



## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

January 13, 2017

TO: Each Member, Board of Supervisors

FROM: Keith Carson

CC: Susan Muranishi, County Administrator  
All Department Heads

SUBJECT: Urban Shield Task Force

### RECOMMENDATION:

1. Create a time limited Task Force to assess Urban Shield and make recommendations to the Board of Supervisors

### DISCUSSION:

I am submitting a request that the Alameda County Board of Supervisors approve the creation of a time limited Task Force to be comprised of various key stake holders who have an established interest in Emergency/Public Safety as it may pertain to the Urban Shield program, the training exercise established by the Alameda County Sheriffs' office.

This Task Force will convene by February 10, 2017 and complete its work and provide its written findings to the Board of Supervisors by August 2017 prior to the annual Board Letter for funding consideration for the Urban Shield program.

The findings of the special Task Force will highlight whether the Urban Shield project meets the Federal guidelines set out in the UASI Grant; that it is strictly an Emergency preparedness program that prepares Law Enforcement, Fire, Medical and the Government safety net which has responsibility for the Health, Safety and Welfare of its Citizens. Furthermore that the terms, conditions and guidelines of this yearly training program meet the demand for the Bay Area Region to be prepared to respond to a natural disaster (fire, earthquake, etc.) or a terrorist act.

The Task Force will also consider that in the event of an emergency/attack or natural disaster, will public safety agencies, public health and other emergency response departments be adequately trained and equipped to respond to such disasters without the training offered by Urban Shield?

Additionally, the Task Force will consider the impact that Urban Shield has on the community's relationship with law enforcement.

I propose that the Task Force consist of 18 members; a Chair and members from the following areas:

- Five appointees, one from each office of the Alameda County Board of Supervisors
- One member appointed by Alameda County Sheriff Office
- One association member appointed by Alameda County Chiefs of Police and Sheriffs Association
- One staff member from the Red Cross
- Alameda County Public Health Officer, appointed by the Health Care Agency
- One member from the Alameda and Contra Costa County Medical Association
- Two members from the Stop Urban Shield Coalition
- One local Civil Rights Attorney appointed by the Alameda County Bar Association
- Superintendent, Alameda County Office of Education, appointed by the Alameda County Board of Education
- One member from BART/AC Transit system appointed by the Alameda County Transportation Commission
- County Fire Chief, selected by the Alameda County Fire Chief's Association
- Director of Alameda County Emergency Medical Services

The Task force will have complete access to information that is pertinent to their work, including but not limited to:

- A copy of the UASI grant
- Past budget material related to the convening or operation of Urban Shield
- Appropriate meetings that give insight into the thought and operations of Urban Shield

The final report will be delivered to the full Alameda County Board of Supervisors, prior to the Board considering future funding of Urban Shield.