

Bay Area UASI



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Urban Shield 2015: Honor the Past, Train for the Future

In its 9th consecutive year, the nationally renowned multi-day, multi-jurisdiction, multi-disciplinary exercise, “Urban Shield” was held across the Bay Area. More than two hundred partner agencies, in scenario sites located throughout the Bay Area, tested their core capabilities and ability to stretch regional resources to enhance public safety. As before, the goal of the exercise is to enhance first responder skills and abilities and enhance regional collaboration. There were 30 tactical law enforcement scenarios, 2 physical challenges, 4 medical checkpoints, 4 explosive scenarios, 16 fire scenarios, and 2 unified commands. Between participants and volunteers, more than 6,000 people were involved in the planning and conduct of this exercise.

Tactical team scenarios included active shooter, officer and hostage rescue, rapid response techniques, high risk tactical entry, and rescues at transportation (aircraft and train) sites.

HazMat teams tested capabilities in the areas of radiation and biological agents, chemical warfare attacks, toxic leaks, and oil by rail accidents. Urban Search and Rescue team scenarios included a building collapse, trench and high-angle rescue, and heavy lift operations. Water rescue teams conducted drills for a ferry emergency, boom deployment, towing and victim recovery, and EMS and Fire.



Yellow Command conducted, a functional and full scale emergency management exercise in response to a complex, coordinated attack at multiple locations. Levi’s Stadium in Santa Clara had a section of people sitting in the stands to simulate a required evacuation and medical triage after an explosion in the stadium. A ferry boat in Marin County was the site of a hostage situation that required a



SWAT team. Additionally, interoperable communications abilities were tested regionally, and Cal COP was used for coordinating situational awareness. 20 Emergency Operations Centers (EOCs), including the Cal OES Regional EOC activated during the exercise.

Urban Shield concluded with an awards ceremony at the Alameda County Fairgrounds hosted by Alameda County Sheriff Gregory Ahern. The keynote speaker during the banquet was Jeh Johnson, Secretary for the Department of Homeland Security. Winners of the competition included: Sacramento PD Tactical Team, the Sacramento EOD team, Santa Clara County HM-72 HazMat team, Alameda County Rescue Boat 11 Water Rescue team, and the Alameda County/American Canyon USAR team. Congratulations to all!

Bay Area UASI Updates

Urban Shield 2015 Top Teams

TOP SWAT



First Place: Sacramento Police (pictured); Second Place: Oakland Police; Third Place: Travis County Sheriff's Office

TOP HAZMAT



First Place: Santa Clara County FD (pictured); Second Place: Santa Clara City FD; Third Place: San Jose FD

TOP EOD



First Place: Sacramento Area (pictured); Second Place: Riverside- Orange County; Third Place: Santa Clara County

2015 Urban Shield After Action Meeting

The 2015 Urban Shield After Action Meeting will be held on Friday, November 20, 2015 from 1:30pm to 3:30pm at the Alameda County Sheriff's Office of Emergency Services in Dublin, CA.

TOP MARITIME



First Place: Alameda County FD (pictured); Second Place: Southern Marin FD; Third Place: Sonoma County FD

TOP USAR



First Place: Alameda County FD (pictured); Second Place: American Canyon FD; Third Place: Santa Clara County FD



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Bay Area UASI Updates



Fleet Week 2015!

Fleet Week in San Francisco took place from October 5th through October 12th with a variety of events including the always-exciting Air Show featuring the Blue Angels. Another signature event was Humanitarian Village at Marina Green. Here, a series of displays and demonstrations were available for the public to experience the range of civilian and military resources that enables our country to prepare and respond to manmade and natural disasters.

The week kicked off with a Rehearsal of Concept (ROC) Drill aimed at bringing together Bay Area leaders and first responders with Department of Defense and Homeland Security services to test disaster transportation and logistics strategies.

