



**SACRAMENTO REGIONAL OFFICE OF HOMELAND SECURITY**  
**SACRAMENTO UASI**  
**URBAN AREA WORKING GROUP QUARTERLY MEETING**

**LOCATION: 300 RICHARDS BLVD., SACRAMENTO, CA 95811**

## **MEETING MINUTES**

**DATE:**

February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024

**TIME:**

10:00 AM

**FACILITATOR:**

LT. Lai Lai Bui, Director Sacramento  
UASI

### **1. Welcome and Introductions**

Lt. Bui introduced Capitan Brent Kaneyuki and the Sacramento UASI program staff followed by attendee introductions

### **2. Public Comments**

Open for public comments – No comments

### **3. Training, Exercises, and Equipment Overview – Browning**

Randy Browning provided an overview of upcoming Trainings, Exercises, and Equipment purchases.

### **4. Equipment – Bui**

UASI funds are primarily used for terrorism meaning all equipment purchases for training exercises and disaster preparedness/relief need to have a nexus back to terrorism to be approved.

Equipment Funding: In previous years the majority of funding was allocated to equipment purchases as training was limited due to COVID. As public emergency was lifted, funding is now primarily assigned to exercises and training with less equipment purchases. Equipment projects that are being finalized include:

- Ballistic Shields – SSO
- TEMS Ballistic Equipment - Metro Fire
- Bomb Suit and X-ray – West Sacramento and Yolo

## Other projects

- We will continue forward with Rescue Boats and ShotOver (on-board computer system for aircrafts) – projects pre-approved by the steering committee. There are left-over funds available from FY2021 which will be utilized to partially fund these projects. The remaining balance will be paid out of 2022 budget.
- Safety Barriers - Initially offered to South Lake Tahoe however they canceled the project during the contract process. Elk Grove PD was interested in taking over the project and now we are working diligently to finalize the contract.

## **5. Procurement of Equipment – Bui**

Depending on the type of purchase and amount, the contracting process might take up to a year to finalize as there are multiple parties involved in the approval process and we are facing staff shortage challenges as well. There were several projects that we will not be able to complete before the end of the fiscal year. We decided to channel those funds into pre-approved projects that we have already initiated, such as the Rescue Boats and Shot Over. We would not have been able to initiate and complete any new projects within this short time frame.

## **6. Fusion Center – Bui**

Fusion Center – they are responsible to provide critical infrastructure vulnerability risk assessments, 92 assessments were conducted last year. Because the Sacramento region contains a lot of food industries, we need to be more aware of any sort of suspicious activity around farms, meat and dairy processing plants, etc. For instance, one incident involved a Chinese person flying a drone over a farm without previous authorization. Reporting incidents is important not only to protect our vital industries, but it also impacts risk assessment ranking for our region. Fusion Center personnel have increased their outreach to leaders and owners in this area.

## **7. Sextortion and Human Trafficking Webinar - Bui**

Sextortion and Human Trafficking has become more prevalent among Middle-class and Upper-class children where they are lured into the sex trade and human trafficking. Hackers can get into phones and access sensitive information and data resulting in sextortion incidents. Recent data has shown a nationwide increase in the number in teenage Sextortion related suicides.

The free training will be a virtual presentation. They will focus on educating community members on perpetrator methods, tell-tale signs, prevention, and intervention methods so that we can better protect our children.

Faulkner asked if it is appropriate for kids to watch this training. Bui advised that the training will be beneficial to teenagers as they are more vulnerable targets and encouraged meeting participants to promote the training with community members, religious organizations, staff, and anyone who might benefit. Please refer to PowerPoint or email sent out earlier this week for complete webinar information.

## **8. Suspicious Activity Reports – Bui**

The State Fusion center region services 34 counties. There are about 7,000 SARs produced across the state. The Sacramento region (Sacramento, Yolo, Placer and El Dorado) contributed about 10% of the statewide total which is considered low.

The Fusion Center directors and members met last month and addressed low SARs reporting and realized that this is systemic issue throughout the state. They will be working towards getting officers trained and expand it to the private sector.

Daly inquired about TLO classes being available for specific agencies or regions. Bui will confer with the Fusion Center to facilitate that. If you are interested in an agency specific class, please send us a request and we will forward it to them.

## **9. Risk Ranking – Bui**

There are 100 metropolitan statistical areas nationwide and currently there are 40 funded UASIs. In the past, only 36 were funded, UASI total allocated funding remains unchanged since 2020 at \$615 million which means more UASIs are being funded with the same amount of money, reducing funding for the other regions.

The Sacramento region receives \$3,800,000 in funding; however, the State takes about 18.5% of this funding for administrative costs so the final available funding for the Sacramento region is \$3,097,000.

Over the past years the Sacramento region has dropped down in risk ranking which determines funding eligibility and amount. UASI is working with the Fusion Center to assess factors contributing to this drop in ranking and to evaluate ways to improve ranking position so we can continue to be funded and maintain same levels of funding and/or increase it.

Bui discussed factors that influence risk ranking and what we can do as individual entities to help paint a more accurate picture that reflects our challenges and needs.

## **10. Discussion**

1. Is Tahoe included in the statistical analysis for both counties?  
Yes, data collection for both counties count.
2. Have South Lake Tahoe events being reported and recorded?  
Bui is going to review the list and confirm.
3. Is there a minimum attendance count required to log/report an event?  
There is no minimum number. Type of event and/or who is in attendance can influence the SEAR rating of an event.

4. What is local and federal government position regarding supporting us, are they advocating for us?

Yes, Congresswoman Doris Matsui has advocated for us in the past. We will need to continue our outreach to state and federal leadership to help our situation.

5. With the Fusion Center having a close relationship with the FBI, are they advocating for our region or does Sacramento UASI need to reach out to them directly? What work is being done to improve our ranking?

Although there have been leadership challenges with the Fusion Center in the past, there have been improvements and more efforts to establish closer relationships with the FBI under the new Director. They are already progressing the center in many positive ways, and we are working cooperatively to push us forward.