



To: Bay Area UASI Approval Authority

From: Mike Sena, Director NCRIC/HIDTA

Date: January 10, 2019

Re: Item 7: NCRIC Annual Report and Proposed FY19 Allocation

Recommendation:

Approve \$4,454,066 from the FY19 UASI grant to fund the Fusion Center Project: Information Sharing and Analysis, Infrastructure Protection and Cyber Security.

Action or Discussion Items:

Action

Discussion/Description:

Background:

The Northern California Regional Intelligence Center is the State designated and federally recognized fusion center for the region. As a multi-jurisdictionally staffed center with many subunits and disciplines, the fusion center is dedicated to the mission of information sharing and providing analytical support to both public safety and private sector critical infrastructure partners within the UASI Area and the Northern Federal District of California. The following information is being provided to give an overview of the fusion center's activities from January 1 to December 31, 2018.

UASI FUNDED PROGRAMS:

TERRORISM LIAISON OFFICER OUTREACH PROGRAM - (TLOOP)

Duties: Provide outreach and training to regional partners; review all submitted Suspicious Activities Reports (SAR); follow up on SARs and threats to public safety that require additional information collections and dissemination.

Personnel assigned: Ten (10)

Follow ups: 185 of 962 SARs

Distribution Lists:

11,677 NCRIC Members Approved for Law Enforcement Sensitive Information

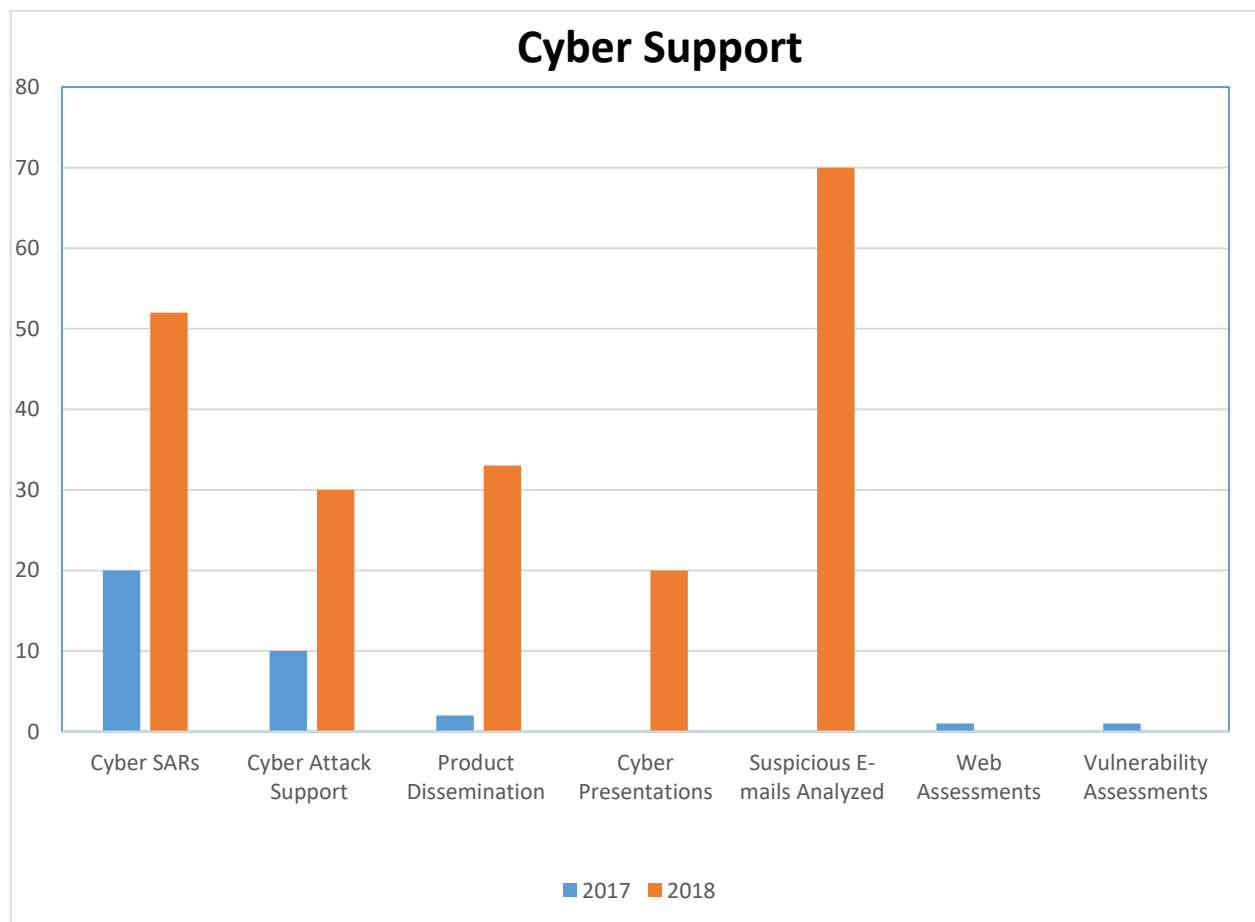
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INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY—CYBER

