

# Bay Area UASI



REAL TIME TRAINING FOR REAL WORLD EVENTS



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## Urban Shield 2018: Real Time Training for Real World Events



The 12th annual Urban Shield full scale exercise recently concluded, marking another successful year of invaluable training for regional first responders. Over two hundred partner agencies were presented with more than sixty exercise scenarios, incorporating key elements of real-world emergencies and major critical incidents. 30 tactical scenarios, 4 medical checkpoints, 4 explosive ordnance disposal scenarios, and 4 community emergency response team scenarios were held throughout Alameda, Contra Costa, San Francisco, San Mateo, and Solano counties. The Vallejo Fire Department also hosted the Red Area Command, with 16 HazMat, Urban Search & Rescue, and Water Rescue/Maritime scenarios.



Yellow Area Command offered the single largest scenario in both number of participants and geographical area with all 14 UASI jurisdictions engaged. For the 5th consecutive year, Bay Area UASI Regional Project Manager Corinne Bartshire coordinated the

simultaneous activation of 55 emergency operations centers and 18 shelter sites in response to a simulated catastrophic earthquake. Each jurisdiction and participating state and federal agencies focused on their roles in conducting emergency shelter operations for an

estimated 300,000 persons within the Bay Area. Bay Area jurisdictions experienced successful coordination with key partners and resource providers including the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services, the CA Department of Social Services, the National Weather Service, and FEMA.

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) volunteers also had an opportunity to demonstrate their knowledge and skills proficiency via this year's Green Area Command. A series of classroom training and hands-on exercises allowed CERT members to work through obstacles



and problems based on local real-world threats such as earthquakes and wildfires. In addition, Gray Area Command organized a community preparedness fair to provide community members the tools and information they need to take care of themselves, their families, and their neighborhoods following a disaster.

The Urban Shield event concluded with an awards ceremony hosted by Alameda County Sheriff Gregory Ahern and a keynote speech by Bay Area native and former U.S. Secretary of Defense Leon Panetta.



## Urban Shield 2018 Top Teams

### TOP SWAT



First Place: Las Vegas Police (pictured); Second Place: Oakland Police; Third Place: San Francisco Police

### TOP HAZMAT



First Place: Contra Costa Health Services (pictured); Second Place: Alameda County Fire; Third Place: Santa Clara County Fire

### TOP EOD



First Place: Air Force 60th EOD Flight (pictured); Second Place: CHP Sacramento EOD; Third Place: Alameda County Sheriff

### TOP MARITIME



First Place: US Coast Guard Station Golden Gate (pictured); Second Place: Contra Costa County Fire; Third Place: Tiburon Fire District

## Cyber Update

The UASI Cyber Resilience Workgroup has opened a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) to seek a qualified vendor that can contribute to the Cyber Resilience Tiered Training and Incident Response Planning Program. It is the first stage of a larger plan to bring a high quality, targeted cyber security curriculum to public agency and critical infrastructure end users, administrators, and executive management. The workgroup expects to finalize a vendor contract by early 2019 and begin training throughout the region. After implementing the program, the Cyber Resilience Workgroup will conduct a survey to measure its impact. For questions regarding the Cyber Resilience Workgroup, please contact Mikyung Kim-Molina at [mikyung.kim-molina@sfgov.org](mailto:mikyung.kim-molina@sfgov.org).

## California Oil Spill Prevention and Response

Earlier this year, Governor Jerry Brown appointed Regional Program Manager Janell Myhre to serve on the California Oil Spill Prevention and Response Technical Advisory Committee (TAC). After the 1989 Exxon Valdez and the 1990 American Trader oil spill disasters released millions of gallons of crude oil on the coasts of Alaska and California, the California Lempert-Keene-Seastrand Act was enacted. It established the state TAC to provide public input and independent judgement on state regulations governing the adequacy of oil spill contingency plans. If your agency wants to learn more about this committee and its mission, please contact Janell Myhre at [janell.myhre@sfgov.org](mailto:janell.myhre@sfgov.org).



# Bay Area UASI Updates



## Fleet Week 2018

The roar of jets overhead on a warm October day signals the return of Fleet Week. In addition to air shows, ship tours, and a Humanitarian Assistance Village on Marina Green, the San Francisco Department of Emergency Management hosted a full scale exercise and static display in partnership with the Port of San Francisco and the Fleet Week Association. This exercise tested communications and logistics strategies between local, state, and federal Department of Defense personnel at a disaster staging area near Pier 96. Equipment displayed included a variety of portable fuel tanks, cargo trucks, and numerous mobile command vehicles. During the press conference in which Mayor London Breed thanked our military partners, she also recognized the three women who directed the exercise: Jill Raycroft, Diana Bartram, and Artena Moon.

