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- Urban Shield activities have also been held in Boston, MA, and Austin TX, but both cities have discontinued the activities.
“Authorize the Sheriff to sign an agreement and all subsequent amendments between the County of Alameda and the City and County of San Francisco for the distribution of Fiscal Year 2015 Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) regional funds for emergency preparedness in the amount of $5,915,179 for the period 11/1/15 - 2/28/17.”
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Organizing Strategy

- Agencies, participants
- Impacted communities
- Cities
- Counties
Alameda County Board of Supervisors Authorization
San Francisco County Fiscal Authority
Local City, Police/SWAT Participation
Political Power of County Sheriff
Federal Policy

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In 2014, community pressure caused the City of Oakland, which had served as the host for the trade show and a number of war games simulations since 2007, to cease hosting future Urban Shield activities.

• Targeted Hotel
• Petitions (local SUS, national WRL)
• City
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Community pressure to end Urban Shield continues to grow.
Coalition Structure

- Strategy Team
- Coalition Members
- Workgroups: Legislative/Research Team, Media, Outreach,
- Alternatives Report, Ordinances and City Resolutions
Sheriff Ahern’s FY 2015 BA UASI expenditures per Bay Area Homeland Security Goal

The amount the Alameda County Sheriff allocated to “enhance homeland security, exercise, evaluation and training programs,” the vast majority of which fund Urban Shield and Yellow Command exercises and the expo constitute nearly $5 million of the $6 million granted by UASI.
STOP URBAN SHIELD
END THE MILITARIZATION
OF OUR COMMUNITIES
Where we are today
The Trump Regime’s Executive Orders and Policies will increase the militarization of police.
The Trump Regime has stated:

The dangerous anti-police atmosphere in America is wrong. The Trump Administration will end it.

Our job is not to make life more comfortable for the rioter, the looter, or the violent disrupter.

President Trump is committed to building a border wall to stop illegal immigration, to stop the gangs and the violence, and to stop the drugs from pouring into our communities. He is dedicated to enforcing our border laws, ending sanctuary cities, and stemming the tide of lawlessness associated with illegal immigration.
Executive Orders:

Presidential Executive Order on Enforcing Federal Law with Respect to Transnational Criminal Organizations and Preventing International Trafficking

Presidential Executive Order on Preventing Violence Against Federal, State, Tribal, and Local Law Enforcement Officers

Presidential Executive Order on a Task Force on Crime Reduction and Public Safety.

Executive order Protecting the Nation from Foreign Terrorists Entry into the United States

Executive Order: Border Security and Immigration Enforcement Improvements
URBAN SHIELD: a model for the country

Alameda County Sheriff Greg Ahern’s Agenda is Too Closely Aligned with The Trump Regime’s Dangerous, Racist, Sexist, and Xenophobic Policies
Sheriff Ahern is pushing for more cages in the Alameda County Jail

Sheriff Ahern has collaborated with ICE

Sheriff Ahern has invited police forces from countries condemned as human rights violators to participate in Urban Shield

Sheriff Ahern signed a letter supporting bigot Attorney General Jeff Sessions and his extremist law enforcement policies
Human Rights Organizations
Communities of Faith
Labor Unions
San Francisco County Supervisors
Doctors
Nurses
Public Health Professionals
Emergency First Responders
and Nearly 2000 Alameda County Residents

HAVE ALL RAISED THEIR VOICES AGAINST URBAN SHEILD
Today

- Urban Shield Taskforce
- Cities pulling out – nonparticipation
- Fiscal Agent adding stipulations
- Alternatives
- Educating target audience
- UASI Funding – Counter Terrorism, in relation to Sanctuary Cities
FUNDING FOR HEALTH & WELLBEING
NOT WAR GAMES IN OUR COMMUNITIES
DEFUND URBAN SHIELD