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All Hazards Continuity of Operations – Why is it important?

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Continuity of Operations

- Continuity of Operations is essential for your facility to be able to continue to perform their essential functions before, during and after disasters or incidents that threaten to or disrupt normal operations.



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Elements of a Viable Continuity Program

10 primary elements:

- Essential functions
- Orders of succession
- Delegations of authority
- Continuity facilities
- Continuity communications
- Essential records management
- Human resources
- Tests, training, and exercises
- Devolution of control and direction
- Reconstitution operations



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Continuity is not new....

- Continuity elements you may already be familiar with...
 - Mutual aid
 - Data back-up / recovery
 - Communications planning
 - Employee alerts and notifications
 - Emergency Operations Plans
 - Chain of Command



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When to use COOP...

- Any emergency that impacts your agency's facilities or abilities to provide its essential functions:
 - Localized acts of nature
 - Accidents
 - Technical hazards or attack-related emergencies
 - Fires
 - Hazardous materials incidents
 - Weather emergencies
 - Flooding
 - Power Outages
 - Terror attacks
 - Civil disturbances
 - Others?



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Continuity Planning Considerations



COOP plans must:

- Be capable of implementation anytime, with and without warning.
- Provide full operational capability for essential functions not later than 12 hours after activation.
- Be capable of sustaining operations for up to 30 days.



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Why do I need a COOP plan?



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Training Websites

- **FEMA Continuity of Operations (COOP) Programs:**

<http://www.fema.gov/government/coop/index.shtm>

- **FEMA Training/EMI Independent Study (IS) Program:**

<http://www.training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/>



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Until Help Arrives

- Free training available online
- Non-medical providers training non-medical providers
- How to stop life threatening bleeding and provide emotional support in the critical 6-12 minutes before a trained medical responder can arrive
- <https://community.fema.gov/until-help-arrives>

**YOU ARE THE HELP
UNTIL HELP ARRIVES**

Know how to:

- Call 9-1-1
- Protect the injured from harm
- Stop bleeding
- Position the injured
- Provide comfort

**5 SIMPLE STEPS MAY
SAVE A LIFE**

Ready.gov/untilhelparrives

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Financial Preparedness

- Have cash on hand whenever possible
- Consider meeting with a financial advisor
- Complete the Emergency Financial First Aid Kit (EFFAK) for your family
- Spread the word!
- <https://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/96123/financial-preparedness>

Emergency Financial First Aid Kit (EFFAK)

Strengthen Your Financial Preparedness
for Disasters and Emergencies

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