

# Bay Area UASI



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## Building Mass Care & Shelter Capabilities Following a Disaster

To ensure the Bay Area can successfully provide care and shelter services during an emergency, the UASI's Emergency Management Work Group established a Care & Shelter subcommittee. Based on gaps identified in the UASI Regional Risk and Gap Report, the subcommittee established a two-year Regional Care and Shelter Capability Building project. Through their monthly meetings, the subcommittee is working to develop a number of resources and has organized a series of three workshops.

A Care and Shelter Planning Toolkit was completed and is now available for download on the UASI Website. The toolkit contains a summary of local plan evaluations and guidance, workshop summary reports, and the Local Government Care and Shelter Gap Identification Tool. This highly customizable tool allows public safety officials to organize the available care and shelter resources (facilities, supplies, staffing, etc.) and use Bay Area specific scenarios to identify anticipated resource gaps. This should inform conversations with partner agencies, NGOs, and leadership to plan for improving care & shelter operations.

On May 31, the group held the first of three workshops which addressed the roles and responsibilities of the local, state, and federal government, and coordination with NGOs to perform care and shelter services. Two future workshops, scheduled for August 23rd and November 1st, will address best practices and a regional strategy for improving mass care services respectively.

14 local tabletop exercises were also held. These highly

successful events provided local government with an opportunity to discuss agency roles and responsibilities, processes for activating shelters, resource gaps, and planning needs. It also allowed them to identify improvement items and provided an opportunity to build the regional collaboration necessary in a catastrophic event.

Other subcommittee activities include: beta-testing a statewide WebEOC Shelter Board to ensure local governments have flexibility while maintaining American Red Cross National Shelter System Database integrity; using Urban Shield's Yellow Command to hold a regional



Mass Care Services tabletop exercise; and continuing to build capabilities in the areas of pet sheltering, medical needs in shelters, and public outreach to set expectations of what government care and shelter services provide. This two-year effort will culminate in a full scale exercise of simultaneously activated shelters and Emergency Operations Centers throughout the Bay Area in the fall of 2018.

# Bay Area UASI Updates



## FirstNet Update



Charged with developing the first nationwide public safety broadband network, FirstNet recently awarded a 25-year, \$6.5 billion dollar contract to

AT&T. A major first step of the network buildout is the delivery of a draft “State Plan”, which details how FirstNet will be deployed and provides an opportunity for states to review those plans and give feedback.

Based on that feedback, FirstNet - AT&T will modify and deliver a final plan to each state. Then, at least two separate decisions will be required: (1) each Governor must decide whether to “opt-in” and allow FirstNet-AT&T to build the radio access network (RAN) in the State or “opt-out” and develop an alternative plan; and (2) if the State opts-in, each agency must decide whether to purchase the services offered by AT&T. Local agencies have a limited opportunity to make recommendations to their states on the Governor’s opt-in decision; then, if the state opts in, each local agency will make its own decision as to whether to purchase AT&T’s service.

In California, local agencies had a 45 day opportunity to evaluate the service offering and make recommendations. Using the state’s list of priorities, ten meetings were conducted and all comments will be submitted by the August 2nd due date.

## “Operation Seasick” Drill Prepares for Terrorist Attack

On June 7, the FBI’s Weapons of Mass Destruction Directorate conducted a field exercise in the Bay Area. “Operation Seasick” was designed to prepare police officers, fire crews, and paramedics on their response to terror attacks, like the one that recently shook London. Held at Alameda’s Ferry Point near the USS Hornet, multiple public safety agencies, including the FBI, US Coast Guard, Oakland police and fire and the Department of Homeland Security focused on training and evidence recovery in the event of a terrorist attack using “complex weapons of mass destruction.”

## 2017 National Homeland Security Conference

This year’s annual National Homeland Security Conference took place in Buffalo, NY from June 6-9 with an attendance of approximately 1500 from throughout the US. A total of 17 from the Bay Area attended, including 6 members/alternates to the Approval Authority. The Management Team made three presentations: (1) Conducting Infrastructure Vulnerability Assessments: Developing Partnerships between UASIs and their Fusion Centers; (2) Engaging the Community in Active Shooter Drills/regional Commodity Points of Distribution (C-POD) Planning; and (3) Quantifying Operations: How Data Can Drive Preparedness and Operations/Emergency Public Information: The New Role of the Joint Information System (JIS). The 2018 conference will take place in New York City July 10-12.



## Vigilant Guardian Exercise Coming Soon!



Vigilant Guardian, a Bay Area-wide full scale exercise, is scheduled for October 23rd -28th with a number of local, state, and federal agencies as well as the private sector participating. The exercise is designed to evaluate the region’s response to a complex, coordinated terrorist attack using a Radiation Dispersal Device (RDD). Evaluations will include information gathering, forensic analysis, and sharing; the inspection of vehicles and aerial radiation detection; notification procedures between local and federal entities; local first responder response to a radiation emergency; and hospital response to receiving and treating contaminated patients. The exercise will also practice roles and responsibilities of the CONOPs/SOPs; maritime coordination; FEMA Urban Search & Rescue assistance; CA Army National Guard response support; and the Dept. of Energy Radiation Assistance Team participation. For more information please go to the website: [www.vigilantguardian.org](http://www.vigilantguardian.org).



