

AGENDA NOTE – HRPDC QUARTERLY COMMISSION MEETING

ITEM #4: URBAN AREAS SECURITY INITIATIVE (UASI) UPDATE

SUBJECT:

The Hampton Roads Urban Area Working Group (HR UAWG) has assessed the capabilities developed by the UASI grant program and critical issues related to sustainment.

BACKGROUND:

Hampton Roads was designated a high risk urban area eligible to receive Department of Homeland Security (DHS) UASI grant funding in FY 07. Since that time, these funds have been used to address unique planning, organization, equipment, training, and exercise needs of Hampton Roads, and assisted in building an enhanced and sustainable capacity to prevent, protect against, respond to, and recover from acts of terrorism and other disasters.

While the DHS total FY 13 State and Local grants allocation was increased from FY 12 the Continuing Resolution calls for a maximum of 25 Urban Areas to participate in the UASI grant program. It does not appear the region would qualify for future UASI funding. Therefore, the HR UAWG has begun to identify steps to maintain collaboration and sustain capabilities under a different governance structure.

Recent efforts to measure the effectiveness of our UASI grant initiatives, development of a Regional Threat Hazard Identification Risk Assessment, and a Regional Capabilities Assessment will assist with identifying and prioritizing capabilities requiring sustainment.

HRPDC Emergency Management Administrator, Curtis Brown, will provide a brief presentation on the UAWG's sustainment efforts over the last year and steps moving forward.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

For discussion and informational purposes.