Ad Hoc Committee on
Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI)
Friday, December 7, 2018
9:00 a.m.

Location: County Administration Building
Board of Supervisors Chambers
1221 Oak Street, 5th floor
Oakland, CA 94612

Summary Minutes

I. Call to Order/Roll Call

Erin Armstrong, Chair, UASI Ad Hoc Committee, called the meeting to order. The roll was called, members present included Matthew Snelson, Cinthya Muñoz-Ramos, Erin Armstrong, Ana-Marie Jones and John Lindsay-Poland. All members were present.

II. Approval of Minutes

No minutes were available for approval.

III. Revised Meeting Schedule

- September 21, 2018, 9:00 – 11:30 am, 1221 Oak Street, Room 255, Oakland, CA
- October 4, 2018, 9:00 – 11:30 am, 1221 Oak Street, Room 225, Oakland, CA
- October 19, 2018, 9:00 – 11:30 am, Fremont Main Library – 2400 Stevenson Blvd., Fremont, November 5, 2018, 9:00 – 11:30 am, Castro Valley Library – 3600 Norbridge Ave., Castro Valley, CA
- November 19, 2018, 9:00 – 12:00 p.m., Old City Hall, Berkeley Council Chambers, 2134 Martin Luther King, Jr. Way, Berkeley, CA
- November 30, 2018, 9:00 – 12:00 p.m., 1221 Oak Street, 5th Fl, Oakland, CA -BOS Chambers
- December 7, 2018, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.- 1221 Oak Street, 5th Fl, Oakland, CA -BOS Chambers

Meeting added: December 14, 2018, 9:00 – 2:00 p.m. 1221 Oak Street, 2nd Fl, Oakland, CA -BOS Chambers

IV. Discussion of UASI/Urban Shield Framework

Attachment

Committee members discussed Strategic Action: 4) Develop strategic recommendation for disaster prevention, response, recovery, preparedness and resilience that should be implemented in Alameda County and the Bay Area Region and items under a. Training Program, Law Enforcement item 2. Increase the level of engagement of non-law enforcement teams in UASI-funded exercises.

A.1 – John Lindsay-Poland has submitted written clarifying language to be incorporated into the document
A2 – several edits changing “teams” to agencies, changing “teams” to disciplines
Add recommendation: The intent is to increase non-law enforcement teams, Decisions to be made on Scenario Planning Team or other appropriate team Important for the Committee to spell out its intent

Committee members discussed Strategic Action: 4) Develop strategic recommendation for disaster prevention, response, recovery, preparedness and resilience that should
be implemented in Alameda County and the Bay Area Region and items under a. Training Program, Law Enforcement items 3: Develop new guidelines for designing, implementing and evaluating UASI-funded exercises that focus on de-escalation and law enforcement’s role in prevention recover as well as response.

Summary of Discussion

Change SWAT to law enforcement agencies
   Added recommendation: define “surveillance”, “human rights” and “crowd control”.
   Determine a way to compile all of the definitions
   Intent- not to infringe on the right to privacy or curtail freedom of speck and assembly;
   New technology is evaluated in this framework with ongoing evaluation
   Recommend half of the scenarios be de-escalation scenarios

Committee members discussed Strategic Action: 4) Develop strategic recommendation for disaster prevention, response, recovery, preparedness and resilience that should be implemented in Alameda County and the Bay Area Region and items under a. Training Program, Exercises item 1, 2 and 3.

Summary of Discussion
Clarifying how “more” is measured
Intent of vendor show
Create printed material, to create transparency but also preserve the integrity of the exercise
Change scenario teams to exercise teams
Consider the peak activity times for each discipline
Copy from Section 6, recommendations A, B, D & E be moved into this section
Section 2, recommendation 3 be moved into this section
Recommendation 1 is too vague although no alternative suggested
Add debrief to: Ensure that evaluation “and debrief” teams include assessment, etc.

Speakers

Eleanor Levine suggested that the Committee revisit the Urban Shield name change and there should be more community representation.

Mickey Duxbury supports whole community preparedness

Lars Eric Holm works for Eden I&R does emergency preparedness and would like to be included in trainings. They also have an MOU with OES.

Tracy Rosenberg suggested that the Committee be careful in defining the term “surveillance”.

Lisa Schoenthal, Santa Clara Emergency Managers Association- emergency mangers look at all of the disciplines and how they can work together. The messaging that is now called Urban Shield has not been effective; for incidents that involve violence, law enforcement is the lead. Continue this important work.

Philip White, Bay Area UASI – UASI is a very structured training and exercise. Input from the community is important; Urban Shield, we would like to allow more participation, however there are limited slots.

Tano Trachtenberg, Berkeley Mayor’s Office – activists have been able to observe Urban Shield and has lead to improvements in the program. Observation and feedback is important. What is the intention around the structure and design of the program? Training and exercise should be based on real world scenarios and how those scenarios are designed should be transparent.
Committee members discussed Strategic Action: 4) Develop strategic recommendation for disaster prevention, response, recovery, preparedness and resilience that should be implemented in Alameda County and the Bay Area Region and item Marketing
Item 1: Develop a communication strategy to raise public awareness about the importance of disaster preparedness and change the image of UASI-funded exercise in the region.

Summary of Discussion
Title of the theme add “and messaging”
Combine recommendations 1 and 4
Move change the name of Urban Shield to this section
Move recommendation C – Develop a clear and accessible process for community and press observations

V. Public Comment

Eleanor Levine – prefers that the vendor show be eliminated. But if it does happen, half of the show should feature peaceful oriented responses to disaster and resilience.

Philip White, Bay Area UASI, there are certain things that the grant funds do not pay for; the vendor show helps pay for certain types of equipment and to offset other costs.

Tano Trachtenberg, Berkeley Mayor’s Office, - there is a concern that there is a reliance on vendor funds and look carefully at that and how that will be considered so public safety would not be compromised.

Lars Eric Holm – Trusted messenger, there are certain messengers that clients trust. 211 (Eden I&R) was able to coordinate to get 911 assistance to a client that used 211 as a trusted messenger. Widen the community aspect of the preparedness training.

Tracy Rosenberg, - regarding the vendor show, there is a history that the community feels negative impacts as a result of the show. Improvements to the vendor show have not worked.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned to Friday, December 14, 2018.