## BayRICS Update

On October 11, Corner Alliance, the vendor hired to update the region's Tactical Interoperable Communications Plan (TICP), held a workshop for members of the Bay Area Radio Operators Work Group. The TICP focuses on planning efforts around interoperable communications resources available in the region, who controls these resources, and what policies or procedures exist for the deployment/demobilization of these resources. When the plan is completed, the framework developed will support the implementation of processes that support communication across agencies when responding to incidents of all sizes. For more information about regional interoperable communications, visit [www.bayrics.net](http://www.bayrics.net).

## UASI Regional Training & Exercise Program

To learn more about the program or to register for available courses visit: [www.bauasitep.org](http://www.bauasitep.org).

### Upcoming Courses

- 12/04: Preventive Radiological and Nuclear Detection - Team Operations Course
- 12/12: Disaster Management For Water and Wastewater Utilities (MGT-343)
- 12/12: Senior Officials Workshop for All-Hazards Preparedness (MGT-312)
- 12/17: ICS 400 (MGT-905)



## Vigilant Guardian Tabletop Exercise

Following the successful debut of Vigilant Guardian, the Bay Area's newest exercise series, the Bay Area UASI is planning a daylong Bay Area Preventive Radiological Nuclear Detection (PRND) and Incident Response Consequence Management (IRCM) tabletop exercise. On November 14, elected and senior government officials will be introduced to local threats of radiological/nuclear terrorism as well as related preventive activities and response plans. Best practices, a static equipment display, and lessons learned will be used to improve plans for the May 2019 full scale Vigilant Guardian exercise. For more information, please contact CBRNE Project Manager Phil White at [phil.white@sfgov.org](mailto:phil.white@sfgov.org).

# Compliance Corner & Management Team

## FY19 UASI Proposal Process

Hub meetings for the FY19 Project Proposal application process are scheduled for the following dates and locations:

- 01/09: North Bay Hub Meeting
- 01/11: South Bay Hub Meeting
- 01/14: East Bay Hub Meeting
- 01/23: West Bay Hub Meeting



## Compliance Corner:

### Compliance in the Project Proposal Process

Each year, the Bay Area UASI conducts a process to determine how our region's grant funds will be expended. The process is guided by federal grant guidelines, state strategies, and local needs. FEMA's National Preparedness Goal describes 32 Core Capabilities designed to address threats and hazards across five mission areas. These core capabilities are highly interdependent, and as such have been difficult to define, creating challenges in the grant application process.

During the 2018 grant year, Cal OES provided guidance on the proper development of project descriptions and their appropriate alignment with state goals. This also allowed the Bay Area UASI to better link regional work group activities to the "Bay Area Homeland Security Goals", thereby making it easier to align projects to the grant application process.

All Work Groups had the opportunity to review and vet Regional Level II projects at their meetings leading up to or during the application process. Approval by the work group allows these projects to be considered by the Approval Authority for funding.

The 2019 Project Proposal application process was held from September 21 – October 12 and over 150 proposals were submitted. Management Team Staff are currently reviewing all submissions to ensure compliance as the process continues. Hub meetings will be conducted in early January and the first required state submissions will be submitted immediately afterwards. Good luck to all the project applicants!



## Upcoming Events

### NOVEMBER

- 11/08: Approval Authority Meeting
- 11/08: Emergency Management Workgroup Meeting
- 11/14: Vigilant Guardian TTX
- 11/29: Medical and Public Health Workgroup Meeting

### DECEMBER

- 12/5: Cyber Resilience Workgroup
- 12/19: Care and Shelter Subcommittee Meeting

### JANUARY

- 01/10: Approval Authority Meeting

## Approval Authority Updates

The Management Team welcomes new San Francisco Department of Emergency Management Executive Director Mary Ellen Carroll to the Approval Authority. Mary Ellen replaces retiring UASI Chair Anne Kronenberg, who announced her departure at the August 2018 Approval Authority meeting.

## Management Team Updates

Assistant General Manager Catherine Spaulding has moved to a new position at the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission and we wish her well in her future endeavors. Additionally, Communications and Technology Project Manager Corey Reynolds has assumed the role of General Manager for the BayRICS Authority. Congratulations on your new assignments Catherine and Corey!