

Bay Area UASI



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Bay Area Celebrates Safely During Large Scale Public Events

June 2015 was a busy month for large scale events in the Bay Area. Oakland played host to the Warriors' home games at the Coliseum and subsequent victory parade and celebration throughout the downtown area. San Francisco hosted the United States Conference of Mayors, a public celebration of City Hall's 100th birthday, and the 45th annual Pride Parade along Market Street. In each event, Bay Area agencies demonstrated how planning, coordination, and execution allows entire cities and communities to celebrate securely.

UASI equipment utilized in managing celebrations

In Oakland, an estimated 500,000 enthusiastic fans turned out to attend the Golden State Warriors' NBA championship parade on a route winding through city streets and around Lake Merritt. The parade lasted about an hour and a half; after which fans made a mass exodus to the "public rally site" designated on Lake Merritt Boulevard. At that location, the Oakland Police and Fire Departments had deployed their Joint Mobile Command Vehicle which provided command staff with enhanced on scene communications abilities and increased situational awareness. The Oakland Fire Department also set up its Mobile Dispatch Center (MDC) to supplement regular fire dispatch and to provide faster and more localized response. Both the fire and police departments coordinated efforts led to a safe celebration in Oakland.



Large scale events in San Francisco's Civic Center

On June 18th, Mayor Ed Lee and San Francisco welcomed over 300 mayors from across the country, as well as notable

leaders such as President Barack Obama and Hilary Clinton. Simultaneously, citizens celebrated the Centennial Anniversary of City Hall



with a magnificent light show projected onto City Hall. Coordinated security efforts between the San Francisco Police Department, San Francisco Sheriff's Department, the Secret Service, and the FBI ensured the public's safety during this highly-publicized event.

San Francisco also managed more than 600,000 people flooding the City to celebrate Pride and the nationwide legalization of same-sex marriage. The coordinated effort between local, state, and federal public safety agencies, as well as Bay Area transit agencies, ensured a safe and celebratory event. These agencies coordinated using various data and information sharing tools, including the FBI's Law Enforcement Online (LEO) portal, Cal COP, and WebEOC.

Bay Area UASI Updates

National Homeland Security Conference

Members of the Bay Area homeland security community recently travelled to San Antonio, Texas to participate in the 9th annual National Homeland Security Conference. The four day event featured keynote speeches from Lieutenant General Perry L Wiggins, Commander U.S. Army North (Fifth Army), Chief W. Nim Kidd, Texas Division of Emergency Management, and Pierre-Edouard Colliex, Police Attaché, Embassy of France who spoke on the Charlie Hebdo terrorist attack. The theme of the conference was “Securing our Liberty by Protecting our Homeland” and featured various subject matter experts sharing best practices from across the nation to enhance our homeland security capabilities. The Management Team participated in panel discussions that highlighted various projects, including ongoing community resiliency efforts that lead to guides for public/private partnerships; logistics planning and stockpile operations; and the sustainment of grant funding through collaboration and adaptability. Next year’s conference is scheduled to take place in Tampa, Florida.



A vendor display showing new technology in personal protective equipment at the conference.

Emergency Operations Center Training Videos

The Bay Area UASI recently completed a series of just-in-time training videos designed for Emergency Operations Center staff. The videos, based on the 8 regional catastrophic earthquake plans, feature local subject matter experts’ advice and training tips. Topic areas covered in the videos include: Volunteer Management, Donations Management, Debris Removal, Mass Fatality, Mass Transportation, Mass Care & Shelter, Interim Housing, and Logistics. The videos can be found on the Bay Area UASI website. www.bayareauasi.org/videos



Disaster Recovery Workshops & Consultations

The Bay Area UASI Management Team offers local jurisdictions consultations and support for the conduct of workshops to use the disaster and recovery toolkits and templates developed by the UASI and the Regional Catastrophic Planning Team. Jurisdictions may request workshops for larger groups or consultation sessions for detailed instructions on completing customized plans. Support is available for the following topics:

- Local Government Disaster Recovery Framework (DRF) and Recovery Support Function (RSF) Guides
- Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP)/ Continuity of Government (COG) Toolkit
- Disaster Recovery Permit & Regulation Waiver Toolkit
- Public Private Partnerships Resiliency Initiative Toolkit
- Regional Catastrophic Preparedness Grant Program Plans Table Top Exercises
- Logistics Points of Distribution

To request a workshop or consultation please visit: www.bayareauasi.org/assistancrequestform





Rad/Nuc Detection Equipment Distributed



The Domestic Nuclear Detection Office (DNDO) recently donated a cache of surplus Gamma Radiation Detectors and Radiological Isotope Identification Devices to Bay Area public safety agencies for use in preparation for Super Bowl 50 and other large scale events occurring in

the region. These devices allow first responders to rapidly detect, locate, measure and identify gamma emitting radionuclides. Thank you to the DNDO for their continued collaboration to ensure the safety of the region.

