



COOP/COG Program Office

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 thirteenth edition of the COOP/COG newsletter. This newsletter is intended to keep employees informed about this important effort which 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.

September is National Preparedness Month

During September, you will see and hear about many events and promotions targeting home and business preparedness. Packing an emergency kit, having 3 days of food on-hand, taking a first aid class, making a family communications plan, are all things you can do to be more prepared for an emergency. If anyone is interested in organizing something to promote awareness of the Evacuation and Contingency plans you have for your agency please contact Kent Smiley on 303 866 3830.

COOP Manager Class

This class is scheduled for October 21-23 in Lakewood. If you wish to attend and do not have the contact info for the course organizer, please call Kent Smiley at 303 866 3830.

Continuity Plan Storage

Work on configuring a new server for Continuity plans is continuing. The configuration will be tested on a few agencies and then rolled out to all by the end of September.

Do you have rural offices?

As the pre-DNC planning is coming to a close, the focus will expand to State Agencies with offices and/or functions outside of the Denver area. If your agency has offices outside the Denver area, please call Kent Smiley at 303 866 3830 so we can discuss next steps.

Post Exercise Review

For those agencies that held their exercise before the DNC, congratulations! It is now time to work through the action plan in the back of the After Action Report. Some of the tasks in the list need to be expanded while others are on-going tasks that need re-visiting on a regular basis. It is also time to update the plan and think ahead for what type of exercise and/or training your agency would benefit from.

For those who didn't complete their agency exercise, there is still time to do it. Please contact Kent Smiley on 303 866 3830 to work on scheduling.

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