



To: Bay Area UASI Approval Authority

From: Mike Sena, Director NCRIC/HIDTA

Date: January 9, 2020

Re: Item 05: NCRIC Annual Report and Proposed FY20 Allocation Appendix B

Recommended:

The UASI Management Team recommends funding the NCRIC in the amount of \$5,211,473.

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, 2019.

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: 394 of 1217 SARs

Distribution Lists:

11,948 NCRIC Members Approved for Law Enforcement Sensitive Information

3,049 NCRIC Members Approved for Official Use Only Information

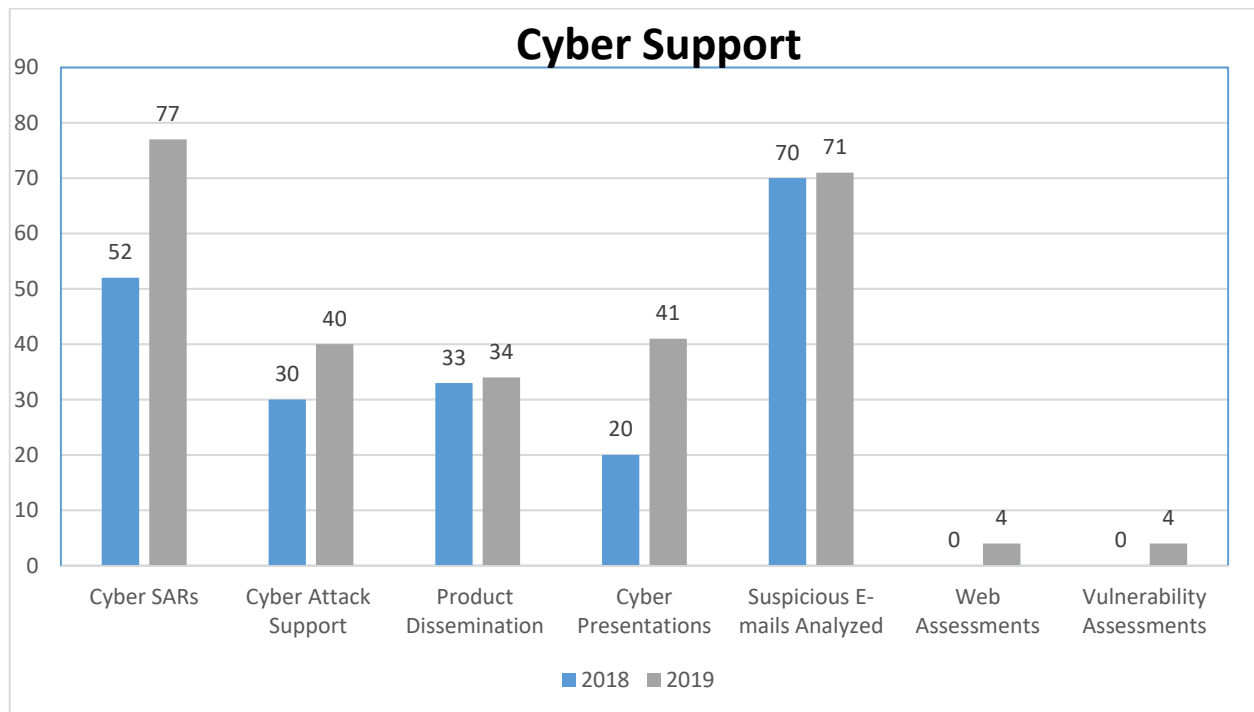
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Information Technology—Cyber

Personnel Assigned: Four (4)

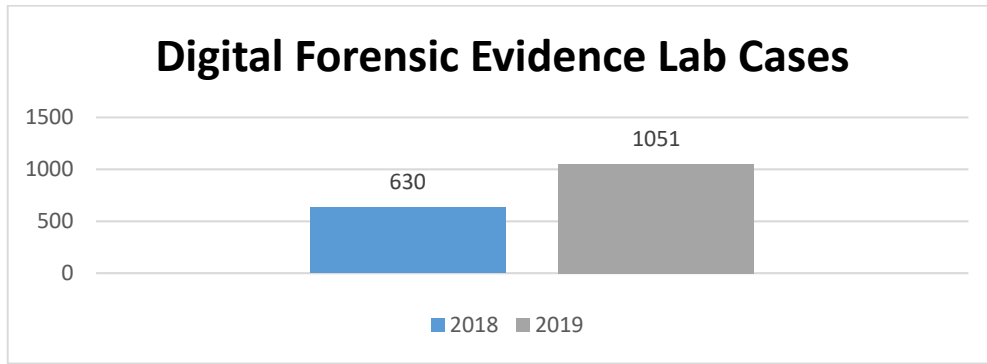
Duties: Cyber team members provide cyber support to local agencies to increase cyber awareness and assistance in the event of a cyber event. NCRIC Cyber Team members currently sit on eight (8) Cyber-related Boards and Committees.

