

Bay Area UASI

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San Francisco Hosts Asian Pacific Economic Conference (APEC)

This past November, over 20,000 leaders and visitors worldwide traveled to San Francisco for the 2023 Asian Pacific Economic Conference (APEC). It was a historic moment for San Francisco as it was the largest convening of world leaders in the city since the signing of the UN Charter in 1954. UASI staff leaped into action to support San Francisco's most significant international event in decades. Amy Ramirez, Meredith Terrell, Mikyung Kim-Molina, Scott Kaplan, Christophe Arnold, Vivina Santos, Jocelyn Jarman and Leo Samuelson served the San Francisco Emergency Operations Center (EOC) for APEC supporting the Planning Section, the Community Branch, the Joint Information Section, and the Logistics Section.



The 21 APEC member economies are home to 3 billion people – nearly 40 percent of the world's population – and represent almost half of global trade and more than 60 percent of the world's GDP. Due to the national security measures necessary for this event, the economic leaders' meeting held a National Special Security Event designation (NSSE) – the first NSSE event within the state of California. The successful coordination among local, state, and federal agencies strengthened partnerships and regional preparation for upcoming events such as the Super Bowl and World Cup.



Bay Area UASI Updates

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

The STC safeguards the Bay Area from radiological and nuclear threats by providing detection equipment, training, exercises, programmatic support and expertise to develop regionally coordinated RN detection capabilities. This fall, STC was instrumental in providing both training and equipment prior to the APEC. In October and November, the SF International Airport (SFO) hosted Counter Terrorism Operations Support (CTOS) Center for Radiological Nuclear Training who delivered the Preventive R/N Detection On-Site Program (PRNDOS) series to train 62 Bay Area law enforcement officers and another 60 officers in Washoe County. This required training prepared officers to properly use the detection equipment at the APEC. STC provided radiological detection equipment including RadPack Max backpacks, Radioisotope Identification Devices (RIIDS) and personal radiation detectors (PRD) to partners including, SFPD, SFO, San Mateo County Sheriff's Office, and BART. This training and equipment helped ensure a safe and secure high profile event. Please contact Matt Devine (matthew.devine@sfgov.org) for more information.



Regional Catastrophic Preparedness Grant Program Update

The Bay Area UASI was awarded RCPGP funding for a 5th consecutive year! Current projects focus on equitable community resilience bolstering emergency preparedness of disadvantaged communities & vulnerable groups throughout the Bay Area. Look forward to development of Local Roadmaps to Community Resilience, a Regional Vulnerability Report, a Regional Resilience Tool, and more! Coming out of our 2023 work, a complete Supply Chain Resilience Toolkit is available for download via this [link](#).

ALERTtheBay.org

You asked and the Bay Area UASI delivered. ALERTtheBay.org is a one-stop shop for Bay Area residents to register for critical alerting systems. Campaign visuals in multiple languages and formats are available for local agencies to promote this site. Visit the [UASI Resource Library](#) and open the Community Preparedness Resources folder.

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Bay Area UASI Updates

Violence Prevention and Combatting Domestic Violent Extremism

Back in 2021, the Bay Area UASI was awarded a Targeted Violence and Terrorism Prevention (TVTP) grant from the Department of Homeland Security's Center for Prevention Programs and Partnerships (CP3). This grant has recently come to an end, but the significant impacts of the TVTP funded projects will continue under the UASI Combatting Domestic Violent Extremism (DVE) National Priority Area.

During the FY 2021 TVTP period of performance, the Bay Area UASI implemented the following four projects:

- Cross-Sector Threat Assessment - Developed and created a best practices guide and conducted multi-disciplinary cross-sector threat assessment and management trainings for the region.
- Terrorist Use of On-Line Platforms and How to Mitigate the Threat – Conducted terrorist use of the internet awareness trainings for the whole community and public safety sector.
- Media Literacy for Schools - Developed and built a bilingual media literacy training platform for middle/high school students, teachers, and parents.
- Mental Health Film Creation: Built youth resilience and mental health awareness skills by empowering high school students to create short films and hold school film festivals.

These projects represent a blend of in-person and online strategies that leverage technology and a whole community approach to mitigate targeted violence and prevent terrorist acts. Through the DVE grant, the UASI will continue to leverage the whole community partnerships established under the TVTP grant. Under the DVE grant, we will increase our portfolio of violence prevention and DVE trainings to the region; expand the media literacy and mental health film creation projects to more schools; conduct school safety symposiums and violence prevention summits; implement Safe School Ambassadors and restorative justice practices in schools; and assist justice involved youth with social and emotional learning skills.

For more information contact: Mikyung.kim-molina@sfgov.org.

Eradicate Hate Global Summit

Mikyung Kim-Molina, UASI Regional Project Manager, was invited to the 2023 Eradicate Hate Global Summit held in Pittsburgh, PA from 9/27/23 – 09/29/23. This global summit provides a unique, multidisciplinary forum to share ideas and build working relationships to drive the development and deployment of effective approaches to reduce hate-fueled violence.



Santa Clara County Office of Education “Power of Partnerships”

On December 5, 2023, Mikyung Kim-Molina (UASI Regional Project Manager) attended the Santa Clara County Office of Education's “Power of Partnerships: Together We Inspire” event on behalf of the Bay Area UASI. This appreciation event brought together educational, community, government, and business partners to honor and recognize the important partnerships that the Santa Clara County Office of Education has built over the years.



Bay Area UASI Updates

Bay Area Training and Exercise Program (BATEP)

Upcoming 2024 Trainings and Exercises

2/05 - 2/08 AH-330: Strike Team/Task Force Leader All Hazards

2/06 - 2/07 Cyber Emergency Response (CER) Training

2/12 - 2/13 Tactical Emergency Casualty Care (TECC)

2/14 Tactical Emergency Casualty Care for Law Enforcement

2/22 Essential Messages: Media Spokesperson Skills for Crisis

3/01 Cyber Bridge Tabletop Exercise

3/04 - 3/08 Supply Chain Local Tabletop Exercises

4/01 - 4/03 Commodity Point of Distribution (CPOD)

Operations & Management

4/22 - 4/23 Disaster Logistics for Practitioners

4/29 Supply Chain Regional Tabletop Exercise

Ongoing through June: Active Attacker Tabletop Exercise Series



For more information and locations, please visit



www.batep.org



Compliance Corner

The FY23 UASI grant MOUs have been released for signature by subrecipients. Please read the whole MOU to ensure you understand the responsibilities that accompany the funded projects. Familiarize yourself with the compliance requirements and with 2 CFR Part 200 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

Reminders!

- Supply chain challenges still remain – be sure to order equipment as early as you can to avoid running out of time
- Sole source approval has a 45-day turnaround time from the State – plan ahead!
- As always, please submit your claims, quarterly reports, and any project change requests through Webgrants so that your Project Manager can make sure those are processed in a timely manner.

Contact Molly Giesen-Fields at molly.giesen-fields@sfgov.org if you have questions.

Approval Authority Updates

We would like to welcome the new Approval Authority member Undersheriff Lockett-Fahimi and alternate member Assistant Sheriff McNaughton from Alameda County. We also wish outgoing member Rich Lucia a happy retirement.

UASI Management Team Updates

The UASI Management team hired a new Risk Management Project Manager, Craig Mohar. Amy Ramirez has moved into the BATEP Project Manager position. Matt Devine was recently promoted to STC Regional Program Manager.

Upcoming Events

- March 14, Approval Authority Meeting