# Bay Area UASI Updates

## Golden State Warriors Parade

For the second time in three years, the Bay Area's Golden State Warriors were victorious in the NBA Finals. On a scorching hot June day, over 1 million fans attended a victory parade and rally in downtown Oakland. To keep parade attendees safe, the Oakland Police Department coordinated response with 10 local mutual aid law enforcement agencies as well as the FBI, DHS, and the US Marshals Service. With such a large event, the Oakland Fire Department also relied on the Hayward Fire Department to assist them in responding to medical emergencies, which were limited to heat related calls. The coordinated efforts spearheaded by the city of Oakland's Department of Emergency Services led to a safe and exhilarating victory celebration.



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## Cyber Resilience Work Group Forming

Cyberattacks, like May's *WannaCry* event, have recently made international news with widespread and often catastrophic impacts. Here at home, the Bay Area UASI's FY18 Regional Risk and Gap Report highlights cybersecurity as a top risk. The Bay Area UASI, in partnership with the NCRIC, is standing up a Cyber Resilience Work Group to better identify the region's cybersecurity gaps, work collaboratively to build capabilities in addressing these challenges, and determine the best use of cybersecurity-focused grant funding moving forward. The Cyber Resilience Work Group is open to IT Directors, CIOs, CISOs, Information System Managers, public safety IT specialists, and others across the Bay Area region. For more information on the Cyber Resilience Work Group and to join, contact Corey Reynolds, [corey.reynolds@sfgov.org](mailto:corey.reynolds@sfgov.org).

## 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

- 08/22: Coordinated Response to Food Emergencies
- 08/24: Medical Management of Radiation Emergency Victims Course
- 10/10: Critical Incident Response for the Supervisor/ Manager

## Urban Shield 2017

Now in its 11th year, the regional Urban Shield exercise has provided world class training opportunities for first responders and emergency managers throughout the Bay Area. Driven by real world events, challenging scenarios have been developed to provide SWAT, Fire, EOD, Maritime Response, Search and Rescue, HazMat, and Emergency Management teams an opportunity to enhance their skills and abilities. This year, in addition to Yellow Command which is designed for Emergency Managers, Green Command will involve CERT/NERT teams as they respond to earthquake and severe weather scenarios. Teams will be tasked with performing basic damage assessments, light search and rescue, basic first aid, and completing required records and reports. For more information on Urban Shield, please see [www.urbanshield.org](http://www.urbanshield.org).



# Compliance Corner & Management Team

## FY18 UASI Proposal Process

On September 22nd, the Bay Area UASI application period for FY 18 UASI grant funds will be opened. All local government entities that wish to apply must attend the kickoff meeting in Dublin, CA on September 21st or view our online webinar to learn about specific eligibility requirements for the upcoming fiscal year. In order to begin the process, prospective applicants who have not previously participated in the grant application process must register and submit their contact information to the grants management system at [www.bayareauasigrants.org](http://www.bayareauasigrants.org).



## Compliance Corner: EHP Requirements

Do you need to submit an Environmental Historical & Preservation (EHP) Request Form for your project? A project that has any potential to impact the environment requires an EHP Screening Memo. That means, if you are purchasing or installing certain equipment or putting boots on the ground during a training or exercise, you need to complete and submit the form. The form requests detailed project information, an explanation of the goals and objectives of the proposed project, supporting documentation, and photos of the project location. In addition, depending upon the information submitted on the form, FEMA may also require a sub-recipient to provide a confidential California Historical Resources Information System (CHRIS) report. Should this report be required, our Cal OES Program Representative will provide additional instructions. Since no project requiring EHP approval can begin before receiving this approval, requests should be submitted to the BA UASI as early as possible, but no later than nine months prior to the end of the performance period. We are here to assist you in the preparation and submission of EHP Screening Memos. The form can be found on the Bay Area UASI website and should be submitted electronically to your UASI Project Manager and copy Mary Landers ([Mary.Landers@sfgov.org](mailto:Mary.Landers@sfgov.org)) who will submit it on your agency's behalf.



## Upcoming Events

### AUGUST

- 08/08: Vigilant Guardian Tabletop Exercise
- 08/10: Approval Authority Meeting
- 08/23: Care and Shelter Best Practices Workshop

### SEPTEMBER

- 09/07-11: Urban Shield Week
- 09/21: FY18 Project Proposal Kickoff Meeting

### OCTOBER

- 10/09-12: CESA Conference
- 10/13: FY18 Project Proposal Deadline
- 10/23: Vigilant Guardian Exercise

## Approval Authority Updates

Sonoma County Fire Chief Al Terrell announced his upcoming retirement at the July 13th Approval Authority Meeting. Chief Terrell's career spanned 32 years and he formerly served as Chief in West Sacramento. The Bay Area UASI thanks Chief Terrell for his years of dedicated public service and wishes him well in retirement.

## Management Team Updates

Grants Accountant Li Liu has moved to a new position within the City and we wish her well in her future endeavors. Additionally, our summer high school intern Titus Pierce has been learning the inner workings of the UASI and had the opportunity to contribute by writing the Warriors Article for this newsletter.