NCRIC to conduct Cyber Security Training

The Northern California Regional Intelligence Center (NCRIC) recently designed a Cyber Security 101 training to teach government employees the basics of protecting themselves from malicious cyber activity at work. The topics included: best practices on password protection, recognizing different types of attacks like phishing scams, and tactics to deploy if you become a victim of a cyber-attack. The NCRIC cyber unit recently presented the course to members of the Bay Area UASI management team and plans to offer a train-the-trainer course regionally. To learn more visit www.ncric.org.



FirstNet releases Draft Request for Proposal

The much anticipated draft RFP for the national public safety broadband project FirstNet has been released. The system is designed to provide reliable, secure, and hardened networks for first responders to use when connecting to the internet. The FirstNet system has been obligated by congress to take all actions necessary to ensure the building, deployment, and operation of a nationwide public safety broadband network. To access the draft RFP visit www.firstnet.gov.



Training & Exercise Program

The Regional Training and Exercise Program (RTEP) operated by the Alameda County Sheriff's Office in Dublin, CA provides multi-disciplinary public safety & emergency management training. To learn more about the program or to register for available courses visit:

www.bauasitep.org

Upcoming RTEP Courses

- 8/10- Tactical Science for Law Enforcement
- 9/9- SEMS EOC Position Training- Logistics
- 10/16- Social Media for Natural Disaster Response & Recovery



Urban Shield 2015

Final preparations are underway for Urban Shield 2015, scheduled from September 11th through the 14th. The exercise's theme this year is "Honor the Past, Train for the Future", and features over 50 scenarios in the Bay Area with hundreds of participating local public safety agencies. Urban Shield is a full-scale multi-discipline preparedness exercise designed to assess response capabilities. The exercise provides a platform for local, national, and international first responders, and the private sector, to work efficiently and effectively together when critical incidents occur. For more information visit www.urbanshield.org

Approval Authority & Management Team

New Grants Management System

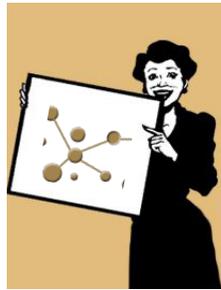
The Bay Area UASI will soon unveil a new online Grants Management System, WebGrants. Set to launch for the FY 2016 proposal process, WebGrants will be a one stop shop for applying for UASI project funds, processing change requests, reviewing project milestones, and submitting claims reimbursements and supporting documentation. On August 24th, the Bay Area UASI will host a brief 30 minute introduction to the WebGrants system via webinar. <http://www.bayareauasi.org/webgrantsorientation>



Compliance Corner:

Project Application Requirements

Ahhh, August, and the dog days of summer-vacations, barbeques, the beach. Can UASI grant application season be far behind? Before you know it, your FY 16 project proposals will be due. We all know that grant requirements change every year, but let's talk about one component that hasn't changed- the required "nexus to terrorism". Every year, some submitters struggle to include information to make their projects grant eligible.



The dictionary defines "nexus" as "a connection linking two or more things". Therefore, your project must demonstrate how it links to terrorism. In some cases, the link is obvious- you wish to purchase personal protective equipment for a weapons of mass destruction event. But in other cases, it's not as clear. Here, it's important to consider how your project would prevent, protect against, mitigate, respond to, or recover from a terrorist event.

Although all projects must have a nexus to terrorism, that doesn't mean they can't have a dual use. In other words, if an equipment purchase initially seems more closely related to a natural disaster, how might it also be used in a terrorist event?

As you begin considering proposals, ask yourself, "Does my project have a nexus (link) to terrorism?" If, at first glance, it doesn't appear that way, spend some time considering how it might. If you cannot, it is not an eligible project.

Upcoming Events

AUGUST

- 8/13- Approval Authority Meeting
- 8/24- WebGrants Orientation Webinar

SEPTEMBER

- 9/11- Urban Shield Full Scale Exercise
- 9/17- FY16 Project Proposal Kickoff

OCTOBER

- 10/1-10/16- UASI FY16 Project Application Period Open
- 10/13- Approval Authority Meeting

Management Team Updates

- The Management Team is pleased to introduce Lovely Lindsley, our new Grants Accountant. She is responsible for implementing fiscal and accounting policies and procedures.
- The Management Team says goodbye to SFPD Captain Denise Flaherty and welcomes Captain Cherniss as the new SFPD liaison to the Management Team.
- City Hall Fellow Maribel Garcia has completed her year-long assignment with the UASI. We wish Maribel all the best in her future endeavors.
- The UASI again welcomed summer interns, high school juniors Stirling Howe and Jared Hysinger. Thank you for all your hard work and good luck this year.

In Memoriam

The Bay Area UASI extends its sympathy to the family, fellow officers, and friends of Hayward Police Sergeant Scott Lunger, who was killed in the line of duty.



For more information on Bay Area UASI, visit our website at www.bayareauasi.org, or call 415-353-5232.

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