

May 12, 2016

Urban Area Working Group (UAWG) Meeting Minutes

Lt. Joy: Welcome,

- Lt. Joy will be assigned to Sacramento Regional Transit District - his replacement will be Lt. Glen Faulkner.
- Sacramento Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) program awarded FY 2016 Funding, which will start in November 2016.
 - Sacramento Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) risk ranking increased in 2016, which resulted in grant funding from the Department of Homeland Security.
- FY 2016 Budget Overview
 - The total award is \$2,962,000. California Office of Emergency Services portion went up 3% from 17% to 20% (\$592,400). Sacramento UASI is left with \$1,177,200 to operate for 36 months instead of the 18 months because the grant performance period was extended.
 - Exercise Coordinator Position will be eliminated in current budget to boost fire/law training budget, assuming there will not be FY2017 funding.
 - If FY 2017 funding is awarded, then the position will be funded.

Chief Renaud:

- How much does fire/law receive for training in the budget?

Lt. Joy:

- The budget for training is \$323,376. A Training and Exercise Planning Workshop will be conducted in September for all to attend to determine the type of classes/training needed.
- Met with Chief Bartee, who will help to advise UASI funding outlook.

Chief Wells:

- Since the exercise coordinator position is eliminated for now, Metro Fire can be a partner by offering their operations center to be used for tabletops/workshops.

Chief Renaud:

- We can use the funds for training – also open to other options.

Chief Bartee:

- Evaluate other areas than trainings that may work for the region as a whole.

Chief Wells:

- Not all fire training has been met - will need continual training - funds can't buy large equipment due to the limited amount.

Chief Bartee:

- Will be good to have a meeting to talk with all the UAWG Chiefs at the table.

Lt. Loy:

- Yes, will set it up for the next UAWG meeting.

Craig Mohar:

- Overview briefing of funding history. The UAWG Chiefs outreach efforts have helped educate congressional members on DHS funding decisions. Critical infrastructure also makes a difference in the MSA risk levels.

Tom Ducker:

- Provided briefing on the DHS Data Call process. The state has continued to work with the all the designated urban areas to update critical infrastructure assets.
- In June 2016, DHS will let us know what, if any, modifications are made.

Craig Mohar:

- We requested the addition of assets to the DHS infrastructure list this year.

Tom Ducker:

- It's hard to keep metrics, because don't know specifically how information is compared.

Craig Mohar:

- According to the President's proposal, in next year's federal budget there will be major cuts to fire agency grants and homeland security grant programs. The 2017 budget proposal cuts the UASI program by almost half.
- In March 2016, a workshop was held with multi-disciplinary agencies and first-responders to evaluate the regions core capabilities.

Jason Carroll:

- Overview of Capability Assessment Gap Analysis Report
 - The workshop was able to assess and prioritize areas of vulnerability gaps.

Deanna Viscuso:

- Overview of FY 2014 training for fire/law attendance and participating agencies.
- Approximately 1,700 personnel trained in the region in FY 2014 -2015.

Lt. Joy: Thank you and close meeting

Next Meeting: TBD