Bay Area UASI

Bay Area UASI wins Best in Show at the 2023 National Homeland Security Conference (NHSC)

The Bay Area UASI Management Team organized three successful presentations at this year's NHSC in Chicago. These included panelists from our local jurisdictions and national partners.

Securing the Cities: Leveraging Left and Right of Boom Grant Streams

Craig Dziedzic moderated a Securing the Cities panel titled, "Leveraging Left and Right of Boom Grant Streams" which included included Kristina Frierson, STC Program Manager, CWMD Office; Bethany Hand, Assistant Commissioner, Chicago Fire Department; John Benedetti, Program Manager, City of Los Angeles and Matt Devine, Interim STC Program Manager, Bay Area UASI.

Unified Cyber Incident Response for Cyber Professionals and Emergency Managers

Mikyung Kim-Molina, Bay Area UASI Communications and Technology Project Manager, facilitated the "Unified Cyber Incident Response for Cyber Professionals and Emergency Managers" session" with Kim Bowman, Assistant Deputy Director of Emergency Services, CCSF Department of Emergency Management; Kamroonbanu Mohideenbasha, Technology Risk and Resilience Manager, CCSF Office of Cybersecurity and Wendy Wheeler, Manager of Computer Systems Engineering, Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART).

Atmospheric Rivers, Bomb Cyclone Storms, and Partnerships for Response
~BEST IN SHOW~

Corinne Bartshire moderated the session and featured these Bay Area panelists:
- Brian Garcia, Warning Coordination Meteorologist, National Weather Service
- David Reid, Director, Santa Cruz County Office of Response, Recovery & Resilience
- Michelle Durand, Chief Communications Officer, San Mateo County
- Kim Bowman, Assistant Deputy Director of Emergency Services, CCSF Department of Emergency Management

These panelists showed how critical it is to collaborate across agencies, jurisdictions, and disciplines for an effective whole community emergency response and recovery. The preparedness lessons learned and region-wide response strategies help the Bay Area be more resilient to all hazards from extreme weather to terrorism.

Bay Area UASI Updates

Regional Catastrophic Preparedness Grant Program (RCPGP) Updates

Life Sustaining Commodity Distribution Planning: The Bay Area UASI developed 104 local C-POD site activation plans, an online map/GIS data layer of the Bay Area UASI region's potential C-POD sites, a summary of anticipated resource needs for operating these C-POD sites, and templates/guidance for continued commodity distribution planning. Site specific plans and locations are designated as For Official Use Only, but the complete toolkit may be accessed by visiting bayareauasi.org/cpod. This includes downloadable, customizable planning templates and exercise materials. Additional tools include resource estimation calculators, guidance for developing MOUs, and training curriculum for *C-POD Operations and Management (including a condensed video version)* and *Disaster Logistics for Practitioners*.

Regional Pandemic Preparedness: This project involved collaboration of Bay Area agencies to review best practices and challenges from the COVID-19 pandemic. Tools including an online, searchable, crisis communication toolkit, a pandemic preparedness framework, and a scare resource decision making tool are available at bayareauasi.org/PandemicPreparednessPlanning.

Stay tuned for updates on the Supply Chain Resilience and Equitable Community Resilience projects in the next Newsletter!

SF Bay Area Secure the Cities (STC) Grant Program Update

STC protects the Bay Area against threats from unauthorized use of radiological or nuclear (RN) materials by providing detection equipment, training, exercise and programmatic support, and expertise to develop regionally coordinated RN detection capabilities. Bay Area UASI staff attended the STC Senior Executive Meeting in Washington D.C. from July 18 - July 20 to receive threat briefings, collaborate with partner agencies, understand best practices and develop capabilities. Maritime PRND PER-350 were delivered to maritime public safety partners in the region, and the UASI has received STE RadPak Max backpacks to be distributed to Principal Partner agencies. Staff continue to draft modifications to PMO documents based upon Semi-Annual STC meeting information and Tabletop AAR.

