

Bay Area UASI Interoperable Communications Working Groups Summary

Corey Reynolds of the Bay Area UASI Management Team works with Bay Area Regional Interoperable Communications System Authority (BayRICS) to coordinate and share information relevant to regional operational communications in support of Goal 3 of the Bay Area UASI Homeland Security Goals & Objectives: and as aligned with the current Bay Area UASI Risk and Gap Report.

Goal 3: Communications

Objective 3.1 Operational Communications:

Provide voice and data information among multi-jurisdictional and multidisciplinary responders, command posts, agencies, and officials during an emergency response.

Local government stakeholders provide communications-related input to the UASI Management Team through participation in two BayRICS working groups. In order to gather critical input for UASI-funded initiatives, a UASI Program Team Project Manager participates in and coordinates closely with the following BayRICS groups and regional stakeholders.

- Regional Project 25 (P25) Operators Advisory Group: The Regional P25 Operators Advisory Group is a monthly forum for regional stakeholders who are building or operating P25 networks. The group maintains and socializes a Regional Fleetmap and Radio Programming Guidelines, and coordinates regular regional interoperability testing.
- BayRICS Technical Advisory Committee (TAC): The TAC reviews and recommends to the BayRICS board policies and procedures related to communications systems performance, maintenance, and other technical issues. BayRICS, as a joint powers authority (JPA) maintains organizational by-laws and a charter for the TAC.