



2009 National UASI Conference

June 9th – 11th, 2009
Charlotte, NC
Charlotte Convention Center

A CONFERENCE FOR UASIs BY UASIs

“Urban Area Security Initiative Cities Working to Address All Aspects of Homeland Security Technology, Policy and Procedures Through Networking and Information Sharing to Prevent, Prepare, Respond and Recover”.

**Online Registration at www.UrbanAreas.org
Website currently under development**

CONFERENCE SUMMARY

The National Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Conference is intended to bring UASI participants, State Administrative Agencies, Department of Homeland Security officials and private sector partners together in an open environment to discuss issues of importance to those responsible for implementing and supporting UASI programs across the nation.

CONFERENCE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The goal of the conference is to bring together those involved daily in UASI programs in order to provide a forum for exchange of information on both technical and managerial aspects of the program. The conference also hopes to serve as a opportunity for sharing best practices from some of the Urban Area Security Initiatives Program participants. It is strongly felt that it is time to re-examine procedures and practices, and to assess the overall programmatic objectives of many of the UASI programs across the nation.

UASI program managers and participants from all disciplines, State Administrative Agencies, federal agencies and vendors are invited to attend this Conference and learn valuable information on how UASI programs are managed. Learn the latest developments in Homeland Security Policies and their impact on UASI operations. In addition DHS representatives will be available to discuss requirements for planning and reporting grant activities that directly affect UASI grant recipients.

CONFERENCE BACKGROUND:

This conference was originally conceived from information sharing partnerships between the UASI program managers of the Charlotte and Miami UASIs, who recognized a distinct need for an information sharing platform. The first of these conferences was held in Dallas, TX in 2005; supported by the International Association of Fire Chiefs, Metro Chiefs Committee. This conference was largely attended by fire professionals and UASI administrative professionals, who recognized the need for greater information sharing.

From this conference it was identified that a larger conference was needed to provide similar information, across first responder disciplines, from all UASI cities. The 2007 National Conference was conceived of as a platform for exchange of ideas on the management of UASI programs. Participants and contributions were expanded to include all disciplines, industry, government and academia. This continued with the 2008 National Conference with the largest attendance in conference history. The 2009 conference will build on the previous programs to continue as a premier event for UASI program participants.

ATTENDEE PROFILE:

The Conference agenda is designed to attract a multi-disciplinary group of UASI participants from each UASI city around the nation. The conference will also host technical and managerial professionals from government, industry, and academia.

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE:

Conference registration will begin on Monday June 8, 2009. The conference will run from June 9 – 11, 2009. There will be an opening session with keynote speaker 9 breakout sessions and a closing session. The breakout sessions will be based around six tracks:

- CBRNE Response: A multidisciplinary approach
- Critical Infrastructure Protection: Program building and working with private sector partners
- Interoperable Communications: Radio, Data, Voice, Teleconferencing
- Medical: Hospitals, EMS, Public Health, NDMS, and MMRS
- Planning: Evacuation Planning, Mass Care Planning and required plan updates

- Program Management: Regionalization/Relationship Building and Grant Management

Information sharing will be the major thrust of this conference; we plan to provide the opportunity for interaction and idea exchange between UASI cities. Roundtables and panel discussions will be the dominate format. Panels will include subject matter experts with real life experience and examples to share.

Information will also be shared via the conference web site such as post conference reports, CDs, and message boards for sharing plans and information on issues that affect all of the UASI cities.

SPONSORS:

A limited number of companies will be showcased as Conference Sponsors. These select companies will be present to provide information on the extensive range of equipment and services designed to support UASI operations. The private sector will have the ability to showcase their latest solutions and give their insight on the future of Homeland Security. Vendor exhibits will be expanded in 2009 to include large equipment demonstrations.

Opportunities will be made available for vendors to provide demonstrations of products and services to conference attendees. Sponsorship opportunities are available at several levels. Please contact Jeff Dulin at Jdulin@ci.charlotte.nc.us and place "**UASI Sponsorship**" in the subject line for more information.

CONFERENCE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE:

The organizing committee consists of volunteers from various UASI programs. If you are interested in serving in the Organizing Committee contact Christina Parkins at cparkins@ci.charlotte.nc.us for more information.

We look forward to your attendance at the 2009 National UASI Conference in Charlotte, NC!