Personnel assigned: Four (4)

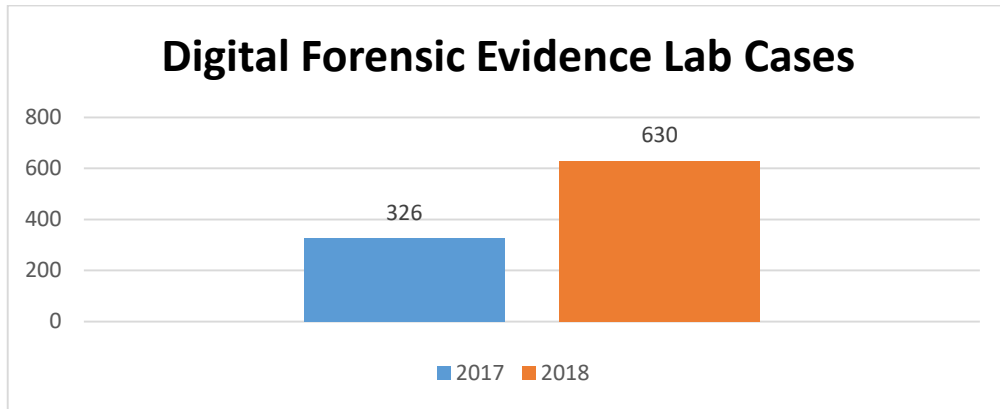
Duties: Cyber team members provide cyber support to local agencies to increase cyber awareness and assistance in the event of a cyber event. NCRIC Cyber Team members currently sit on eight (8) Cyber-related Boards and Committees.

Activities: The Cyber Team saw an increase in cyber reporting, support, and regional presentations between 2017 and 2018. The team also participated both nationally and internationally to provide and disseminate information on supply chain and water supply.



DIGITAL FORENSIC EVIDENCE LABORATORY

The NCRIC continues to support the Digital Forensic Evidence Lab (DFEL), which reviews data stored on computers and other portable electronic devices. This work assists in efforts to arrest and convict those engaging in criminal acts.



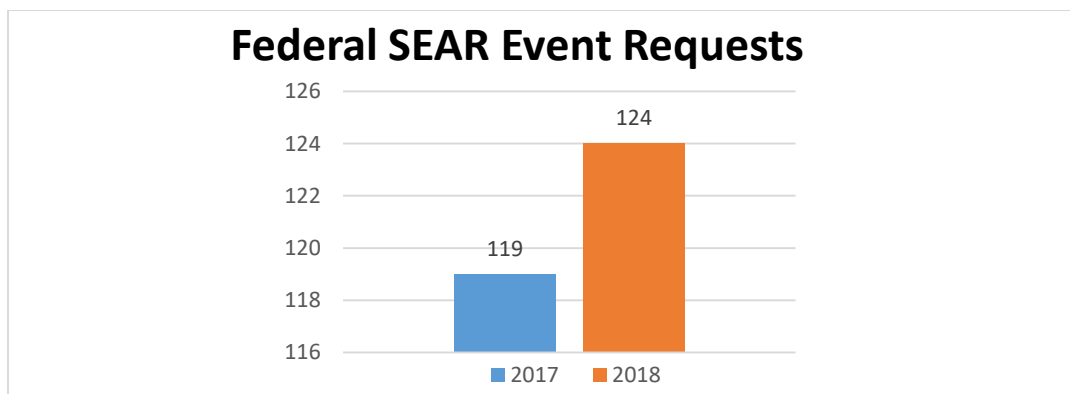
RISK MANAGEMENT UNIT (RMU)

The RMU is the NCRIC lead for Vulnerability Assessments, Threat Assessments, Special/Large scale Event Support, and the National Special Events Data Call. The NCRIC provides support for events based on the potential risk of criminal activity and provides real-time information sharing and analytical support.