Throughout Fleet Week, thousands of visitors climb aboard aircraft carriers, destroyers, and cruisers docked at the Embarcadero to get a glimpse into the day-to-day lives of those serving in the U.S. Navy and Coast Guard. The Canadian Navy also joined us in this unique hosting opportunity as well. Thanks to all who helped make Fleet Week one of the best events of the year, and we can't wait until Fleet Week 2016!



UASI Regional Training & Exercise Program

To learn more about the program or to register for available courses visit: www.bauasitep.org.

Upcoming Courses

- 12/1: Introduction to Computer Aided Management of Emergency Operations (CAMEO)
- 12/14: Planning Section Chief Training
- 12/15: Incorporating Whole Community Inclusive Planning into the Emergency Management Process

CESA Conference

The Bay Area UASI Management Team recently attended the California Emergency Services Association (CESA) annual training and conference. General Manager Craig Dziedzic, Emergency Manager Vinny Mata from Sunnyvale, and San Diego's Executive Director of Homeland Security presented on maintaining situational awareness in the EOC through the use of a variety of tools and Cal COP.

Regional Program Manager Janell Myhre and Project Manager Corinne Bartshire demonstrated the use of Recovery Planning Tools and Templates. Attendees were presented with USB drives containing a customizable suite of tools to aid in building local recovery plans and procedures. During the awards ceremony, the Bay Area UASI and the Regional Catastrophic Planning Team received CESA's Gold Award for its "Just in Time" Video Training Series.



Compliance Corner & Management Team

Loud and Clear!

The BayRICS recently tested interoperable communications throughout the Bay Area concurrent with the 2015 Urban Shield and Yellow Command Exercises. Eight agencies participated and tested radios and networks outside their home jurisdictions. In 41 separate radio tests in 11 different Bay Area locations, BayRICS is happy to report that 37 of 41 tests were successful – a success rate of over 90 percent! For more information on the BayRICS Joint Powers Authority, check out their website at www.bayrics.net.

Compliance Corner:

Compliance in the Project Proposal Process

The FY16 Bay Area UASI Proposal Process is in full swing and right now the Management Team is going through each proposal conducting a Compliance Review. Thanks to all the participating agencies that submitted proposals this year!

In reviewing the applications, some were not compliant because they did not articulate how two or more operational areas would benefit and because the expenses listed are not allowable under the guidelines of the UASI grant. In this Compliance Corner, we will touch on *allowable expenses*.

Allowable expenses are broken up into spending areas collectively known as POETE, commonly pronounced by our staff as “poh-eddy” and short for Planning, Organization, Equipment, Training, and Exercises. For example, most applications fit into one of the five categories, but some are more complex - such as tabletop exercises that help our region prepare for large events - and need to be split between amongst multiple spending areas.

As the UASI Management Team continues to conduct its thorough compliance review, these are just some of the important factors we check. To learn more about UASI grant compliance, check out the FY16 Proposal Guidance. And as always, compliance related questions can be directed to Mary.Landers@sfgov.org.



Upcoming Events

NOVEMBER

- 11/03: National Fusion Center Conference in Alexandria, VA
- 11/10: Regional Public Information Officer Exercise
- 11/12: Approval Authority Meeting

DECEMBER

- 12/09: Large Events Concept of Operations Template Validation Workshop

JANUARY

- 01/13: North Bay Hub Meeting
- 01/15: South Bay Hub Meeting
- 01/20: East Bay Hub Meeting
- 01/22: West Bay Hub Meeting

FEBRUARY

- 02/25: Level 2 Regional Prioritization Meeting

Management Team Updates

Mary Landers recently completed the National Preparedness Leadership Initiative (NPLI) program at Harvard University. She explored the topic of cyber security for utility companies and her team created a Cyber Security Response Guide for Utility Managers. Way to go, Mary!

Beginning December 7th, **Janell Myhre** will attend the NPLI program and is very excited to build upon her leadership experience in the emergency management field. We look forward to learning what her topic of study will be.

Happy Holidays to everyone! We wish everyone a safe and enjoyable holiday season.

