

# Bay Area UASI



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## Mass Care and Shelter Capability Building

Over the course of the last two years, representatives from Bay Area jurisdictions, the CalOES Coastal region, non-profit organizations, and state / federal agencies have been collaborating on a Mass Care and Shelter Capability project to build local government service

Shelter Board, reviewed existing MOUs between local governments and the American Red Cross, and drafted a regional strategy for continued capability building. The 2018 annual regional Yellow Command exercise was conducted to test the region's progress.



American Red Cross volunteer delivers shelter supplies.

In year two, additional workshops on concepts and organization were held, MOU and facility-use templates were developed, local animal care and shelter planning guidance documents were prepared, and a "Shelter Calculator" was developed to assist in a more accurate identification of capacity and supply needs at individual shelters.

Building capabilities in mass care and shelter operations continues to be a critical component in the region's homeland security strategy. The need for this planning process was underscored when one of the deadliest and most destructive wildfires in US history started on Camp Creek Road in Butte County. More than 52,000 people were forced to flee the raging inferno and stay in shelters that included a mix of government run, private, and impromptu shelter operations. Lessons learned from this event will allow for greater understanding of Bay Area needs when mass care and sheltering are required in the future.

capabilities following a catastrophic disaster. In addition to discussions, workshops, trainings, and exercises, this project also identified recommendations for Bay Area local governments to consider as they continue to improve their care and shelter operations.

Key elements of year one of the planning project included the evaluation of local existing plans, conducting workshops on roles and responsibilities and best practices for integrating the access and functional needs population, those with medical requirements, and animal care in a shelter. They also built a statewide WebEOC

If you want to learn more about this project, workshop summaries, training materials, planning tools, and guidance documents from the Bay Area UASI Care and Shelter Planning Toolkit may be accessed on the UASI website at: [www.bayareauasi.org/careshelter](http://www.bayareauasi.org/careshelter).



## CBRNE Update



From January 22-25, members of the California Army National Guard 95th Civil Support Team gathered in San Francisco to lead local, state, and federal first responders in a multi-agency disaster exercise- BayEX. A scenario, conducted on the BART transit system, is the

latest in a series of efforts from the Chemical Biological Radiological Nuclear Explosive (CBRNE) Workgroup to enhance response capabilities in detection and interdiction of illicit radiological and nuclear materials. In addition to enhancing response procedures, the workgroup has partnered with the National Office of Radiological Security



and the San Francisco Police Department to purchase radiological security upgrades for various Class 1 storage facilities located across The City.

To learn more, contact CBRNE Project Manager Phil White at [phil.white@sfgov.org](mailto:phil.white@sfgov.org).

## Animals in Disaster Training & Workshop



The San Francisco SPCA, in partnership with the UASI Emergency Management Workgroup, hosted an “Animals in Disaster” Workshop. Attendees reviewed existing guidance documents and received training on the Animal Care and Shelter Planning Toolkit. Key elements of the toolkit include checklists and tips that enhance the ability of emergency personnel to care for and shelter animals in disaster.

To learn more, visit [www.bayareauasi.org/careshelter](http://www.bayareauasi.org/careshelter).

## Critical Transportation Subcommittee

In a disaster, transportation services, including mass evacuation and distribution of supplies, will be vital. The UASI Emergency Management Workgroup has



begun a new project to enhance the region’s Critical Transportation capabilities. Over the next two years, a subcommittee of state and local representatives from emergency

management, public works, health and human services, and transit sectors will develop workshops, resource guides, improvement strategies, and training programs. This strategic project aims to strengthen partnerships and clarify roles and responsibilities for Bay Area jurisdictions in the performance of critical transportation services. To learn more, contact Emergency Management workgroup chair Corinne Bartshire at [corinne.bartshire@sfgov.org](mailto:corinne.bartshire@sfgov.org).



# Bay Area UASI Updates



## National Homeland Security Conference

The 2019 National Homeland Security Conference will be held in Phoenix, Arizona from June 17th - 20th. The Bay Area UASI Management Team submitted three panel presentations highlighting regional, collaborative, and whole community preparedness efforts.

## Mass Notification Conference

The 2nd Annual Mass Notification Seminar will be held in May. Nearly 200 Alert and Warning System Administrators, Public Information Officers, and Emergency Managers are expected to attend this two-day event to discuss ways to improve regional mass notifications and emergency alerts. The seminar will also introduce a Bay Area Regional Air Quality Messaging project. This project will showcase a PIO toolkit which will be designed to disseminate air quality protective messages to hard to reach populations such as seniors, immigrant communities, and those with access and functional needs. To learn more, contact [Mikyung.Kim-Molina@sfgov.org](mailto:Mikyung.Kim-Molina@sfgov.org).

