



# Sacramento Regional Office of Homeland Security

Sacramento UASI

## UAWG Meeting Minutes 06/27/18

### Introductions

Lt. Mike Hutchins introduced the Sacramento region's Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) staff. Training Coordinator Officer Deanna Viscuso will be leaving to a new assignment and will be replaced by Officer Beth Glynn.

### Department of Homeland Security FY 2018 Federal Funding

Craig Mohar presented the Homeland Security Risk Ranking Factors, Relative Risk Score, and Vulnerability Index showing the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) methodology used to determine the region's urban area ranking. For FY 2018, FEMA added a soft target index factor to their ranking methodology.

Based on the DHS risk ranking, the Sacramento FY 2018 grant award was \$2.5 million, and the program budget will be submitted in the fall. In accordance with FY 2018 grant guidance, regional homeland security stakeholder participants should also include Chief Information Officers and interoperable communication coordinators. For FY 2018, \$50 million was allocated for nonprofit grant applicants located in high risk urban areas.

### Training and Exercise Program

Jon Rudnicki, Exercise Coordinator, sent out surveys regarding regional exercise and training needs. A Sacramento UASI website will be created so the region can access training, exercises, and program updates. The focus of the website will be training opportunities for first responders.

Tabletops and MCIs will be provided for each agency/county as exercises progress. Steve Cantelme, Sacramento County Chief of Emergency Services, proposed an Emergency Management Institute Tabletop – Complex Coordinated Attack involving multi-organizations. New planned training courses include unmanned aerial vehicle and incident command system. Lt. James Barbour from the UC Davis Police Department proposed the need for a full scale active shooter exercise.

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### New Business

Mr. Mohar requested additional information from regional agencies on annual special events, so it can be incorporated into the ranking/risk analysis for the FY 2019 grant year.

Telecommunications Systems Manager Paul Wilcox – Sacramento Regional Radio Communications - noted they are the primary radio providers for regional local agencies. They are currently migrating their radio system to a new one.

Per Mr. Wilcox, an interoperability/communications exercise needs to be put together, so the communications systems can be tested, including backup communications and testing dispatchers' training when the system is down. The first phase will be in Sacramento County and other counties will be tested afterwards. As applicable, this process will be coordinated with the UASI stakeholders.

Barrier equipment was discussed as potential equipment for regional agencies/counties. Various stakeholders indicated their interest in bollards if there was funding to purchase them. Chief Cantelme mentioned their agency bought some barriers for the delta area. The local agencies and sheriffs will help place the barriers, as needed, for primarily vehicle/road control. The barriers are intended to be a regional asset, and about \$500,000 was spent by their agency.

Per Lt. Hutchins, it will be harder to fund equipment due to intermittent and variable UASI funding. A shared regional asset, such as bollard/barrier, will be something we can review in the future when there is more funding available.

Per Mr. Mohar, cybersecurity is included in the FY 2018 grant guidance as a top national area for improvement. FEMA sponsors cybersecurity courses through Texas A&M and Louisiana State University, which the UASI will evaluate for applicability in the Sacramento region.

Per Lt. Hutchins, the UASI region was expanded to all counties in the Sacramento region consistent with its Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA). The UASI stakeholder list includes the four counties and main cities within the Sacramento MSA. At risk nonprofits within the MSA are eligible to apply for security improvement grants through the federal Nonprofit Security Grant Program.

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### **Next Meeting Date**

The next meeting will be three months from now. An invitation email will be sent out to schedule the meeting, which is tentatively set for Wednesday, September 26, 2018, at 10:30 AM.