team scenarios included active shooter, officer and hostage rescue, rapid response techniques, high risk tactical entry, and

rescues at transportation (aircraft and train) sites.

The Emergency Management "Yellow Command" component conducted a functional and full scale Commodity Point of Distribution (CPOD) exercise in which emergency supplies were distributed throughout the Bay Area. The scenario also added the challenge of a cyber-attack resulting in the loss of communication capabilities in order to stress the system and test Emergency Operations Centers.



The event concluded with an awards ceremony hosted by Alameda County Sheriff Gregory Ahern. San Bernardino County Sheriff John McMahon was the keynote speaker and he shared his department's experiences following the deadly terrorist attack at a government office party. *For a bonus inside look at Urban Shield, check out KTVU Fox News anchor Frank Somerville's piece on being embedded in a SWAT team.* <http://www.ktvu.com/news/206475055-story>

Bay Area UASI Updates

Urban Shield 2016 Top Teams

TOP SWAT



First Place: Alameda County Sheriff's Office (pictured); Second Place: San Francisco Police Department; Third Place: Las Vegas Police Department

TOP HAZMAT



First Place: Oakland Fire (pictured); Second Place: Contra Costa County; Third Place: Santa Clara Fire Department

TOP EOD



First Place: United States Army (pictured); Second Place: Sacramento Bomb Squad; Third Place: United States Air Force

TOP USAR



First Place: Stockton & Roseville FD (pictured); Second Place: Milpitas & Napa FD; Third Place: Santa Clara County FD

TOP MARITIME



First Place: Contra Costa County Fire (pictured); Second Place: Alameda County Fire; Third Place: Richmond Fire

UASI Regional Training & Exercise Program

To learn more about the program or to register for available courses visit: www.bauasitep.org.

Upcoming Courses

- 12/02: School Violence & the Active Shooter
- 12/05: Tactical Science for Law Enforcement
- 12/06: Critical Incident Response for Field Officers



Bay Area UASI Updates



Fleet Week 2016

Kicking off with a parade of ships underneath the Golden Gate Bridge, San Francisco's annual Fleet Week took place from October 3rd through October 10th. The San Francisco Department of Emergency Management (SF DEM) and the Bay Area UASI conducted a Commodity Point of Distribution (CPOD) demonstration at the Presidio. The CPOD demonstration tested drinking water distribution abilities following an earthquake. Additionally, the Humanitarian village at Marina Green was staffed by SF DEM and provided outreach and disaster preparedness tools, tips, and resilience techniques to the public attending the event. The Humanitarian village showcased the range of civilian and military resources that enable our country to prepare and respond to manmade and natural disasters.



National Fusion Center Conference

UASI General Manager Craig Dziedzic, Regional Grants Manager Mary Landers, project managers Corey Reynolds and David Frazer, and senior staff from the Northern California Regional Intelligence Center (NCRIC) traveled to Alexandria, Virginia for the National Fusion Center Association (NFCA) Conference. The group presented on tools and techniques used during Super Bowl 50 for enhancing situational awareness and on Cyber Security for Critical Infrastructure.

CESA Conference

The Bay Area UASI Management Team recently attended the California Emergency Services Association (CESA) annual training conference in San Diego, California. UASI Assistant General Manager Catherine Spaulding, San Jose Office of Emergency Services Director Ryan Broughton and Oakland's Director of Emergency Services Cathey Eide presented a seminar on Risked Based Planning and Performance Metrics. The objective of the seminar was to share lessons on risk-based planning and performance metrics; demonstrate the importance of a risk and data-based approach; and to provide tools for stakeholders to use in their own jurisdictions.

UASI Regional Program Manager Janell Myhre, Regional Project Manager Corinne Bartshire, with panelist Dick Bower, from County of Monterey OES; Gary Singer, City of Los Angeles DEM; and Holly Powers, County of Solano OES. presented on Commodity Point Of Distribution (CPOD) Planning. Their presentation shared the challenges of CPOD planning and operations, lessons learned from the field, and the unique coordination required for CPODs to be an effective post-disaster service.



Approval Authority Member Sherrie Collins (center) received a resolution from Monterey County for her service. Joined by UASI Program Manager Janell Myhre (left) and Project Manager Corinne Bartshire (right).

New Regional WMD Coordinator

Special Agent Deborah Frye became the full-time WMD Coordinator for the San Francisco Division of the FBI in February 2016. SA Frye has more than 16 years in Federal service in the U.S. Senate, U.S. House of Representatives, Department of Homeland Security, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. She will collaborate with the Bay Area UASIs PRND group to enhance the regions CBRNE prevention and response capabilities.

Compliance Corner & Management Team

Approval Authority Updates

The Bay Area UASI would like to commend Monterey Emergency Manager Sherrie Collins for her efforts in enhancing the region's emergency management capabilities. Sherrie has retired from her position and we wish her the best! We also welcome our newest members to the Approval Authority; Undersheriff Trisha Sanchez, from San Mateo County replacing Carlos Bolanos; and Deputy CIO Ahsan Baig, from the city of Oakland, who will be the alternate representative for Cathey Eide.

Compliance Corner:

This quarter, we focus on the Aviation and Watercraft Request forms. As with all other compliance requirements, these forms must be completed in Word format, submitted to the Regional Grant Manager, and receive approval from Cal OES prior to the purchase of any equipment.

In both forms, provide a justification for either the aircraft (or aircraft attachment) or watercraft (or watercraft attachment) about how this equipment best meets your needs in comparison to other equipment items. You must also to provide the cost of the item (include full cost, not just the amount funded by UASI funds), the discipline, the funding source (list all sources of funds, not just UASI funds), and the AEL number of the equipment. Also in both requests, provide information on the applicable goals and objectives from the UASI's Homeland Security Strategy. Lastly, explain how the requested aviation or watercraft fits into the UASI's integrated operational plan.



Although the forms are nearly identical, there are some differences. In the Aviation Request form, you must explain the types of terrorism incident response and prevention equipment with which the requested aircraft will be outfitted. You must also explain how the aircraft will be used operationally and which response assets will be deployed using the requested aircraft. You will also have to describe how the aircraft will be used in a regular, non-emergency basis.

In the case of the Watercraft form, provide information on the waterways that have been identified as critical assets requiring state and/or local government response and describe the active, operating waterway patrol unit. Also include any specialized navigational, communications, safety, and operational equipment necessary to enable such watercraft to support the homeland security mission.

Upcoming Events

NOVEMBER

- 11/09: Emergency Management Workgroup Meeting
- 11/10: Approval Authority Meeting
- 11/16: CESA Workshop
- 11/17: BayRICS Technical Committee

DECEMBER

- 12/14: MARAC/ Emergency Management Workgroup

JANUARY

- 01/04: North Bay Hub Meeting
- 01/05: South Bay Hub Meeting
- 01/09: East Bay Hub Meeting
- 01/13: West Bay Hub Meeting

FEBRUARY

- 02/23: Level 2 Regional Prioritization Meeting

Management Team Updates

UASI Grants Account Lovely Lindsley has moved to a new position within the City of San Francisco and has been replaced by Li Liu. Li is responsible for implementing fiscal and accounting policies and procedures to meet financial and grants management compliance.

Additionally, Edwin Lee has been hired as a Grant Specialist, replacing Emily Wang. Edwin's duties include travelling to subrecipient jurisdictions to conduct monitoring and performance review of grant expenditures. Please welcome our new team members!

