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Continuity of Operations Planning

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Course Description

Continuity of operations planning (COOP) allows for the continuation of the essential functions of government departments or agencies during any incident or emergency that may disrupt normal operations. COOP addresses the recovery of critical and essential government operations in the event of an emergency. This can be on a short-term basis, like a power failure, where having backup capability (systems, personnel, processes, files, and etc.) can quickly resolve the situation. It can also be longer term such as in the case of a natural disaster when services are impacted for several days, or in some cases, weeks.

This course: (1) introduces the concept of continuity of operations and define its objectives and scope, (2) defines the organizational context of a continuity of operations policy, (3) offers an outline for a continuity of operations plan, and (4) emphasizes the importance of broad organizational participation in the development, training, and testing of continuity of operations plans. These concepts and principles are applicable to governmental organizations, not-for-profit organizations, public and private businesses, and faith-based organizations.

Modules

1. Introduction to Continuity of Operations Planning
2. Developing a Continuity of Operations Policy
3. Clinical Aspects of Blast Injuries
4. Practical Ideas about Continuity of Operations Planning

Learning Objectives

Upon completion of this course, learners will be able to:

- Introduce the concept of continuity of operations and define its objectives and scope
- Define the context of a continuity of operations policy
- Provide an outline for a continuity of operations plan
- Emphasize the importance of broad organizational participation in the development, training, and testing of continuity of operations plans

Competencies

- Identify limits to own knowledge/skill/authority and identify key system resources for referring matters that exceed these limits.

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