

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY BAY AREA URBAN AREAS SECURITY INITIATIVE (BAUASI) INTEGRATED PREPAREDNESS PLAN (IPP) 2020-2022

Purpose. The IPP comprises a multi-year Homeland Security training and exercise schedule for the twelve county Bay Area UASI region.

Overview. The regional Training and Exercise Work Group (TEWG) includes Whole Community members who represent training and exercise needs across Homeland Security disciplines. The IPP is a tool, managed by the TEWG, to assist the Bay Area Training and Exercise Program (BATEP) in implementing priority training and exercises for the next three years. The IPP provides a list of courses identified as regional priorities, a schedule based on available funding, and marries that training to a progressive exercise plan. The TEWG meets monthly to review training and exercise planning and execution; moreover, the work group serves as a venue for stakeholders to submit proposals to the BATEP to address new or additional training shortfalls.

Methodology. The IPP was developed in coordination with the Training and Exercise Work Group (TEWG) and informed by specific risks to the Bay Area. The approach is capability based, objective-driven, and integrates the Whole Community's collective wisdom. Integrated Preparedness Planning Workshops (IPPWs) were conducted virtually in April 2020 by separate homeland security disciplines (Cyber/PIO/BayRICS/NCRIC, Emergency Management, Fire, Law Enforcement, and Community Preparedness) to incorporate Whole Community stakeholders across the Bay Area. During the IPPWs, participants reviewed the Bay Area UASI Homeland Security goals and the Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (THIRA), before considering how best to address the areas for improvement and required capabilities captured in the Stakeholder Preparedness Review (SPR). From that analysis, training planners and the TEWG developed a prioritized list of specific training courses by discipline. Following the review, prioritized courses were selected, by discipline within the BATEP's available funding for FY19.

Current Status. The IPP is pending approval by the TEWG scheduled to meet virtually June 18, 2020.

Next Steps. The IPP would typically be reviewed annually. Given the evolving needs of the Bay Area UASI region and unanticipated challenges devolving from the COVID-19 pandemic, the development of a training and exercise calendar over the three-year period remains a continuous and dynamic process. The schedule in the IPP provides a forecast and will likely change based on available grant funding, shifting regional priorities and training needs, availability of instructors and so forth.