Personnel assigned: Three (3)

Duties: Conduct Special Event Threat Assessments (SETA), along with providing on-site analytical support at Federal SEAR-level special events. Conduct Sector Snapshots for threat and vulnerability awareness at locations that contain Critical Infrastructure.

Activities: In addition to conducting assessments, the team participated in the development and issuance of six (6) Critical Infrastructure Awareness Bulletins (CIAB) to all NCRIC partners and made a presentation at the 2018 National Homeland Security Conference in New York.

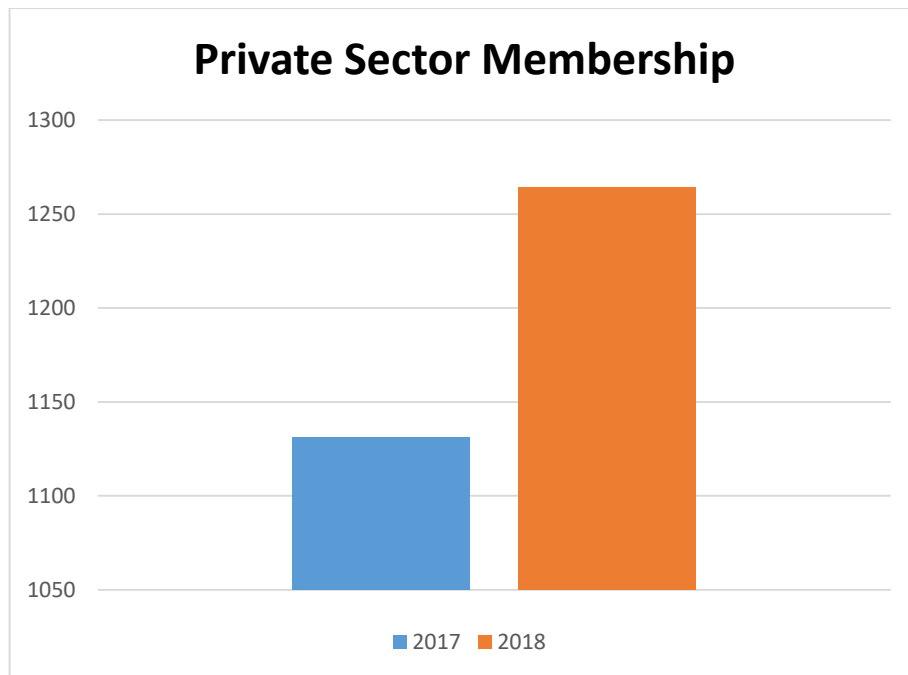


PRIVATE SECTOR OUTREACH

Personnel assigned: Two (2)

Duties: Develop/facilitate participation by owners and operators to protect critical infrastructure; provide vetted members with highly valued, sensitive information and intelligence; enhance private sector engagement capabilities.

Activities: During 2018, the team participated in the development and deployment of the Global Mission Assurance Portal (GMAP) to provide fusion centers with Department of Defense supported technology and the Center of Best Practices, an element of the Homeland Security Information Network - HSIN Intelligence Community of Interest (COI).

