

Bay Area UASI



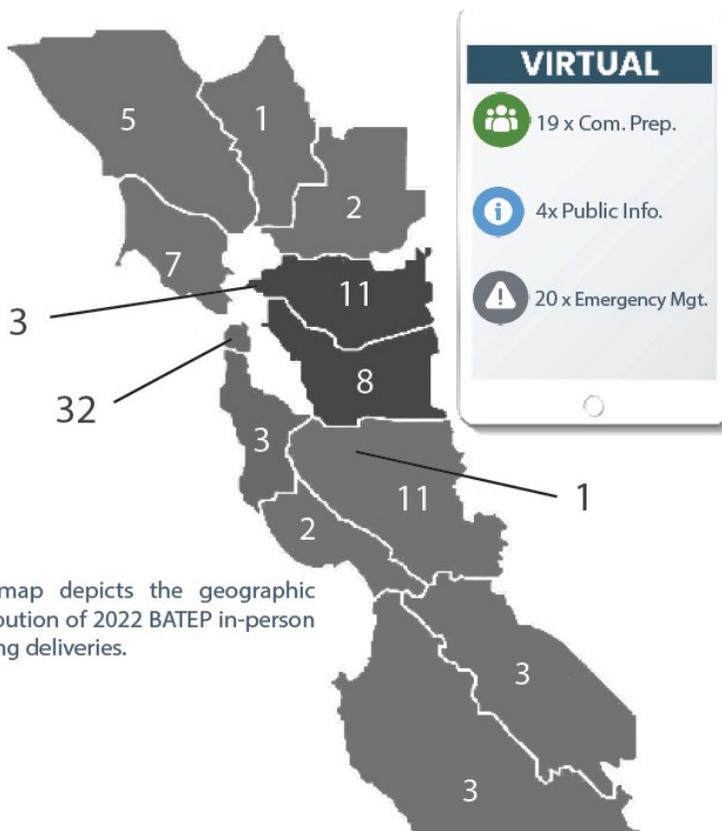
Bay Area Urban Areas Security Initiative Quarterly Newsletter

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Bay Area Training and Exercise Program

The Bay Area Training and Exercise Program kicked off the new year with four Hazardous Materials Operational Readiness Drills. Over 150 participating first responders and 12 local government hazardous materials teams from throughout the Bay Area UASI region practiced field identification, air monitoring, and intervention activities for unknown industrial chemicals to build capacity within the Environmental Response / Health and Safety core capability.

Upcoming this month are concepts and objectives meetings for the regionwide Active Attacker Exercise Series. Reach out to juan.daniels@sfgov.org for more information or to join an exercise planning team.



This map depicts the geographic distribution of 2022 BATEP in-person training deliveries.

Planning has begun for this year's Golden Eagle Exercise (May 18, 2023) which focuses on pandemic readiness, regional coordination of scarce resources, and simultaneous response to multiple incidents throughout the Bay Area. To join a planning team or for more information, reach out to christophe.arnold@sfgov.org.

Training

BATEP successfully conducted 143 training courses in 2022 and are on track to deliver 160+ courses in 2023 across the following public safety disciplines: Community Preparedness, Fire Services, Emergency Management, Cybersecurity, Law Enforcement, Public Information, and Public Health. These training opportunities are provided for free to representatives from public and private sector agencies within the Bay Area UASI region. Visit www.batep.org to view and register for available courses.



Regional Catastrophic Preparedness Grant Program (RCPGP)

The Bay Area UASI is currently implementing four regionwide capability building efforts funded through the Regional Catastrophic Preparedness Grant Program (RCPGP):

1) Life Sustaining Commodity Distribution (FY19 Award)

Bay Area communities developed 80 site specific Commodity Point of Distribution (C-POD) activation plans. New curriculum for C-POD Operations and Management as well as Disaster Logistics for Practitioners was developed specifically for the Bay Area. A refreshed and updated C-POD planning toolkit will be available via the online [UASI Resource Library](#). This toolkit includes templates for logistics planning, memorandums of understanding agreements, and much more.

2) Pandemic Preparedness (FY20 Award)

Bay Area UASI member jurisdictions have been working hard, with the support of customized technical assistance to update local plans, documents, tools, etc. regarding pandemic response protocols. These updated plans have been validated through a series of tabletop exercises and will be further tested in the upcoming Golden Eagle exercise on May 18, 2023 which will feature activation of the updated Region II Medical and Health Multiagency Coordination Guide (MAC GUIDE).

3) Supply Chain Resilience (FY21 Award)

Seven of nine virtual supply chain resilience planning seminars have been delivered to date; all video recordings and presentations are publicly available via the online UASI Resource Library. These seminars are leading the Bay Area into piloting a Regional Community Lifelines Council which will strive to ensure continuous operations of critical business and government functions essential to human health & safety or economic security in disaster response and recovery.

4) Equitable Community Resilience (FY22 Award)

This project will focus on the unique needs of underserved communities and vulnerable individuals, throughout the Bay Area, to improve readiness for a disaster. Some of the expected deliverables include: local and regional roadmaps to community resilience, identification of vulnerability gaps in counties and addressing them through customized planning assistance, community preparedness trainings, a tabletop exercise series, and the development of a technological solution to further engage and enhance relations with community-based structures (CBOs, FBOs, VOADs, COADs, etc.)

