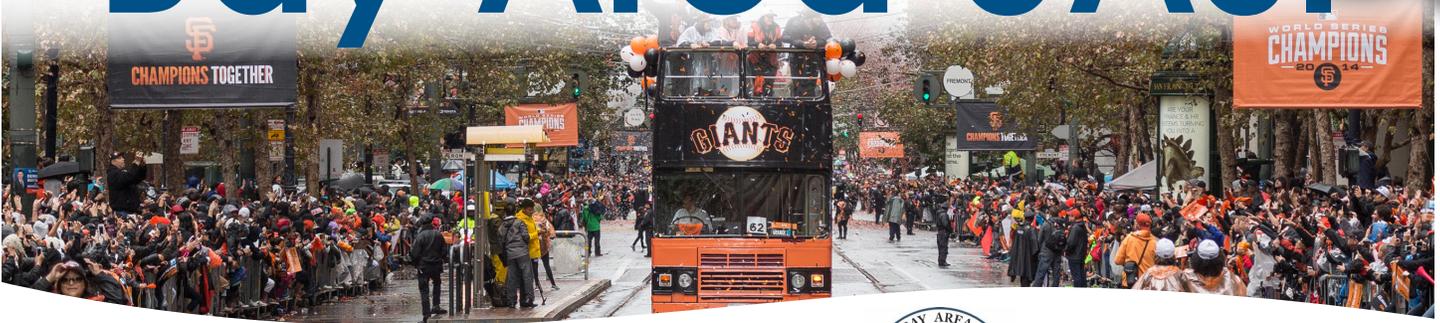


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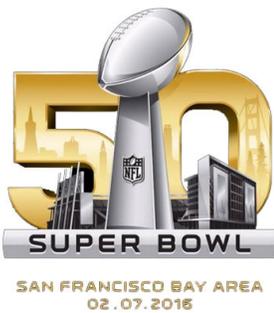
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Large Scale Event Planning

The Super Bowl, perhaps the most iconic of all national sporting events, is coming to the City of Santa Clara's Levi's Stadium next year. Massive crowds and national and international media organizations are expected to be in attendance for festivities occurring throughout the Bay Area for the week leading up to the February 7, 2016 game. Preparations are already underway to ensure the public's safety during this time.



The Bay Area is no stranger to crowds and large scale activities, hosting more than 17 million visitors annually through conferences, tourism, and both national and international sporting events. In the recent past, events such as: the America's Cup races, the World Series and victory parades, and NHL and NFL playoff games have all taken place in the region. The success of these events is due to preparation, planning, and coordination among public safety agencies at all levels of government.

One of the ways that agencies coordinate with each other is through the use of various data and information sharing tools. At the federal level, local agencies work with the FBI's Law Enforcement Online (LEO) portal and Virtual Command Centers (VCC) for info sharing and real-time situational awareness. At the state and local level, WebEOC, CalEOC, and the California

Common Operating Picture (CalCOP) systems have been designed to provide statewide information and pertinent details to emergency management personnel.



In addition to these data and information sharing tools, Bay Area jurisdictions work to remain ready for special events through training and exercises. In the 2014 Urban Shield Exercise, a large scale event mass casualty scenario was used including a hostage rescue situation. Active Shooter, HazMat, and Tactical Medicine training classes are regularly conducted in the region. In the coming months, additional training classes, workshops and drills will take place around the Bay Area to prepare for Super Bowl 50.

As the date of the Super Bowl approaches, public safety agencies will be ramping up their preparations. In addition to planning, training, and exercises, it is the continued coordination and collaboration between federal, state, and local partners that is vitally important to public safety during large scale events.



Preventative Rad/Nuc Program

In December, the Bay Area UASI Region in cooperation with the Domestic Nuclear Detection Office (DNDO), sponsored a Preventative Rad/Nuc Detection “3-Day Quick Start” course for law enforcement personnel and hazardous materials team members whose agencies are participating in the Region’s Preventative Radiological/Nuclear



Detection Program. The three-day course focused on threat awareness and radiation detection equipment applications within the preventive radiological/nuclear detection (PRND) mission functions. Sealed radioactive sources were utilized in exercises to reinforce detection, identification, and alarm adjudication concepts. This course allowed the Program to go operational before the end of 2014 and become a template for future PRND training and exercises. The Rad/Nuc working group also developed a Concept of Operations (CONOPS) to guide the program.



Regional Data Sharing

The Bay Area continues its progress in developing information and data sharing systems like ARIES and Coplink. Working closely with the Northern California Regional Intelligence Center (NCRIC) these critical public safety systems are used by 100 Bay Area agencies, with 10,000 users having access to over 250 million documents. To learn more visit www.ncric.org



Public Health Departments Train for Bio-Terrorism Attack

On November 20, 2014, local health departments from across the Bay Area participated in a regional mass prophylaxis exercise in preparation for a large scale health emergency. A simulated anthrax bioterrorism attack on the Bay Area provided public health departments the opportunity to test the delivery of emergency supplies and open “point-of-dispensing” (POD) sites for the distribution of life-saving medications to the public.



Following the 2001 anthrax attacks, a federal directive to all health departments in the US required the development of plans to “rapidly and safely provide medication to the public in the event of a public health emergency”. As part of regional preparedness efforts, Bay Area health departments formed the Bay Area Mass Prophylaxis Working Group (BAMPWG) to coordinate planning and response efforts. BAMPWG also created www.BayAreaDisasterMeds.org, a site to be used for public information in the event of a real emergency.