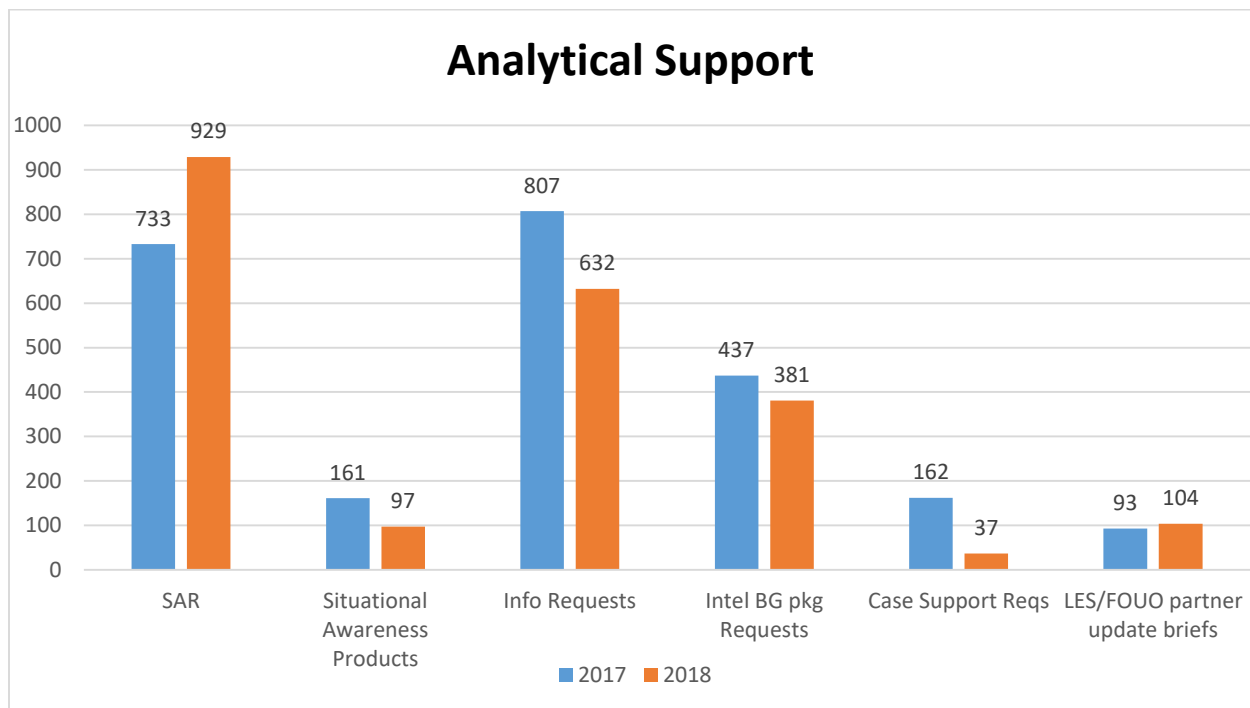


ANALYTICAL SUPPORT (NCRIC- AMT, VAT, Priority Crimes, CSU)

Personnel assigned: Nineteen (19)

Duties: Various- Analyze both transnational and domestic terrorist organizations; provide analytical support for requests for information, analyze Suspicious Activity Reports (SAR); Analyze regional criminal activity; coordinate intelligence sharing, provide investigative support, and manage the Gun-Related Intelligence Program in Santa Clara County.

Activities: 2018 saw an increase in Suspicious Activity Reports (SARs) which were analyzed for deconfliction and determination of a criminal and/or a terrorist nexus. Partner update briefs for regional crime trends and national threat reporting also increased. Information, background package, and case support requests from local law enforcement agencies decreased during 2018.



TRAINING FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2018

In 2018, the fusion center increased the number of training classes conducted from 63 to 107. These classes related to homeland security, narcotics enforcement, law enforcement officer safety and investigative techniques. Approximately 1,400 students from allied agencies and organizations attended.

PILOT PROJECTS

The NCRIC/NCHIDTA participated in and/or chaired several national and local pilot projects in 2018, including:

- **FBI Enhanced Engagement Strategy.** This two-year project is a joint collaboration between the FBI, DHS, ODNI Partner Engagement-Information Sharing Environment (PE-ISE), and fusion centers. Chaired by a NCRIC member, the project focuses on enhancing analytics and counterterrorism threat identification, prevention, mitigation and investigation. The FBI has adopted this Strategy to develop a path for enhanced collaboration and capabilities between fusion centers and the FBI.
- **Fusion Center Privacy Policy Update.** This joint FBI, DHS, PE-ISE, US DOJ collaborative project focuses on updating Privacy Policy templates for all 79 national Fusion Centers. A NCRIC member represented the NFCA on this project which is set to be completed in early 2019. The NCRIC leads national efforts to implement this national guidance.

- Social Media Partnerships.** The NCRIC continues to partner with various Social Media companies (Google, Facebook, Twitter, etc.) to provide information to Public Safety agencies when a Threat-to-Life is seen on social media. Potential online threats frequently have not been reported to authorities through existing platforms. This NCRIC-led effort is working to improve credible threat identification and coordination in life threatening situations.

