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Sacramento UASI

UAWG Meeting Minutes 03/28/18

Introductions

Lt. Hutchins introduced himself to the Urban Area Working Group (UAWG) as the new Office of Homeland Security Director replacing the previous Director Lt. Glen Faulkner. He introduced the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) staff, including the new Exercise Coordinator Jon Rudnicki from Metro Fire and Dan Bowers, Director of Emergency Operations Services, from the City of Sacramento, who will be assisting Jon Rudnicki with exercise planning.

Department of Homeland Security Relative Risk Ranking and FY 2018 Federal Funding Status

Craig Mohar presented the Homeland Security Risk Ranking Factors, Relative Risk Ranking, and Vulnerability Index showing the Department of Homeland Security methodology used to determine Sacramento's urban area ranking. Homeland Security grant allocations from 2010 to 2017 have been intermittent, resulting in funding gaps between fiscal years. Budget expenditures and forecasts for FYs 2013, 2014, 2016, and 2017 were provided to show how prior years funding was allocated and spent.

The 2018 federal omnibus spending package was signed by the President on March 23, 2018. The FY 2018 Urban Area Security Initiative Program was allocated \$630 million, with \$580 for high-risk urban areas and \$50 million to non-profits. In 2018, there will be opportunities for nonprofits to apply for homeland security funding for security improvements if Sacramento is designated an eligible urban area.

Training Program Update

Deanna Viscuso presented a snapshot of training courses completed in the last year and requested regional attendees for direction on the types of training they would like to see for the region. The UASI Coordinators will be working to integrate training and exercise schedules.

New Business

Jon Rudnicki, Exercise Coordinator, gave an overview of his experience and background. Upcoming plans include three or more table tops and one large

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field exercise within the year. The program goal is to strengthen the planning process and communication between hospitals, public health, fire, and law enforcement during a mass casualty incident. He requested a point of contact or local subject matter expert from each agency for exercise and training planning.

Dan Bowers, City of Sacramento Director of Emergency Management, gave an overview of his background and experience. His goals are to improve security at high value structures and expand the Rescue Task Force. He recently attended the Los Angeles large scale mass casualty exercise and would like to bring this sort of exercise to the Sacramento region. He plans to help reduce regional agency coordination burdens and incorporate agency goals and needs for more efficient mutual aid response.

Per Dan Bowers, the Los Angeles mass casualty exercise was UASI led, but was not part of the Complex Coordinated Attack (CCA) grant program. Some agencies applied, but may not have qualified for the grant. Sacramento applied for the CCA grant in collaboration with the California Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES).

Captain Joy gave an update on latest events, and encouraged regional agency participation to help better support training and exercise activities. He envisions improving local security measures and creating joint coordinated exercises for all agencies to participate. This would help improve decision making and reduce deficiencies.

Lt. Hutchins is looking for a steering committee to help make decisions regarding training and exercise planning. Jon Rudnicki will be convening the meetings for this committee and will be sending out invitation requests to the agencies interested in participating.

The duplication of training courses between agencies was discussed. Most UASI training courses are posted on Web EOC; however, the UASI staff will coordinate with Cal OES and other agencies to evaluate the number of courses offered to increase better use of resources.

Chief Harms noted regional incidents should be used to buildup skills. He said we should also look at events, such as the air show, to plan exercises that would apply to the region in order to be more prepared. Assistant Chief Quinn commented that we have to encourage more multiagency planning to be better prepared for incidents, not just react to them. We need to engage stakeholders, community leaders, and non-governmental agencies to participate so they can help explain how decisions are made among agencies. Educating the public about fire, law, and local agencies is a large part of communicating regional needs and responses during a mass incident. Exercises should also involve community response.

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Craig Mohar recapped the potential availability of security improvement grants for nonprofit agencies. Once the grant application is announced, the State application submission timeline could be very short. Consequently, there will be a preliminary meeting to discuss the nonprofit grant program next Wednesday at 9:30 AM at 300 Richards Blvd., Room 221.

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be 3 months from now. An invitation email will be sent out to schedule the meeting.