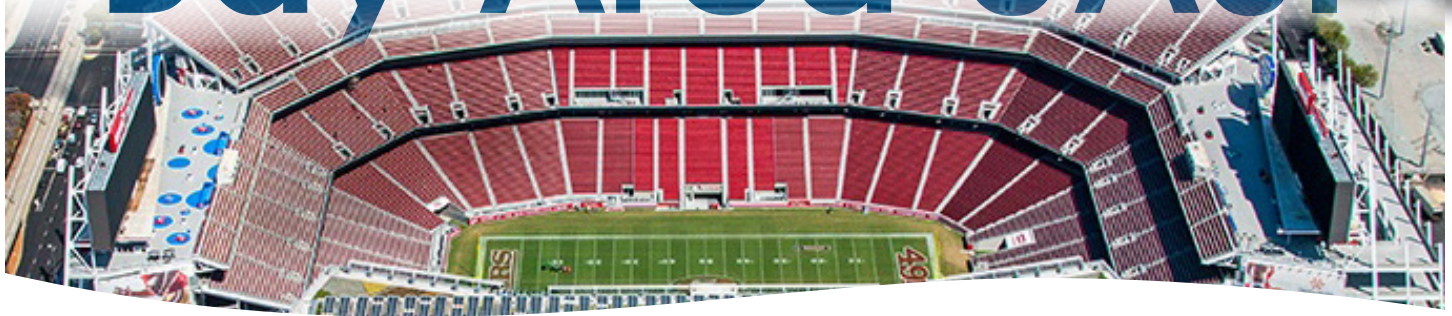


# Bay Area UASI



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## Bay Area Prepares for Super Bowl and Large Scale Events

After more than a year of preparation, the Super Bowl is almost here! Beginning on January 30th, thousands of visitors will be arriving to enjoy a series of concerts, the “NFL Experience”, and the “Fan Dome” in San Francisco,



all leading up to Super Bowl 50 on February 7 in Santa Clara.

In order to ensure a safe and successful event, significant planning efforts have been going on around the Bay

Area. Preparation efforts included: a four-part workshop and tabletop exercise series conducted by San Francisco for all involved City agencies and partners; monthly regional coordination meetings conducted by Santa Clara

for key cities such as Santa Clara, San Jose, Palo Alto, and neighboring Operational Areas; and a briefing for senior public safety officials to share plans and provide ongoing status updates for Super Bowl related events.

The UASI Management Team also led a series of capability building workshops and a regional EOC Exercise (Urban Shield Yellow Command) to support local jurisdictions in their preparations for this large



scale event. The workshop series included regional collaboration on day-to-day operations, planning for mutual aid, public information, and information sharing platforms such as Cal COP and WebEOC/CalEOC.

As a result of stakeholder input and lessons learned through the Super Bowl 50 planning process, a Large Special Event Planning Guide and Concept of Operations (CONOPs) Template has been developed for use by local jurisdictions. This downloadable document can be found on the UASI website and UASI Management Team staff is available to conduct an orientation and training session for jurisdictions that are planning a large scale event.



# Bay Area UASI Updates

## Bay Ferry IV Full Scale Exercise

On January 20th, Golden Gate Ferry hosted “Bay Ferry IV”, an emergency preparedness exercise. Held on San Francisco Bay, Treasure Island, and Jack London Square, over 500 first responders from 40 local, state, and federal agencies tested their response capabilities



during various ferry emergencies.

Using elements from the Urban Shield blueprint, the Bay Area UASI's Training and Exercise Team provided design assistance in the development of real world scenarios. These scenarios ranged from an active shooter on a ferry, a mass casualty incident with ferry evacuation, and the rad/nuc decontamination of a ferry.

Prior to the exercise, Preventive Rad/Nuc Detection (PRND) teams from around the region attended a two-day QuickStart Class developed by the DHS Domestic Nuclear Detection Office (DNDO) and hosted by the Bay Area UASI Training & Exercise Program. First-responders learned radiation basics, primary and secondary radiological and nuclear detection screening, and technical reachback that they put into use during the event.



## Bay Ferry IV Full Scale Exercise (cont)

State, local, and federal subject matter experts acted as evaluators, controllers, and trainers. Participation by the FBI, the US Coast Guard, and DNDO also enhanced the region's collaborative efforts. Additionally, the Mobile Deployment Detection Unit (MDDU) from DNDO provided equipment to supplement participating agencies' inventory as well as provide an opportunity for them to test their skills in anticipation of the Super Bowl on February 7. At the conclusion of the exercise, players, evaluators, and controllers participated in a hot wash to collect feedback on the PRND portion of Bay Ferry IV for the After Action Report.

## Information Sharing

Many elements are involved in the preparation for a large scale event like the Super Bowl. The NCRIC's Risk Management Unit (RMU) has worked closely with venues around the Bay Area to provide threat assessments and to provide assistance with special event planning. As the regional intelligence/fusion center, the NCRIC will also be playing an important role for this event by providing staff for analytical support in the areas of digital forensics, IT and cyber, and information sharing.

