



Bay Area UASI Management Team Training & Exercise Work Group 2021 Annual Plan

I. UASI Work Group Definition

Bay Area UASI Work Groups are created by, and report to, the UASI General Manager for the purpose of making comprehensive assessments and recommendations that address risk reduction, increasing capabilities on a regional basis, vetting regional projects, and/or reviewing grant allocations.

Bay Area UASI Regional Project Managers serve as the Work Group Chair and are responsible for bringing relevant matters to the membership for input and tracking. Members of work groups participate in regional collaboration opportunities as well as provide subject matter expertise, jurisdictional perspectives, and input on project deliverables.

Subcommittees are established to ensure appropriate representatives are participating on behalf of the 14 UASI jurisdictions and their relevant partners. The subcommittee structure allows for focused communications, subject matter contributions, and regional collaboration specific to project objectives.

UASI Work Groups also serve as a forum to provide input to and track progress of National Priority Project (NPP) objectives, impacts and outcomes. National Priority Project goal areas are set annually by the Federal Department of Homeland Security. The Bay Area UASI is required to invest a specified percentage of the overall grant award to each NPP goal area. The Work Group Chair will ensure that work group members are informed of any NPP that falls in their related UASI Homeland Security Goal in order to best achieve the established impacts and outcomes set forth in the project.

II. Training & Exercise Work Group (TEWG) Purpose & Schedule

The Training & Exercise Work Group, chaired by Wendy Suhr of the UASI Management Team, supports the following Bay Area UASI Homeland Security Goal Areas.

Bay Area UASI Investment #	Bay Area UASI Goal Area
2	Enhance the protection of soft targets (<i>National Priority</i>)
3	Enhance Cybersecurity (<i>National Priority</i>)
4	Address Emergent Threats (<i>National Priority</i>)
5	Combating Domestic Violent Extremism (<i>National Priority</i>)
6	Strengthen Emergency Communications Capabilities
7	Enhance Medical and Public Health Preparedness
8	Strengthen Information Sharing and Collaboration
9	Enhance Community Capabilities through Multi-Jurisdictional / Inter-Jurisdictional All-Hazards Incident Planning, Response, and Recovery Capabilities, including partnerships with volunteers and community-based organizations
10	Protect Critical Infrastructure and Key Resources

Source: FY22 Project Proposal Guidance



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The Training & Exercise Work Group is scheduled to meet quarterly during 2021. Additional meetings may be scheduled as necessary. Each meeting will last no more than 2 hours. Between meetings, correspondence to work group members will be conducted via email from the Chairperson.

III. National Priority Projects

The Training & Exercise Work Group does not have any national priority projects for 2021.

IV. 2021 Activities

Through the Training & Exercise Work Group, its discipline-specific functional groups, and Exercise Planning Teams (EPTs), Bay Area jurisdictions and partners have the opportunity to participate in and benefit from the following UASI investments.

The 14 UASI jurisdictions are encouraged to make clear to the Chairperson their lead points of contact for participation in each of the following planning teams and/or activities.

- **Bay Area Training Courses**

BATEP provides an opportunity for regional stakeholders to identify, host, promote, and participate in training courses that improve emergency capabilities across the following disciplines:

- Fire Services
- Law Enforcement
- Emergency Management
- Medical and Public Health
- Community Preparedness
- Cybersecurity
- Public Information / Bay Area Regional Interoperable Communications Systems (BayRICS)
- NCRIC

- **Golden Eagle Exercise Planning Team**

During 2021, the Golden Eagle EPT will provide insight and guidance to assist with the design and development of the annual multi-discipline regional coordination exercise. The Golden Eagle exercise includes the assessment and evaluation of core capabilities including Operational Coordination, Public Information and Warning, Critical Transportation and Logistics and Supply Chain Management. Both the Golden Eagle EPT and the Golden Eagle Joint Information System (JIS) EPT coordinate with BATEP on exercise design, planning, conduct, and after-action reporting to ensure the success of this exercise.

- **Public Safety Preparedness Summit**

The BATEP will organize and host a 3-day multi-discipline, multi-agency preparedness capstone event in November – the *2021 Public Safety Preparedness Summit*. This event will encompass the Golden Eagle exercise, the UASI's annual Mass Notification Seminar, and other training and exercise opportunities. It will be a forum for learning from each other, building relationships across Bay Area jurisdictions, and practicing response capabilities during drills and operations-based exercises.



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V. Coordination with the UASI Work Groups

BATEP staff serve as subject matter experts on training and exercise needs including implementing Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP) principles, identifying evolving trends in the field, and addressing adult learning approaches for specific disciplines. Since BATEP supports nearly all UASI goals and investments, it is crucial that we provide ample opportunity for information sharing and communication among our stakeholders, understand the Regions' training and exercise needs, and outline a process to address emerging gaps or challenges.

BATEP staff will provide an update to each of the UASI Work Groups quarterly, or as requested, regarding the ongoing training and exercise activities being coordinated for the Bay Area. This update will include upcoming training courses and upcoming exercise opportunities. During each update, BATEP staff will facilitate discussion regarding requested training courses that could be re-prioritized and any other requests for training or exercise services that will address an unmet need. Opportunities and recruitment to participate in BATEP Exercise Planning Teams (EPT) will be discussed across all UASI Work Group forums.