Bay Area UASI Updates



Securing the Cities (STC)

In November, the San Francisco Bay Area Securing the Cities Program completed a Tabletop Exercise (TTX) as part of the Bay Area Public Safety Preparedness Summit as well as offered a few radiation detection classes. The TTX was a major milestone in the evolution of STC with Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Countering Weapons of Mass Destruction Office (CWMD). The After-Action Report was released during the January 25th Principal Partners meeting. Also, in November, our Program Manager Dominic Yin left the program. San Francisco DHR is in the process of filling the position while existing STC staff cover the absence.



The STC Program has several training courses planned for 2023 and equipment available for participating agencies. During the first week of March, the San Mateo County Sheriff will host both Primary Screener and Secondary Screener courses. Visit this link to register: <https://bit.ly/SFBA-STC-PRNDOS>. STC expects to host a Primary Screener Train-the-Trainer course this spring followed by training opportunities in Sacramento and Washoe County.



STC is in the process of procuring 18 STE RadPackMax radiation detection backpacks for primary screening duties. The first packs will go to metropolitan size law enforcement agencies following training. The UASI program office has both personal radiation detectors (PRD) and Radioisotope Identification Devices (RIIDs) ready for distribution. Please contact Dave Rocha (david.a.rocha@sfgov.org) or Will Kahan (william.kahan@sfgov.org) for equipment or to host a training class.

School Safety Symposium

On Jan. 11th the Bay Area UASI, San Mateo County Office of Education, Coalition for Safe Schools and Communities, and the CA State Juvenile Officers Association hosted a School Safety Symposium at the College of San Mateo. Over 250 attendees representing regional K-12 education, Law Enforcement, County Behavioral Health, and Juvenile Probation learned about the latest research and best practices in online safety and preventing targeted school violence. Presenters included the NCRIC, U.S. Secret Service, Roblox, Harvard Medical School, Digital Wellness Lab, National Assn of Media Literacy Education (NAMLE), FBI, NCTC, Fresh Lifelines for Youth, Sandy Hook Promise, Community Matters, and Moms Demand Action. Topics covered included Behavioral Threat Assessments, Mobilization Indicators, Cyberbullying Prevention, Media Literacy, the Role of the NCRIC, and Using Gun Violence Restraining Orders. A replication of this school safety symposium will occur in Monterey County on April 2023.



Domestic Violent Extremism and Crime Gun Intelligence Center Symposiums

In the upcoming months the Bay Area UASI and the NCRIC will be offering specialized training symposiums in Domestic Violent Extremism and Crime Gun Intelligence Centers. For more information, email ViolencePrevention@batep.org.



Compliance Corner



I'd like to formally introduce myself as Bay Area UASI's Regional Grants Manager. I am delighted to join the Management Team and to have the opportunity to work with all our jurisdictions in terms of applying for and complying with UASI grants. I look forward to getting to know everyone, and I hope you have made it through these winter storms with minimal issues.



With respect to the procurement process with your UASI grant awards, please remember to factor in ample time for Bay Area UASI and CalOES to process required forms that require state/federal approval. For example, there are several tiers of review for purchases over \$250,000 when a noncompetitive procurement authorization is needed. The process to receive a sole source approval can sometimes take weeks to be approved, so factor in sufficient time prior to when you need the item(s) or services. Do not assume that the vendor will be approved until you receive confirmation from the Management Team, and wait until your request is approved before making any purchases. Sole source approvals are permitted for the following scenarios: when only a single vendor provides the services or goods, when only one vendor responds to a competitive project bid/RFP, or when public necessity or emergency for the requirement will not permit a delay resulting from competitive solicitation.

As a reminder, operational overtime costs are allowable for increased security measures at critical infrastructure sites if associated with detecting, deterring, disrupting, and preventing acts of terrorism and other catastrophic events. All operational overtime costs must be formally pre-approved in writing by DHS/FEMA and must be submitted at least 60 days in advance of the activity, particularly if an event is known well in advance (holiday coverage, etc). The Bay Area UASI Management Team can work with you to help ensure your overtime requests are approved. Please contact Molly Giesen-Fields at molly.giesen-fields@sfgov.org for any questions you may have related to compliance.

Approval Authority Updates

Welcome to Keith Boyd! He is now the Approval Authority alternate for Monterey County.

UASI Management Team Updates

Jackelyn Koo has transitioned from her previous position as Senior Management Assistant and now works as the Bay Area Training and Exercise Grants Specialist. She will be in charge of financial operations for the training and exercise program.

Lloyd Shand has taken a new position as Division Coordinator for San Francisco Department of Emergency Management. He will be working with Adrienne Bechelli and continuing their goal of community outreach.



Upcoming Events

02/08 - [Public Sector Supply Chains](#)

02/22 - [Public-Private Sector Collaborations & Improving Survivor Outcomes](#)

03/09 - Approval Authority Meeting

04/12 - STC RN Subcommittee Meeting

04/19 - Cyber Resilience Work Group Meeting

05/18 - Golden Eagle Exercise

Please see www.batep.org for additional information for ongoing Bay Area Training Classes.