

Continuity of Operation Planning / Continuity of Government Newsletter

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This newsletter is developed to inform employees of the State of Colorado on the efforts being performed to ensure the recovery of critical functions and the safety of employees in the face of man-made, or natural disaster.

Introduction

Welcome to the second edition of the COOP/COG newsletter. This newsletter is intended to keep employees informed about this important effort that could affect us all as employees and also residents of Colorado. This newsletter will be produced on a regular basis to show the progress being made and benefits to citizens, employees, and State government itself. Feel free to ask questions and provide feedback as this is a collaborative effort that affects everyone.

Project Goals

There are a number of goals that this project aims to achieve. These are the focal points behind what we are trying to achieve.

- Provide planning for recovery of State of Colorado functions after a man-made or natural disaster
- Prioritize Mission critical functions within the State
- Identify alternate work locations for agencies
- Ensure staff are trained in activating and operating within a COOP environment
- Establish an on-going maintenance and training regime within each State Agency

Progress so far

The COOP/COG Program Manager has spent most of August and September meeting with Agency Directors informing them of the program and finding out some basic concerns they have about impacts to their agencies operations. The program has been met favorably and all agencies have been in support of the program, understand the need and have committed their support.

There is also progress being made on getting a new Continuity of Operations Planning tool in place. Currently this is in the contract stage and the hope is that we will be able to get underway in October with training and planning.

If you were identified as a COOP point of contact by your agency, you shall be contacted about the dates as soon as they are available.

What's Next

Training is tentatively scheduled to begin in late October. While the contracting steps are being completed, the COOP/COG program manager will be visiting with all the Agency COOP planners getting a deeper understanding of the make up of the agency, their priority services and functions, and helping prepare them for the training sessions.

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