Summary Minutes

I. Call to Order/Roll Call/Welcome

Chairman, Muntu Davis, MD, Department of Public Health, called the meeting to order.

II. Introductions

Task Force members, county staff and facilitation team

- Omowale Satterwhite, Facilitator
- Kathleen Harris, Facilitator
- Pete Colleto, Principal Analyst, CAO staff
- Carol Burton, CEO, Jeweld Legacy Group, consultant to Supervisor Keith Carson
- Travis Kusman, Director, Emergency Medical Services, Alameda County
- Mike Grant, Owner, Guns Unlimited Training Center
- Brett Keteles, Assistant Sheriff, Alameda County Sheriff’s Office
- Muntu Davis, Alameda County Health Officer, Chair, Urban Shield Task Force
- Ann Kronenberg, Dir., SF Department of Emergency Management; Chair, Bay Area UASI
- Paul Rolleri, Chief of Police, City of Alameda
- Jim Betts, Surgeon-in-Chief, Asst. Director, Trauma Services, Children’s Hospital Oakland
- Dave Winnacker, Alameda County Fire Department, Rep. for Fire Chiefs Association
- Tash Nguyen, Ella Baker Center, Advocate, Stop Urban Shield Coalition
- Cheryl Miraglia, Castro Valley resident, District 4
- John Lindsay-Poland, American Friends Service Committee, District 5
- Rhonda Bailey, Clerk of the Board, Alameda County
- Mike Dayton, Deputy Director, SF Department of Emergency Management
- Katheryn Gillya, Interfaith Committee on Black Lives
- Tom Wright, Division Commander, Alameda County Sheriff’s Office
- Dan Bellino, Chief of Staff, Alameda County Office of Education

III. Presentation by the Sheriff’s Office – Bay Area Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Regional Training Program

Attachment

Tom Wright, Division Commander, Alameda County Sheriff’s Department, presented a PowerPoint presentation on Bay Area Urban Security Initiative (UASI) Regional Training and Exercise Program.

The presentation included information on UASI funding, principles & guidelines, training courses provided, integrated critical infrastructure, equipment & technology and vendor sponsors.
IV. Debriefing

Dr. Muntu Davis, Chair, facilitated questions and discussion on the Bay Area Urban Security Initiative (UASI) Regional Training Program presentation.

Q & A/Discussion

Q. The requirement that 25% of UASI funds be used for counterterrorism activities; why are more teams dedicated to law enforcement and SWAT activities than to the Fire Department or Emergency Management Services, hazardous materials, etc.?

A. The exercise started out as a law enforcement only exercise and over the years it has expanded and added Fire and Medical components, in addition to including more training for citizens. It’s easier for a law enforcement team to be out on an exercise training for 48 hours than some other agencies. Urban Shield began as a team building exercise (competition), navigating various scenarios in the Kirkwood Mountains and was later brought to urban environments.

Q. Can anyone attend the Gray Command?
A. Yes anyone can attend.

Q. Principles & Guidelines; how do you plan to measure and implement and report back to the public on the principles and guidelines?

A. Board of Supervisors; drafting guidelines and Sheriff’s Office has agreed to follow and track, willing to provide report if requested by the Board of Supervisors.

Q. CERT teams included in this year’s Urban Shield training which is different than previous years; Are there any reservations about involving the CERT teams? CERT teams could be used in a different way; questions bringing in community teams to keep the mindset; there are other ways to enhance the training. Concerned that all the responders, communities, medical, emergency personnel come together under the nexus of terrorism.

A. Yes, Urban Shield will involve community CERT teams this year; Gray Command is more specific to the public; more training conducted through the Office of Emergency Services.

A. NERT and NERF teams in San Francisco do not have the opportunity to train regionally outside of UASI funding; this is a new opportunity for San Francisco.

A. The Green Command is putting together exercises for CERT & NERT teams to respond to earthquake, reconnaissance, mass prophylaxis, mass casualty, life, search & rescue and building damage control scenarios.

Q. One of the Learning Questions of the USTF: Do the terms, conditions and guidelines of Urban Shield meet the demand for the Bay Area Region to be prepared to respond to a natural disaster or terrorist attack: How do you determine what the demand is; how is it determined which trainings take place? – To be discussed at a future meeting.

