

*The Board of Supervisors of
Contra Costa County, California*

In the matter of:

Resolution No. 2012/499

**IN THE MATTER OF RECOGNIZING CONTRA COSTA HEALTH SERVICES HAZARDOUS MATERIALS
RESPONSE TEAM**

WHEREAS, Contra Costa Health Services Hazardous Materials Response Team is the primary hazardous material response team for all of Contra Costa County; and

WHEREAS, Contra Costa Health Services Hazardous Materials Response Team works closely with other hazardous materials response teams from the Richmond Fire Department and the San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District; and

WHEREAS, Urban Shield has grown into a comprehensive, full-scale regional preparedness exercise assessing the overall Bay Area Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Region's response capabilities related to multi-discipline planning, policies, procedures, organization, equipment and training. Urban Shield continues to test regional integrated systems for prevention, protection, response and recovery in our high-threat, high-density urban area. The exercise evaluates our existing level of preparedness and capabilities, identifying not only what we do well, but areas in need of improvement; and

WHEREAS, the overarching goals of Urban Shield include striving for the capability to present a multi-layered training exercise to enhance the skills and abilities of regional first responders, as well as those responsible for coordinating and managing large scale events. Urban Shield is implemented to identify and stretch regional resources to their limits, while expanding regional collaboration and building positive relationships. In addition, this exercise provides increased local business and critical infrastructure collaboration. Urban Shield challenges the skills, knowledge and abilities of all who participate. It not only improves regional disaster response capabilities, but provides a platform for national and international first responders, as well as the private sector, to work efficiently and effectively together when critical incidents occur.; and

WHEREAS, ten teams from the Bay Area, one from Roseville, and the Idaho Regional Response Team participated in the Bay Area Urban Shield on October 29, 2012 ; and

WHEREAS, most of the hazardous materials response teams consisted of eight to twelve members; and

WHEREAS, Contra Costa Health Services team consisted of four members, Paul Andrews, Maria Duazo, Matt Kaufman, and Trisha Asuncion; and

WHEREAS, Contra Costa Health Services Hazardous Materials Response Team ranked first in the Hazardous Materials Response portion of the exercise of all the teams participating; and

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the County Board of Supervisors does hereby recognizes the success of the Contra Costa Health Services Hazardous Materials Response Team in the Urban Shield exercise and the Team's ability to respond to hazardous materials threats of all kinds that could do harm to the citizens of Contra Costa County and the Bay Area.

MARY N. PIEPHO

Chair,
District III Supervisor

JOHN GIOIA

District I Supervisor

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District II Supervisor

FEDERAL D. GLOVER

District V Supervisor

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered on the minutes of the Board of Supervisors on the date shown.

ATTESTED: December 4, 2012

David J. Twa,

By: _____, Deputy