Activities: The Cyber Team saw an increase in cyber reporting, support, and regional presentations between 2018 and 2019. The team also participated both nationally and internationally to provide and disseminate information on Ransomware and Election Threats.



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.



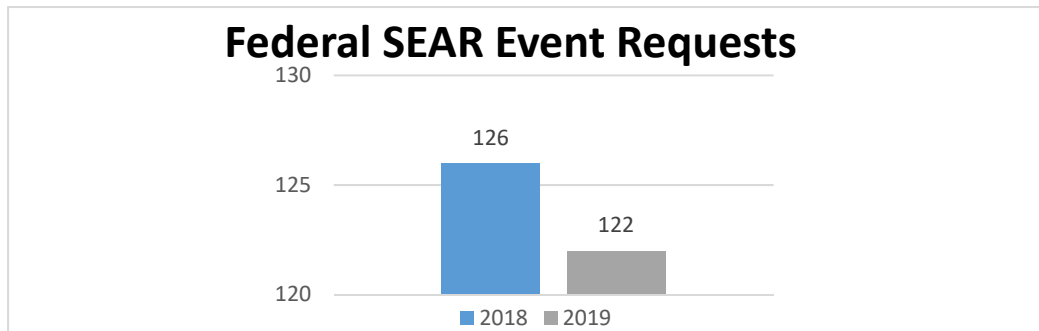
Risk Management Unit (RMU)

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) and Vulnerability Assessments (VAs) along with providing on-site analytical support at Federal SEAR-level special events. Represents the NCRIC as a member of the NFCA Open Source Intelligence Committee and member of the STAS Infrastructure Protection Working Group sub-committee for School Safety VAs.

Activities: The team developed a vulnerability assessment guide for non-profit organizations to quickly assess vulnerabilities at their facilities, developed an approved POST certification for School Safety VAs, and made a presentation at both the 2019 National Homeland Security Conference in Phoenix, Arizona and the 2019 National Fusion Center Association Training event in Alexandria, Virginia.



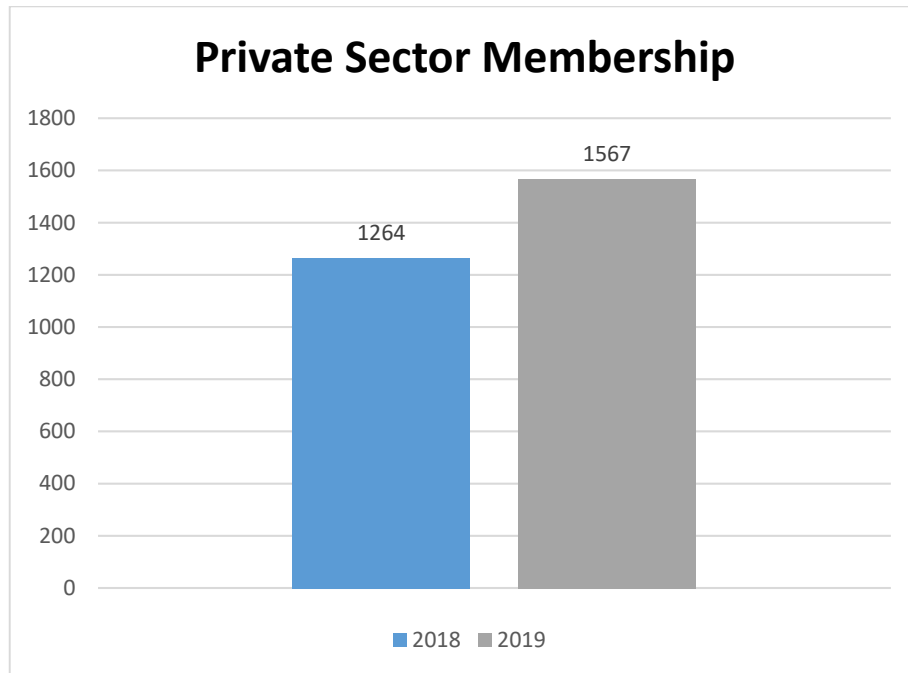
Private Sector Outreach

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 2019, the team participated in the development and deployment of quarterly webinars 010920 Approval Authority Meeting Agenda Item 05: NCRIC Annual Report and Proposed FY20 Allocation Appendix B

which facilitate the sharing of private sector engagements best practices across the National Network of Fusion Centers (NNFC). Additionally, the team played an instrumental role in the development and deployment of the “Threat to Life” reporting capability which is being considered for adoption as a best practice by the NNFC.