Exercise participants included Health Departments from Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, San Benito, San Mateo, Santa Clara, San Francisco and Sonoma counties, and the City of Berkeley. In addition, these departments enlisted hundreds of volunteers to participate in exercise activities. The Contra Costa County Health Department partnered with the City of El Cerrito to open a mock POD medication dispensing site along with the City of San Pablo. Volunteers from community groups like Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT) and the American Red Cross were trained to work at the site and many community volunteers played the role of citizens seeking medication. The exercise was funded through a Bay Area UASI grant and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC).



Emergency Warning System Project Kicks Off

Alameda, San Mateo and Marin counties implemented phase one of a regionalized mass notification system. The project’s RFP provides a ‘piggy-backing’ option for other jurisdictions to join under an umbrella contract. The system will promote regional coordination, standardization, and system interoperability, while also leveraging significant cost savings.

Open Water Rescue Teams Train

As a result of an in-water rescue capability gap identified during Urban Shield 2013, the Regional Training & Exercise Program funded a pilot Open Water Rescue training for Bay Area fire departments. The training was designed to develop the capability to perform in-water rescues of persons in distress. This is the first time the class has been offered in the State of California and was attended by 16 firefighters from throughout the region.



City72 Toolkit Now Available



The City72 toolkit, a resource available to all Bay Area cities wishing to develop a public preparedness website, is now available. The tool gives cities guidance on incorporating the open source code of SF72.org to create their own unique site. The concept of this site focuses on how people come together during emergencies. The City72 toolkit is www.toolkit.sf72.org

Training & Exercise Program

The Regional Training and Exercise Program (RTEP), headquartered at the Alameda County Sheriff’s Office in Dublin, CA, recently completed an upgrade of their website. To learn more about the program or to register for available courses visit:

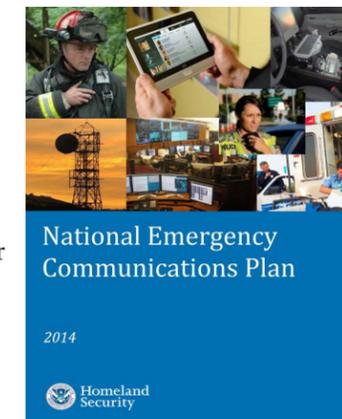
www.bauasitep.org

Upcoming RTEP Courses

- 2/19- Biological Incidents Awareness
- 2/24- WMD Radiological/ Nuclear Awareness Training
- 2/25- Critical Incident Response for Supervisors and Managers
- 3/24- Social Media for Natural Disaster Response and Recovery

Communications Plan Updated

The first revision since 2008 of the Department of Homeland Security’s National Emergency Communications Plan has been released. The Office of Emergency Communications worked closely with more than 350 federal, state, local, tribal, and territorial jurisdictions, private sector representatives, and other stakeholders to update the NECP with the goal of bringing public safety communications into the 21st century.



www.dhs.gov/necp



Management Team & Approval Authority

Approval Authority Updates

Anne Kronenberg, Director of the San Francisco Department of Emergency Management, was re-elected as Chair and Alameda County Under Sheriff Rich Lucia was re-elected as Vice Chair. Congratulations, Anne and Rich!

Approval Authority Member Renee Domingo, Director of the Oakland Office of Emergency Services and Homeland Security, retired in December following almost 8 years in that capacity. Enjoy your retirement, Renee!

Additionally, two new Approval Authority Members have been appointed: Cathey Eide has been designated to represent the City of Oakland and Ryan Broughton now represents the City of San Jose. Welcome to both Cathey and Ryan.

Compliance Corner: The Super Circular?

The fiscal world is abuzz with talk about the Code of Federal Regulations and the Super Circular but it's a mystery to the rest of us. What the heck is the Code of Federal Regulations? What is the Super Circular? And, how will it affect us?



The Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) are the rules and regulations published in the Federal Register divided into 50 titles that represent broad areas subject to federal regulation.

The newest addition to the CFR, 2 CFR Part 200 nicknamed the "Super Circular" consolidates eight existing circulars into one guidance document.

This document will mostly affect the fiscal staff. It eliminates duplicative language to make grant compliance easier and improve financial integrity. Operational Areas will notice that the FY 14 MOUs already include some of the language changes, but even more will be added during the FY 15 grant cycle.

Have a grant compliance question you would like answered? Contact Mary Landers at Mary.Landers@sfgov.org.

Upcoming Dates

FEBRUARY

- 2/12 Approval Authority Meeting
- 2/18 Risk Management Workshop
- 2/26 Advisory Group Meeting

MARCH

- 3/11- RCPT & MARAC
- 3/12 Regional Lifelines Workshop
- 3/19 CBRNE/T&E Meeting

APRIL

- 4/09 Approval Authority Meeting
- 4/16 CBRNE/T&E Meeting
- 4/17 ABAHO Meeting

CBRNE Project Manager Hired

After interviewing a number of highly qualified candidates, the UASI Management Team selected former Fire Chief Philip White as the new CBRNE project manager. Congratulations, Phil!

For more information on the Bay Area UASI, visit

www.bayareauasi.org

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1-415-353-5232

