UASI-funded Regional Training Manager Proposal

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Proposal

- Transition the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI)-funded Regional Training Manager from a uniformed, rotational Fire Service position to a permanent (limited) non-uniformed position within the City of San Diego's Office of Homeland Security (OHS)

Background

- Since 2008, the Urban Area Working Group (UAWG) has funded a Regional Training Manager to:
  - coordinate and manage UASI-funded training events
  - chair the Regional Training Committee
  - oversee development of the San Diego UA Multi-Year Training and Exercise Plan
- Three separate uniformed Fire Service Regional Training Managers since 2008
- Annual staff cost to UASI grant of approx $180,000

Advantages of Transition

- Staff continuity
  - No repeated learning curve
  - Experience and corporate memory will remain in one agency in support of the entire Urban Area
- Annual staff cost savings of approx $53,000 to $40,000
- No more need for regional Fire agencies to repeatedly detail a Battalion Chief outside of core missions
- Potential to proportionally fund the position with UASI, according to workload and position requirements
- Leverages OHS' established Urban Area support role
- Mirrors the task organization of the Regional Exercise Coordinator (who is within County OES)

Recommendation to UDC

- **Approve the transition of the Regional Training Manager from a rotational, uniformed Fire Service position to a permanent (limited) non-uniformed position within the City of San Diego's Office of Homeland Security**
- Amplifying information
  - Recommendation endorsed by Fire Chief Javier Mainar, Fire Chief Dave Hanneman, and Battalion Chief Harry Muns
  - The Regional Training Manager will continue to report regularly to the Unified Disaster Council
  - Transition of duties to subsequent Regional Training Manager expected in July 2014 (if approved)

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