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Cal COP Program Manager's Message

Cal COP – Was is it and what can it do for me?

As I travel around the state visiting UASIs and Fusion Centers, this is a consistent question. There have been many personnel changes over the last year and we have lost many of the core group of early adopters who knew it as Digital Sandbox (DS7). These folks helped shape and drive data integrations and operational feature changes as the consistent points of contacts and advocates familiar with the history and build out of the program. Despite these transitions, the program has continued to grow significantly. To continue that growth, I will be working with the Haystax team to "reintroduce" Cal COP over the next six months.

Did you know? – The Fusion Centers and Operational Areas within the UASIs around the state use Cal COP to catalog their Critical Infrastructure/Key Resources (CIKR), conduct risk assessments on each high priority site and use the analytics in the program to understand and rank the specific threats to each piece of infrastructure.

There is also a Capability Assessment tool within Cal COP that uses the DHS Core Capability standard and a metrics-based level of ability ranking system, coupled with your CIKR risk to give you a Gap Analysis Report outlining your current ability to meet the standards. This may be useful to justify funding certain capabilities either through your local budget process or through the EMPG, SHSP or UASI funding steams.

Threat/Situational Awareness for Special Events – The use of Cal COP to monitor threat and situational awareness associated with special events has increased significantly over the last year. The Watchboard brings in the CIKR data, CAD/RMS, license plate readers, CHP CAD, news feeds, real-time mobile field reports, and many other data feeds to help give users a robust situational awareness. Operational Areas can share their data with other local and state agencies by giving permission in the system. A list of near-term events where Cal COP will be used for situational awareness is outlined later in the newsletter.

What's next for Cal COP?

In light of the personnel transitions in many Fusion Centers and UASIs, the Haystax team and I will focus on continuing our outreach to reconnect with our current users to review the services offered and leverage the features in Cal COP.

The Cal COP program and associated services are funded by the State of California using part of the UASI holdback funding. There is no limit on the number of users in the system and basic data integrations such as CAD/RMS, ALPR and AVL can be achieved through the program.

At this point, the program is one of our best kept secrets and my job is to bring it into the "light of day." I would be happy to talk with anyone interested in becoming a user and welcome the opportunity to meet with you to give you more details. My contact information can be found on calcop.org.

Regards,

David Frazer, Cal COP Statewide Program Manager

Upcoming Web Trainings!

Our web-based training program continues to be well utilized. We have scheduled the following sessions. Invitations for those in 2016 have been sent, and the remainder will be sent in early December. Contact your project manager for details!

Date	Time	Training
Nov 2	2:00pm-3:00pm	New User Training
Nov 17	2:00pm-4:00pm	In-depth Asset & Assessment Training
Dec 6	11:00am-12:00pm	New User Training
Jan 10	2:00pm-3:00pm	Train-the-Trainer Course
Feb 9	10:00am-11:00am	New User Training
Feb 22	10:00am-12:00pm	In-depth Situational Awareness Training
Mar 15	11:00am-12:00pm	New User Training

Cal COP and Commodity Points of Distribution Tracking

San Francisco Bay Area jurisdictions, as well as Los Angeles City and Los Angeles County, came together on September 8 for the annual Yellow Command emergency management exercise. Cal COP was deployed in support of the exercise. Yellow Command, focusing on emergency management and the support that emergency operations centers (EOCs) provide for effective response and recovery efforts in the field, is one element of the broader Urban Shield regional preparedness exercise.

Each year Yellow Command tests one aspect of the Bay Area's Regional Catastrophic Planning efforts. This year it evaluated the Regional Catastrophic Earthquake Logistics Response Plan, simulating the response to a major earthquake 72 hours after impact, coupled with a cyber attack on local government. The exercise provided an opportunity to activate multiple EOCs in an effort to determine how to best prioritize the distribution of resources—like food and water—to affected areas following a major disaster.

During the exercise, the Bay Area jurisdictions performed either a simulated or functional activation of Community Points of Distribution (C-PODs), giving officials an opportunity to see how effective C-PODs are and how successfully the Regional Catastrophic Earthquake Logistics Response Plan for the Bay Area performs. Cal COP was used to catalog Potential C-POD sites by creating an asset group and appending "(POD)" to the name of applicable existing or new assets. Once a C-POD site was activated, that site was added to an Active C-PODs asset group. These asset groups and the naming convention made it easy to view the C-PODs on the Cal COP Watchboard and search for them in the system. A similar methodology can also be applied to the tracking of assets used as shelters.

Upcoming Special Events Support

In the coming months, many Cal COP users will be using the situational awareness tools within Cal COP to monitor activities during special events. This includes Riverside's Festival of Lights, Palm Springs' Festival of Lights Parade, Los Angeles' Marathon, and the current Oakland Raiders season. If you would like to use your Cal COP system for situational awareness during special events, please contact your project manager. We are available to provide support for your events!

Have a data feed you'd like to see in Cal COP?

The Haystax team regularly supports the connection of live data feeds into Cal COP. Sarah Kibreab has recently connected CAD, camera layers, sensor data, and many other types of live data feeds. If you have a feed that would be beneficial in your instance of Cal COP, please contact your project manager to discuss how to proceed.

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