Q. More information is requested about the vendors/sponsors of Urban Shield and their relationship to law enforcement. – To be discussed at a future meeting.
Q. More information was requested about de-escalation emphasis and who leads those trainings; are there any mental health worker/social worker led training? Is there any discussion about mental health workers response instead of law enforcement? – **To be discussed at a future meeting.**

Q. Has there been any discussion around preparing low-income neighborhoods/neighbors for first responder training, as they are usually the first people on the scene? – **To be discussed at a future meeting.**

**V. Presentation from Stop Urban Shield**

Attachment

Tash Nguyen, Ella Baker Center, and John Lindsay-Poland, American Friends Service Committee, presented a PowerPoint presentation entitled “Invest in Community Safety: Stop Urban Shield”. Task force participants were given a binder of information that includes the Stop Urban Shield Coalition’s data, research, analysis and opposition to urban shield.

The presentation included: local and international calls to end Urban Shield, unions & interfaith groups opposed to Urban Shield and a summary of statistics on they have gathered on Urban Shield’s participants disproportionate impact on communities of color.

**VI. Debriefing**

Dr. Muntu Davis, Chair, facilitated questions and discussion on the Stop Urban Shield presentation.

**Q & A/Discussion**

**Comment:** Mitigation does not exclude law enforcement’s efforts at prevention.

**Comment:** The “Stop Urban Shield” PowerPoint referenced agencies opposed to Urban Shield, including the City and County of San Francisco; there has been no action from the City and County of San Francisco to oppose Urban Shield and that reference should be removed.

**Comment:** Send portions of the PowerPoint slides from the presentation that are not in the binder to the USTF participants.

**Q.** The statistics about armed and unarmed persons shot by police; how many of the 11 SWAT Urban Shield participants shot at unarmed persons? The presentation showed a chart of SWAT deployment by race; could you also show a chart with crimes by race and the crime rate in those areas?

**A.** It is unknown if the persons shot were armed or not; Showing crimes by race and crime rates in certain areas is complicated because of the disproportionate number of people of color that laws are enforced against.

**Q.** Can the USTF be provided a copy of the grant?

**A.** A copy of the grant can be found on the website. [http://acgov.org/board/calendarcom.htm](http://acgov.org/board/calendarcom.htm)
Omowale Satterwhite, facilitator, reminded the USTF of the meeting schedule of the Task Force and the agenda topics for the next meetings: meetings 3 & 4 will include discussions; meetings 5 & 6 will be around formulating and finalizing the recommendations.

Mr. Satterwhite asked the participants to review the Learning Questions and Data Needs document and if anyone has any additional questions or data needs to please send the information to Carol Burton, via e-mail. Dr. Davis admonished to try to stick to the task force questions.

VIII. Public Comment

Brian Geiser, Oakland Privacy Working Group, supports Stop Urban Shield. The Federal guidelines should be questioned. Focus on community needs.

Kathryn Giliya, Interfaith Community on Black Lives, is deeply concerned about police militarization, it continues to create tension and violence. Ask that you think how are these guidelines are going to be met and to stick to the guidelines. Should have communities of color at the table to talk about Urban Shield.

Ellen Brotsky, Jewish Voice for Peace, encouraged law enforcement to think outside the box; militarized policing has a negative effect on communities of colors; figure out another way for training.

Katie Joaquin works with immigrant women and they have not had a positive response to SWAT raids and their children are being traumatized. In one of the rallies of “Stop Urban Shield” her family endured a SWAT raid, preparing for an emergency are not the approaches that are good for their communities; ask is this the right model for emergency preparedness. Tactics, weaponry shared with international government has created problems internationally.

Blair Beekman supports are trying to offer alternatives for Urban Shield and more community oriented policing and preparing the community for disasters.

Cindy Shambar, Jewish Voice for Peace, contradictions within the cities, sanctuary cities, the idea of the nexus of terrorism, a certain mindset with the police that it takes a long time to work that out, and focus on what it means to build community; Change the culture of what is going on; encourage the task force to focus on medical and mental health services;

Laura Menotti, American Friends Service Committee, relayed a story about an inmate who experienced law enforcement treatment before and after Urban Shield training. After the training corrections officers were “war-like”, and that is the primary approach of SWAT. Law enforcement has to respond in a different way; de-escalation has to be at the center of training.

IX. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned to Friday, May 12, 2017.