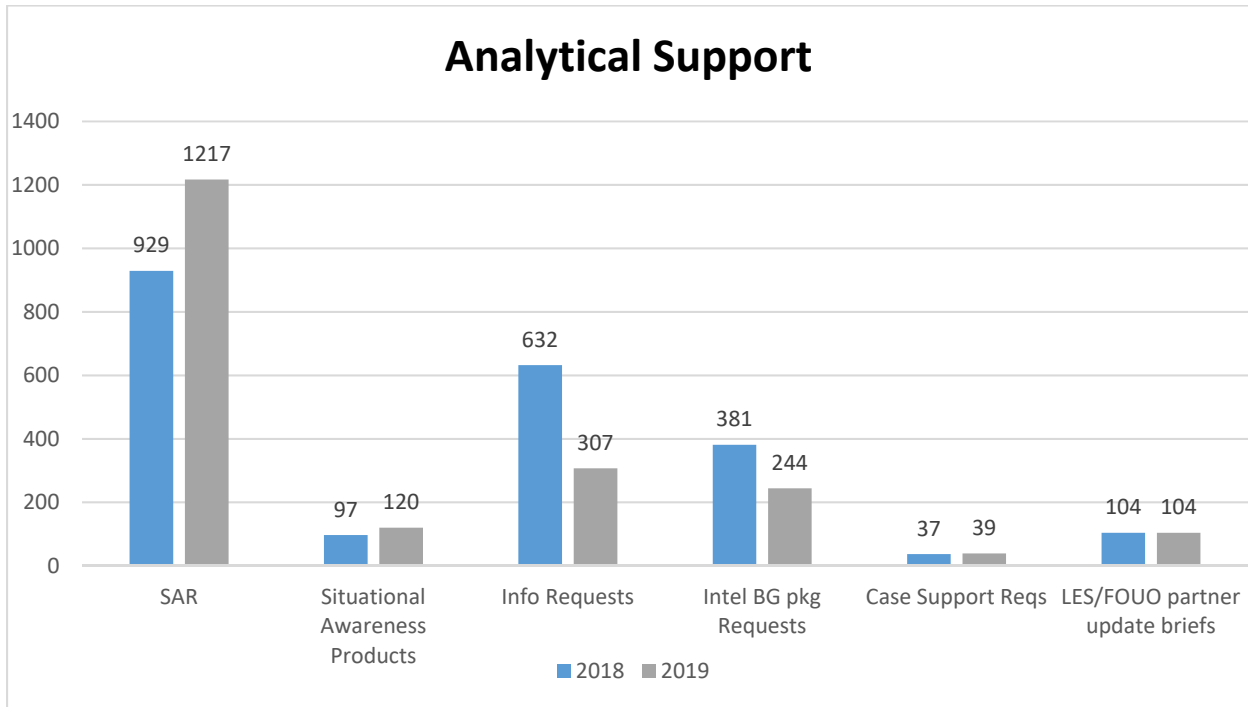


Analytical Support (NCRIC- AMT, VAT, Priority Crimes, CSU)

Personnel Assigned: Nineteen (19)

Duties: Various- Analyze transnational and domestic terrorist organizational trends; provide analytical support for requests for information; analyze Suspicious Activity Reports (SARs), including Threat to Life (TTL) and National Threat Operations Center (NTOC) tips and leads; analyze regional criminal activity; coordinate intelligence sharing, provide investigative support, and manage the Gun-Related Intelligence Program (GRIP) in Santa Clara County.

Activities: In 2019, the quantity of Suspicious Activity Reports (SARs) analyzed for deconfliction and determination of a criminal and/or a terrorist nexus increased by 30%. Of the 1217 SARs processed, 38 were FBI NTOC SARs. Case support requests from local law enforcement agencies increased by 262%, due in part to 90 cases opened by the Gun-Related Intelligence Program. The product output for Situational Awareness Products and Partner Update Briefs remained steady. There was a 43% decrease in Information Requests and a 32% decrease in Intel Packet Requests.



Training For Calendar Year 2019

In 2019, the fusion center conducted 57 training classes. These classes related to homeland security, narcotics enforcement, law enforcement officer safety and investigative techniques. Approximately 2,250 students from allied agencies and organizations attended, an increase in 850 students over last year.

Pilot Projects

The NCRIC/NCHIDTA participated in and/or chaired several national and local pilot projects in 2019, including:

FBI National Threat Operations Center (NTOC) Pilot

In response to the 2018 Stoneman Douglas High School shooting in Parkland, Florida, the FBI restructured the Public Access Line (PAL), a national public tip line, as the National Threat Operations Center (NTOC). Citizens can submit tips and leads to NTOC by calling 1-800-CALLFBI, contacting the local FBI field office or submitting an online tip via <https://www.fbi.gov/tips>. The FBI has been handling these tips and leads by routing them to the appropriate FBI Field Offices, although in many cases there has been no federal nexus. On 7/22/2019, the NCRIC began participating in a 60-day pilot project in which the tips and leads received by NTOC were sent to the NCRIC via eGuardian when NTOC analysts assessed that the tip or lead fell within the NCRIC area of responsibility. The NTOC pilot program was successful and has been instituted as standard operating procedure.

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.

Since late 2018, the social media threat to life reporting has successfully contributed to life-saving and law enforcement efforts in dozens of cases.

