

Bay Area UASI



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Bay Area UASI Public Safety Preparedness Summit

The Bay Area Training and Exercise Program's annual Public Safety Preparedness Summit, being held November 1st – 3rd in San Francisco, anticipates 500 participants across a full day pandemic preparedness tabletop exercise and two days of seminars and trainings. Seminar discussions include cyber war stories, radiological and nuclear response and recovery tools for first responders, early intervention and prevention strategies against domestic violent extremism, gun violence restraining orders, and crisis communications. Visit <http://www.bayareauasi.org/summit> for more information regarding this year's Summit tracks. Summary materials and presentation visuals will be posted following the event.



The Bay Area Training and Exercise Program continues to offer approximately 200 specialized public safety training courses for upwards of 3,000 students each year. Expansion of the BATEP, in recent years, to include community preparedness training seminars has led to more than 400 partner agencies (community and faith-based organizations) being more prepared to continue functioning and support our communities during an emergency response.

Bay Area UASI region representatives from public and private sector agencies can access training for emergency management, law enforcement, fire services, emergency medical services, public health, public information, and cyber security by visiting www.BATEP.org.

For any additional questions, please contact Corinne Bartshire at Corinne.Bartshire@sfgov.org.



Bay Area UASI Updates



Risk Management Program Update

FEMA requires that all Homeland Security Grant recipients submit the Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (THIRA) and Stakeholder Preparedness Review (SPR). The THIRA helps communities understand risks and identify the capabilities needed to address those risks. The SPR provides a framework to assess a community's capacity to address the threats and hazards identified in the THIRA. The foundation for the THIRA and SPR are the core capabilities described in the National Preparedness Guide – these are the 32 activities that are needed to address the greatest risks facing the Nation. They are organized into five Mission Areas: Prevention, Protection, Mitigation, Response, and Recovery.

The Bay Area UASI conducts this process each year on behalf of the region with input from stakeholders and subject matter experts. The THIRA and SPR do not impact the amount of funding that the Bay Area UASI receives but they are important for strategic planning and investment justification. In the past few years, the process has become even more significant with the new mandates in some grants to focus on projects that close gaps identified in the SPR. This alignment can be seen in DHS's emphasis on National Priority Areas and in the Regional Catastrophic Preparedness Grant Program (RCPGP).

Contact Amy.Ramirez@sfgov.org if you would have questions about the THIRA and SPR or the Bay Area UASI Risk Management Program.

TVTP Update

The Bay Area UASI's Targeted Violence and Terrorism Prevention (TVTP) Program continues to enhance capabilities of local communities including schools and houses of faith to prevent hate, targeted violence, and terrorism. Terrorist Use of the Internet training, and Media Literacy training for Bay Area students.



On October 6th, the Bay Area UASI DVE/TVTP Prevention Regional Program Manager, Jodi Traversaro, was asked to present to school counselors, nurses, and school psychologists at the California Association of School Counselors' Annual Conference in Riverside, CA. The San Mateo County Office of Education and the U.S. Secret Service joined Jodi Traversaro to go over how the Bay Area UASI is partnering with local, state, and federal partners to implement early, upstream prevention frameworks including the 8-steps to avert school attacks across the Bay Area that build resilience and prevent tragedies.

Register now for the November 16, 2022 California Prevention Practitioners Network meeting to get a DVE threat briefing from the FBI and learn about the variety of resources and training available to prevent targeted violence and stop hate and radicalization from occurring.

Training opportunities and other resources can be found at www.BayAreaUASI.org/TVTP. For questions, please e-mail ViolencePrevention@batep.org.



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STC Update

The SFBA STC has entered year four of its ten-year grant performance period. The Program continues enhancing regional “left of boom” capabilities by providing equipment, training, and workshops.

On September 27th and 28th, Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security Gary Rasicot attended the first ever STC national training seminar in San Francisco. SF STC worked with CWMD to invite all 13 other STC jurisdictions within the US to attend. High level policies were discussed as well as the intricate details of maritime and airport safety for the SF Region. The group leveraged the lessons learned from SFSTC to use

in their jurisdictions including training engagement plans. A visit to Lawrence Livermore National Labs was also included where the group leveraged newly found relations with the Radiation Assistance Program Members and other scientists from LLNL.

STC continues to work on a table-top exercise for the UASI Summit scheduled for Nov. 1st to Nov. 3rd. This will allow SFSTC to meet the progressing requirements towards sustainability. STC continues to engage the Principal Partners in supporting the efforts in our 100 city and county area of operations. All STC benchmarks and timelines continue to be systematically met.



Securing the Cities
San Francisco, CA
September 27th, 2022



Compliance Corner



Every year, as required by the UASI grant, the UASI Fiscal Team conducts monitoring visits to each sub-recipient across the region. The purpose of these visits is to build relationships with the sub-recipients and to ensure that grant projects are meeting each of the requirements laid out by the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) and the California Supplement to the Federal Funding Opportunity Announcement. This is done by an internal review of policies and procedures, procurement documentation, status reports, and claims, as well as an equipment inspection and discussion on the projects' progress. The UASI Fiscal Team closes the monitoring review with a letter stating that the sub-recipient was in full compliance or if there were any applicable recommendations to better meet the grant requirements.



This monitoring cycle, the UASI Fiscal Team visited 27 sub-recipients and the most common recommendations were related to maintaining an equipment inventory list containing all required information and verifying if vendors were debarred through the federal System for Award Management (SAM).

To avoid these pitfalls moving forward, sub-recipients should refer to the CFR to ensure they have all the required information in their equipment inventory and conduct an inventory at least once every two years. Regarding the SAM vendor debarment, sub-recipients should right-click and save the webpage as a PDF to ensure that the date of the verification is included because the debarment must occur prior to the contract or purchase order. The UASI Fiscal Team is always ready to help and offer guidance.

Please contact Janell Myhre at Janell.Myhre@sfgov.org if you have any questions.

Approval Authority Updates

Congratulations to Sheriff Bob Doyle on his retirement from Marin County! We would like to welcome new Approval Authority members: Sheriff Jamie Scardina from Marin County and Tracy Molfino from Monterey County! Lieutenant William Young has also joined the Approval Authority as an alternate member for San Mateo County!

UASI Management Team Updates

We welcome Molly Giesen-Fields, who has accepted the position as the new Bay Area UASI Regional Grants Manager! Molly served as the Grants Coordinator for the City of Oakland's Police Department for more than five years, where she managed approximately 25+ active federal, state, and local grant awards totaling \$12 million.

STC Program Manager Dominic Yin has assumed a new role at Paramount Property Company, a commercial real estate firm. Additionally, Training and Exercise Grants Specialist Karen Tsang has moved to a new position at the San Francisco Department of Public Health. Congratulations on your new positions, Dominic and Karen!



Upcoming Events

- 11/01 to 11/03 – [Public Safety Preparedness Summit](#)
- 11/10 – Approval Authority Meeting
- 11/14 to 11/17 – [Joint Information Center Concepts](#)
- 11/16 – [California Prevention Practitioners Workgroup](#)
- 12/07 – [Supply Chains and Disasters](#)

Please see www.batep.org for additional information for ongoing Bay Area Training Classes