Risk Management Program Updates

The Bay Area UASI has been working on the annual capability assessment requirement, known as the Stakeholder Preparedness Review (SPR), which will be submitted to FEMA in December. Through this process, regional stakeholders describe capability gaps, identify strategies for closing the gaps, and perform quantitative estimates on current capabilities. And in March, the Risk Management Work Group held its first meeting with subject matter experts from the local, regional, state, and federal levels to ensure that the Bay Area's Department of Homeland Security (DHS) relative Risk Score accurately reflects the region's terrorism risk. Staff has also provided feedback to DHS on the various threat, vulnerability, and consequence elements of the DHS Risk Methodology.

Cybersecurity Program Update

On June 14, 2023, Mikyung Kim-Molina spoke on a panel titled, "Scaling Cyber Defense: State and Local Partnerships" at the Cyber Civil Defense Summit in Washington D.C. The Cyber Civil Defense Summit is hosted by the UC Berkeley Center for Long-Term Cybersecurity (CLTC) and focuses on exploring novel solutions to help local governments, private sector, and community-based organizations defend themselves online. This sold-out event included high-level cyber professionals, academics, government officials, and policymakers who convened to discuss creative and innovative programs designed to bolster local and regional cyber resilience efforts.

Trainings & Exercise Seminars delivered to the community February 2023 - July 2023

BATEP offers trainings and exercises, inclusive of community preparedness, supporting whole community partners throughout the 12 county region. Over the past six months, some examples include:

Training Name	# Trainings	# Community Members
Organizational Disaster Preparedness for Community Organizations	2	50
Continuity of Operations Planning for Community Organizations	6	160
Incident Command Systems for Community Organizations	3	52
Personal Preparedness for Staff of Community Organizations	2	57
Government - CBO Coordination Panel	3	85
Table Top Exercise Demonstration	6	214

Burlingame CERT Conference Instructors, late June

"The course content and location were amazing. The instructors were pivotal, sharing their expertise with the class."

"It takes ideas that have been in my head for twenty years and gives them shape and structure that I can make use of. Very valuable stuff."

Bay Area UASI Updates

Compliance Corner

The FY24-25 Project Proposal Guidance is posted on the UASI website, and a **Project Proposal Kickoff meeting to apply for FY24-25 UASI funds will be held in Dublin on September 14th at 1pm** to inform applicants on the proposal submission process, timelines, and grant requirements. The **WebGrants application portal will open on Friday, September 15th** for a three-week period to accept proposals.

We have implemented a much-needed upgrade to WebGrants, which has the same functionality but a cleaner look and feel. Potential grant applicants will receive training on WebGrants at the Kickoff meeting. Please contact molly.giesen-fields@sfgov.org if you have questions about the grant application process.

Reminder: if you need to secure sole source approval as part of your procurement process, there is a 45-day turnaround time to get Noncompetitive Procurement Authorization requests approved by the State. Please plan ahead!

Approval Authority Updates

We welcome the following individuals who have been appointed new members of the Approval Authority:

- Steven Torrence, County of Marin Director of Emergency Management
- Kelsey Scanlon, County of Monterey Director of Emergency Management
- Chris Hsiung, County of San Mateo Undersheriff
- Jeff DuVall, Sonoma County Interim Director of Emergency Management

There also new alternates:

- Assistant Sheriff Colby Staysa, Alameda County
- Assistant Sheriff Eric McQuoid, Contra Costa County
- Fire Chief Jason Weber, Marin County
- Chief Deputy Jeffrey Hoyne, Monterey County
- Interim Deputy Director Sam Wallis, Sonoma County
- Acting Deputy Chief, Daniel Perea, San Francisco Police Department

UASI Management Team Updates

UASI Management team hired and onboarded two Senior Management Assistants, Vivina Santos and Leo Samuelson; Angela Hong, Oscar Zhang and Natalie Jew are the newest members of the UASI Fiscal Team. We also welcomed Jocelyn Jarman, Administrative Specialist, who assists the BATEP team.

Upcoming Events

- September 14, Approval Authority Meeting
- September 14, FY24 UASI Grant Kickoff Meeting
- September 15, FY24 UASI Grant Submissions Begin
- October 6, FY24 UASI Grant Submissions End

Ongoing: Bay Area Training Classes. Please see the web page below for additional information.

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