

**UASI TRAINING AND EXERCISE SUBCOMMITTEE
MEETING NOTES
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2017
10:00 A.M. – 11:00 A.M.
PUBLIC SAFETY HEADQUARTERS, 2ND FLOOR**

1. INTRODUCTIONS

- Chicago Fire Department:
 - Michelle Cullerton-Conforti, Co-Chair, Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness
 - Catherine Cummings, MARC
 - James Soludczyk, Special Projects
 - Josh Dennis, Office of the Commissioner
 - William Vogt, Operations (Fire Suppression and EMS)
 - David Gates, Special Operations
 - Patrick Jessee, Special Projects

- Chicago Police Department:
 - Robert Stasch, Detail
 - Stephen Anderson, Patrol
 - Daniel Diaz, Grants
 - Robert Cesario, OEMC Liaison

- Office of Emergency Management and Communications:
 - Natalie Gutierrez, Grants

- Cook County Sheriff Police Department
 - Kevin Ruel

2. UASI TRAINING AND EXERCISE (T&E) SUBCOMMITTEE OVERVIEW

AC Cullerton, CFD, provided an overview of the purpose and scope of the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Training and Exercise (T&E) Subcommittee, co-chaired by Chicago Fire Department (CFD) and Cook County Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (CCDHSEM). The UASI T&E Subcommittee reports up to the Urban Area Working Group (UAWG) and the grantees - the Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA) and the Illinois Terrorism Task Force (ITTF). The UASI T&E Subcommittee is subject to the Open Meetings Act (OMA); however, meetings can be closed to protect discussions regarding Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Threat Assessments, vulnerabilities, gaps and other threats to the City of Chicago and the Urban Area.

As directed by the OEMC and CCDHSEM Executive Directors, the first priority of the group is to finalize the 2017 Chicago and Cook County Calendars. Any trainings and/or exercises that are included in the 2017 Calendar must first and foremost demonstrate a nexus to terrorism; ensure compliance w/National Incident Management System (NIMS) and the Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP); support specialized teams that respond to acts of terrorism; and finally, align with Priority Focus Areas as identified through the Chicago Area Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (THIRA) process and/or recent national/international terrorism incidents (see handout). Those priority focus areas, as determined based on input from the CFD, CCDHSEM, Chicago Police Department (CPD), and Office of Emergency Management and Communications (OEMC), are:

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- 1) Active Shooter Incidents;
- 2) Improvised Explosive Device Incidents;
- 3) Below Grade (subway) and Above Grade (high-rise) Incidents;
- 4) Water Incidents;
- 5) Civil Unrest and Mass Gatherings; and
- 6) Mass Casualties (victim extrication, triage, treatment, transport, and tracking).

The 2017 Chicago Calendar is built and based on training and exercises that improve capabilities as they relate to these specific Priority Focus Areas. The 2017 City Calendar is also color-coded to align with agency UASI funding lines. Training and Exercises that are not supported with UASI funding are included; however, they are on a separate page.

3. **2017 CITY OF CHICAGO T&E CALENDAR**

The group discussed the 2017 Chicago Calendar:

- **Lt. Stasch, CPD**, provided an overview of the January 17, 18, and 19 McCormick Place Drills. The CPD/CFD Workshop powerpoint presentation was well received and the CPD and CFD Academy members should continue to provide the refresher before all future drills. After Action items will be addressed prior to the next drill, scheduled at Sox Park, March 27 and 28.
- **Chief Vogt, CFD**, provided an overview of the CFD/CTA front line trainings and CFD/CTA/OEMC Command-level workshops. The CFD Truck companies, Squad companies, BC, PFC, and DDCs have completed the front line training. Front line training for the Engines companies will begin in mid-March. The CFD sent about 98% of its BCs, PFC, DDC, ADCPs, and DCs to the Command-level Workshops and OEMC sent about 80% of its dispatchers and managers. A future communications drill will take place in the subway.
- **Catherine Cummings, CFD**, provided an overview of the 1st 15 Course and requested a CPD point of contact to enhance scheduling coordination between CFD and CPD and any other agencies that request participation in the course.
- **AC Cullerton, CFD**, provided an overview of the USCG Water Drill taking place in Milwaukee, WI in March 2017.
- **Lt. Stasch, CPD**, confirmed the dates of the Arie Crown Theater drill (April 25, 2017). To ensure that the drill is realistic, we are asking for approximately 1000 volunteers (to be moulaged). CFD, CPD, and OEMC are reaching out to various groups for volunteers.
- **Kevin Ruel, CCSPD**, suggested that the Sherriff's office provide security and backfill coverage at the site and within the vicinity of the Sox Park Drill and future drills. This provides support to CPD as well as an opportunity for CCSPD to observe the drill.
- **Chief Vogt, CFD**, provided an overview of the CFD/CPD Command-level Workshops, which provides the Active Shooter Incident/Mass Casualty Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) refreshers, and will roll out the new CFD/CPD high risk warrants and IED SOPs. All scheduling of this 3-week Command Level Workshop series will need to be coordinated with the CFD and CPD Academies.
- **Commander Gates, CFD**, provided an overview of the upcoming Cut Teams course and will coordinate the scheduling with CPD.

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4. **NEW/OUTSTANDING FUNDING REQUESTS/NEEDS**

Aligning with the Priority Focus Area for below grade incidents (subway), CFD inquired with OEMC regarding the status of Below Grade Tunnel Rescue funding support. OEMC does not have funding to support this request.

5. **OTHER T&E GRANTS**

The Complex Coordinated Grant application was submitted on February 2017 by OEMC on behalf of OEMC, CFD, and CPD. The scope of the grant focused on the development of a training and exercise to support multiple incidents occurring simultaneously. The application leverages the current UASI training and exercise program. If the City of Chicago is not awarded any funding under the Complex Coordinated Grant program, then we will prioritize this as the next step for UASI 2017 funding requests.

6. **NEXT MEETING**

- UASI T&E Subcommittee Meetings occur every 3rd Tuesday of each month, 10:00 A.M. – 11:00 A.M. at PSHQ, 2nd Floor.
- Next meeting is Tuesday, March 21, 2017, 10:00 A.M. – 11:00 A.M. at PSHQ, 2nd Floor.
- It is recommended that each agency identify a T&E exercise point of contact, and/or consistent representative to attend future UASI T&E Subcommittee Meetings. This is to ensure consistent information flow.