In addition to staff support, the NCRIC will also utilize the region's resources and tools to provide real time information and data sharing to San Francisco, Santa Clara, and San Mateo Counties during the Super Bowl. These resources include coordination with the state through the use of Cal COP (California's Common Operating Picture) and Mutualink (a real time interoperable communications and multimedia sharing platform). For more information on the NCRIC program please visit [www.ncric.org](http://www.ncric.org)







## Urban Shield 2016

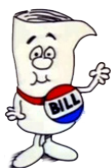


Planning efforts for Urban Shield 2016 are well underway. Funded by the Bay Area UASI and hosted by the Alameda County Sheriff's Office, the exercise is scheduled to take place September 9 -12, 2016. Entering its 10th year, the full scale exercise features over 58 unique and realistic emergency scenarios testing first responder capabilities in SWAT, HazMat, EOD, Urban Search and Rescue, Maritime, Preventive Rad/Nuc Detection, and Emergency Management. This year, Yellow Command will feature a Point of Distribution (POD) exercise to test plans for water distribution and POD security. For information on participation or volunteer opportunities please visit [www.urbanshield.org](http://www.urbanshield.org).



## Congress passes Appropriations Bill

In December, President Obama signed the 2016 annual appropriations bill into law (Public Law 114-113). The legislation includes provisions for \$600 million for the UASI grant program with a \$20 million non-profit set-aside. Thus, the net amount of UASI FY 2016 grants is \$580 million, or \$7 million less than the amount received in FY 2015.



## UASI Regional Training & Exercise Program

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

### Upcoming Courses

- 02/10/16: School Violence & The Active Shooter
- 02/18/16: Campus Emergencies; Prevention, Response and Recovery
- 03/08/16: Critical Decision Making for Complex Coordinated Attacks

Remember- classes fill quickly. If you attempt to register for a class and it is full, submit your request anyway as you will be added to a waitlist.

## Public Health- Multi Agency Coordination Handbook

The Bay Area's Multi-Agency Coordination (MAC) Group recently completed a draft regional handbook which will assist Public Health departments in situation assessment, information sharing, incident prioritization and resource allocation. MAC Groups are comprised of public health administrators authorized to commit agency resources and funds during a medical or public health incident. These groups provide coordinated decision-making and resource allocation among cooperating agencies, establish priorities among incidents, and provide strategic guidance and direction to support incident management activities. When completed, the handbook will be posted on the Bay Area UASI website.



# Compliance Corner & Management Team

## New Grant Rules

The Uniform Guidance (aka the Super Circular) has a number of new requirements for the FY 15 and later grants.

1. Grantees (or sub-grantees) are now required to evaluate the risk of allocating grant funds to sub-recipients. This evaluation process must include an analysis of the sub-recipients' history of performance with grant funds, their project management capabilities, and financial stability. No specific guidance on this requirement has been issued, but will be distributed when received.
2. Sub-recipients must now provide documentation in their contract packages that ALL vendors (including a vendor's subcontractors) are not suspended or debarred. To provide this documentation, sub-recipients must check the status of the vendor(s) at: [www.SAM.gov](http://www.SAM.gov) and print out the documentation on the day the contract is awarded.

## Compliance Corner:

### Sole Source

Changes are coming to sole source purchase requirements!

Beginning in the FY 2015 grant year, the state sole source requirement threshold was increased from \$100,000 to \$150,000.

However, in order for jurisdictions to be eligible to seek state sole source approval they must first obtain written approval from their jurisdiction's Purchasing Agent. A copy of the Purchasing Agent's approval must be included with the Cal OES request form and cost benefit analysis (as well as any additional documentation supporting the procurement effort that may also be requested for review by Cal OES).

### REMEMBER:

- State sole source approval **MUST** be sought each grant year if you are using the same vendor, on the same contract, for the same project
- State sole source approvals are only eligible for no more than four grant cycles before the jurisdiction must go out to bid again

For compliance related questions: [Mary.Landers@sfgov.org](mailto:Mary.Landers@sfgov.org)



## Upcoming Events

### February

- 02/17/16: Risk Management Program Kickoff Meeting
- 02/25/16 Regional Proposal Workgroup Meeting

### March

- 03/09/16: MARAC/ RCPT Meeting
- 03/10/16: Approval Authority Meeting
- 03/30/16: Points of Distribution (POD) Workshop

### April

- 04/14/16: Yellow Command Initial Planning Meeting
- 04/14/16: Approval Authority Meeting
- 04/14/16: Silver Dragon Public Health Exercise (San Mateo Public Health)

## Approval Authority Updates

Congratulations to SF DEM Director Anne Kronenberg and Alameda County Undersheriff Rich Lucia on their elections as Chair and Vice-Chair of the Approval Authority.

We also say goodbye to Capt. Jeff Kearnan (SMSO), Chief Ray Guzman (SFFD), and Asst. Sheriff Elise Warren (CCCSO) and welcome to Capt. Alma Zamora (SMSO), Chief Raemona Williams (SFFD), and Asst. Sheriff Mark Williams (CCCSO).

## Management Team Updates

Welcome to Corey Reynolds, our new Whole Community and Communications Project Manager.