## Cybersecurity Training

On February 13th, the Bay Area UASI's Cyber Resilience Workgroup will kick off its new Regional Cybersecurity Training Program. This project will create customizable, comprehensive cybersecurity courses for IT administrators, executive management, and end-users. Topics will include: email phishing, social engineering, mobile devices and working remotely, data protection and privacy, cybercrimes, digital forensics, cyberterrorism, cybersecurity in operational technologies and industrial control systems. For more information, contact [Mikyung.Kim-Molina@sfgov.org](mailto:Mikyung.Kim-Molina@sfgov.org).

## UASI Regional Training & Exercise Program

Since 2011, the Bay Area UASI Regional Training & Exercise program has been offering free training courses for Law Enforcement, Fire, EMS, Public Health, HazMat, Emergency Management and other public safety officials.

To learn more about the program or to register for available courses visit: [www.bauasitep.org](http://www.bauasitep.org).



## Supply Chain Resilience

In a catastrophic earthquake, an estimated 1.75 million people will require food and water. Supply chains that provide these essential commodities are critical to the region's economic recovery. The regional Supply Chain Resilience Project will identify assets, such as distribution facilities, to better understand potential vulnerabilities. One area of focus will be on the grocery supply chain supporting the five grocers with the largest market share in the Counties of Alameda, San Francisco, Santa Clara, and Sonoma. For more information, contact [Amy.Ramirez@sfgov.org](mailto:Amy.Ramirez@sfgov.org).

## FY19 Project Proposal Update

The Bay Area UASI prioritized FY19 proposed grant projects at hub and meetings in January. Regional project proposals were presented at the January Approval Authority meeting. When the federal government releases the final award amount, results will be applied and presented to the Approval Authority for approval during the summer of 2019. Award recipients can anticipate projects beginning in January 2020.



# Compliance Corner & Management Team

## Management Team Updates

Contracts Specialist Mikyung Kim-Molina has assumed the role of UASI Regional Communications and Technologies Project Manager. In her new position, Mikyung will be implementing regional program and project planning with a focus on cyber security, public information and warning, and emergency communications. Anthony Perez, has also accepted a new position with the San Francisco Department of Emergency Management. Congratulations on your new assignments Mikyung and Anthony!

## Compliance Corner:

It's late January. Three months ago you submitted your project proposal through the WebGrants system and you've been waiting and waiting... So, what's been happening in the meantime? First, your project was reviewed by the Management Team for eligibility, errors, and all compliance requirements. Next, it was sent to your respective Approval Authority member for review. Finally, your hub voting members have met and agreed to fund all or part of your project and the Approval Authority votes on the suggested funding amounts.



As soon as the actual funding award is released from the Federal Government (usually in May/June), the UASI Management Team, in conjunction with the Hubs, will finalize the exact amount of your award, and we'll begin preparing the formal application to Cal OES. Once we receive that approval, your MOU will be sent to your agency (usually Nov 1).

While you wait for your funds, what should you be doing? As soon as you are notified that your project has been selected, even though you may not expend any funds, you should begin preparing the specifications for equipment, writing job descriptions for organization/planning, or drafting EHPs or other compliance documents for submission to CalOES. For all FY 19 required compliance documents, we are asking that they be submitted by Feb. 15, 2020.

For more information contact [Mary.Landers@sfgov.org](mailto:Mary.Landers@sfgov.org).

## Upcoming Events

### FEBRUARY

- 02/13: Yellow Command Meeting
- 02/14: Risk Management Kickoff
- 02/28: Medical & Public Health WG
- 02/28: Public Info & Warning WG

### MARCH

- 03/07: Emergency Mgmt Workgroup
- 03/14: Approval Authority Meeting
- 03/20: Critical Transport. Workshop
- 03/21: BayRICS Advisory Group

### APRIL

- 04/25: Critical Transport Meeting

## Approval Authority Updates

**The following people have been appointed as new members of the Approval Authority:**

### New Primary Members:

- San Francisco Fire Department Assistant Deputy Chief Michael Cochrane
- Sonoma County Emergency Services Director Christopher Godley

### New Alternate Members:

- Oakland Fire Department Battalion Chief Ian McWhorter
- San Francisco Police Department Deputy Chief Michael Redmond
- San Mateo County Sheriff's Office Captain Craig Denton