



To: Bay Area UASI Approval Authority

From: Matt Devine, Regional Program Manager

Date: March 14, 2024

Re: Item 09: SF Bay Area Securing the Cities (STC) Update

Staff Recommendation:

Information only

Action or Discussion Item:

Discussion only

Summary

Mission & Goals: The Securing the Cities (STC) Program, under the Office of Countering Weapons of Mass Destruction (CWMD), aims to reduce the risk of illicit radiological/nuclear threats to major cities over a ten-year grant period. The program seeks to lessen the risk of a successful deployment of an illicit radiological/nuclear device in a major metropolitan area by establishing sustainable capacity of partner agencies to detect, analyze, and report nuclear material out of regulatory control. The SF Bay Area STC program is in the third year of the implementation phase.

Participating STC jurisdictions face numerous challenges protecting large-scale events in our region, from the Bay to Breakers Road Race to Hot August Nights in Reno that attract thousands of spectators and participants. Upcoming events such as the 2026 World Cup and Super Bowl LX further emphasize how critical it is to enhance our radiological detection capabilities. CTOS led instruction and exercises emphasized the importance of STC supporting these events, including our upcoming STC Full Scale Exercise at Levi's Stadium in April 2023.

Update: In January 2024, the UASI General Manger and Matt Devine, STC Program Manager, attended the STC Semi-Annual Stakeholder Meeting in Miami, FL. A brief overview of the national STC efforts were noted from the Army/Navy game in Foxborough, Massachusetts to the detection of a significant amount of discarded radiological material by a law enforcement officer in Houston.

Our ability to provide jurisdictions with the necessary equipment is also high priority. While we are still issuing equipment to jurisdictions, capturing data from usage, training and proficiency are critical metrics that are required for grant compliance. The upcoming Preventing Radiological Nuclear Detection Operations Series (PRNDOS) course taking place at the San Francisco International Airport will provide a "just in time" opportunity. The two-day prevention exercise will assess the capability of the STC regional partners to coordinate emergency tactical

law enforcement operations and successfully transition to a local stabilization team and FBI asset integration. The response exercise will focus on consequence management, validating the existing capabilities of first responders. We are encouraging any agencies not yet committed to the exercise, to sign up, or reach out for additional information.

Securing the Cities (STC)	
Grant Years:	2019 - 2023
Performance Period:	3/4/20 - 10/30/29
Amount Awarded:	\$9,065,800
Amount Expended to Date:	\$7,311,011
Current Balance:	\$1,754,789
<p>Project Accomplishments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attended STC Semi-Annual Stakeholder Meeting to receive threat briefings, collaborate with partner agencies, understand best practices and develop capabilities. • Delivered PRNDOS in San Francisco and Washoe County. • Scheduled PRNDOS series at SFO in March. • Provided public safety partners with equipment to enhance detection capability for APEC. • Conducted ongoing meetings for spring 2024 full scale exercise in Santa Clara County at Levi Stadium. • Facilitated meetings with jurisdictions interested in partnership with STC. • Pursuing certification and CWMD compliant policies towards a mission capable self-sufficient program. 	