

# ALAMEDA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' PUBLIC PROTECTION COMMITTEE

Thursday, July 13, 2017  
10:00 a.m.

Supervisor Richard Valle, Chair, excused  
Supervisor Scott Haggerty

Location: Board of Supervisors' Chambers – Room 512 – 5th Fl  
County Administration Building  
1221 Oak Street, Oakland, CA 94612

## Summary/Action Minutes

### I. East County Hall of Justice – Access to Justice Update [Attachment](#)

Brendon Woods, Public Defender, Public Defender's Office, presented a PowerPoint presentation on the East County Hall of Justice – Access to Justice.

The purpose of the presentation is to provide the Committee and the Board of Supervisors with information of significant problems that exist with the presiding judges' decision to hold in-custody County-wide arraignments at the East County Hall of Justice in the city of Dublin.

There are a lack of interview rooms for attorneys to meet with their clients in addition to presenting a hardship for families to attend arraignment hearings.

The Honorable Judge Morris Jacobsen provided a [memorandum](#) to the Committee addressing the concerns of the Public Defender's Office.

The Court believes that the real issue a larger issue of not using the North County (Glen Dyer) Jail in Oakland to house pre-trial detainees. The Court urges the Board of Supervisors to vigorously pursue the use of North County Jail for pre-trial detainees.

Brett Keteles, Assistant Sheriff, stated that the Sheriff's Office does not have the capacity to house pre-trial detainees at Glenn Dyer Jail.

### Speakers

Ray Plumhoff, Public Defender's Office, Robert Miraz, Public Defender's Office, Darris Young, Seonghee Lim, Michael Elias, Jon Lindsey-Poland, Tash Nguyen and Sherri Costa  
Sheri Costa all spoke in opposition to hold in-custody County-wide arraignments at the East County Hall of Justice.

### Purpose:

- Report progress
- Advocacy or Education
- Request Public Protection Committee Recommendation or Position
- Other:

Supervisor Valle recommended that all parties continue discussions regarding the issues of in-custody arraignments.

## II. Urban Shield 2017 Overview

### [Attachment](#)

Brett Keteles, Assistant Sheriff, Alameda County Sheriff's Office, presented a PowerPoint presentation on an Overview of Urban Shield.

Urban Shield began in 2007, mainly as a law enforcement-based exercise. Urban Shield has continued to expand and evolve, incorporating different First Responder disciplines: including Fire, Emergency Medical Services, Explosive Ordnance Disposal, and Emergency Management. Urban Shield was created to improve the preparation and response capabilities for first responders within the Bay Area UASI region through innovative scenarios, based on past and present real life events that have occurred throughout the world.

The Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) program is intended to provide financial assistance to address the unique multi-discipline planning, organization, equipment, training, and exercise needs of high-threat, high-density, Urban Areas, and to assist these areas in building and sustaining capabilities to prevent, protect against, mitigate, respond to, and recover from threats or acts of terrorism using Whole Community approach. Urban Areas must use UASI funds to employ regional approaches to overall preparedness and are encouraged to adopt regional response structures whenever appropriate.

Urban Shield has created positive bonds and a collaborative response framework between regional first responders, local and regional management agencies, numerous critical infrastructure, public and private sector stakeholders, and state and federal agencies.

For FY 2016, UASI will enhance regional preparedness and capability by funding 29 high-threat, high-density urban areas. Grant recipients are encouraged to use grant funding to maintain and sustain current critical core capabilities through investments in training and exercise, updates to current planning and procedures, and lifecycle replacement of equipment. New capabilities that are built using homeland security grant funding must be deployable if needed to support regional and national efforts. States and Urban Areas are required to dedicate 25 percent of UASI funding to law enforcement terrorism prevention activities.

### Activities

#### **48 Hour Continuous Exercise (September 9-12, 2016):**

- 60 scenarios across 8 Bay Area Counties
- These scenarios addressed the core competencies and response capabilities of LE teams, EMS service providers, Hazardous Material/USAR/Maritime teams, EOD teams, as well as addressing critical infrastructure concerns.
- Through their participation in this exercise, over 6,000 individuals received crucial training and experience (local, state, regional and federal first responders, emergency managers, civilian/community volunteers and public/private partners).

#### **Yellow Command (September 8, 2016):**

- 6 hour Full Scale Exercise
- Functional EOC Activation and Full Scale C-POD sites
- Joint Information System Activated

### Speakers

John Lindsay-Poland shared information he has learned from being on the Urban Shield Task Force. Many jurisdictions do not participate in Urban Shield.

Charlene Khoo, Oakland resident, stated that she does not believe the guidelines were adopted in good faith. Harris Corporation is a company that specializes in cell phone surveillance technology; asked why are these type of vendors included in Urban Shield.

Divya Farias, teacher in Oakland Unified School District, stated that Urban Shield does not involve community members in an impactful way. Need emergency based planning that does not revolve around law enforcement.

Yusra Oweis, Arab Resource and Organizing Center, stated that instead of militarizing our communities the County should focus on establishing more youth programs.

Linda Ereikat called on the Board of Supervisors to suspend the participation of International Teams with human rights abuses. Police in Rio de Janeiro after 3 years of Urban Shield participation have killed over 500 people.

Sharif Zackout, AROC, stated that only 11 of the 12 principles adopted by the Sheriff's Office appeared in the presentation. The last principle was to suspend participation to countries with a history of human rights abuses. Mr. Zackout stated that there needs to be oversight to ensure the principles are adhered to.

Dillon Brown, Oakland resident, does not support Urban Shield as it militarizes the police.

Russell Bates, Berkeley resident, city of Berkeley, does not support Urban Shield.

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This item was informational only and required no Committee action.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.