



Natural Disaster Response - Planning & Prep

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Upcoming Risk Control Webinar



Holiday Safety Potluck
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Agenda

- The Problem
- Emergency Management 101
- Disaster Response Planning & Considerations
- Continuity of Operations
- The Great Shakeout – 10.19.23
- California Disaster Service Workers
- Q & A



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US Record for Natural Disasters in 2023

➤ 23 separate weather and climate disasters as of 9/11/23

- 18 severe weather events, including hailstorms and tornadoes
- Two flooding events
- One tropical cyclone (Hurricane Idalia)
- One wildfire event (Maui)
- One winter storm event

➤ More than 250 deaths

➤ Losses exceeding \$1 billion each

<https://www.ncei.noaa.gov/access/billions/>

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The Problem

- Non-isolated, Large-scale incident.
- Medium/long duration.
- Moderate/high impact on daily operations ("temporarily" slowed/suspended).
- Involves EOP activation by multiple stakeholders or municipalities (ICS).
- Multiple agency/jurisdiction response.



"Natural catastrophes in the first six months of 2023 year in the United States caused \$40 billion in insured losses, the third costliest first-half on record."

The Washington Post – 9/3/23

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Don't Let Disaster Fatigue Keep You From Being Prepared!

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Mission Areas of Emergency Management



Who is in charge during a crisis?

Remember "PIE"

- Priorities
- Intelligence
- Environment

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Whole Community Approach



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Disaster Response Planning

- Do you have an Emergency Action Plan?
 - Does it include all the types of disasters that could occur in your workplace?
- Do your employees understand your plan & have they been trained?
- Do you conduct drills/simulations?
- Do you have a plan for evacuating disabled employees?
- Have you designated employees to perform disaster response assignments?
- Have alternate escape routes been determined in case the primary route is blocked?
 - Primary/Secondary Evacuation Locations.
- Are employees trained in CPR/First Aid/AED?



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Planning Considerations

- What assets need to be prioritized and protected?
- What are the critical business functions to be prioritized and protected?
 - What is your mission/vision statement?
 - Are critical business functions client or product-based?
- What kind of communications systems do you have?
 - Internal (Employees, Emergency/Warning)?
 - External (Clients/Customers, vendors)?
- Where are your Recovery locations?
 - Employee/Client Safety locations?
 - Company Re-start?

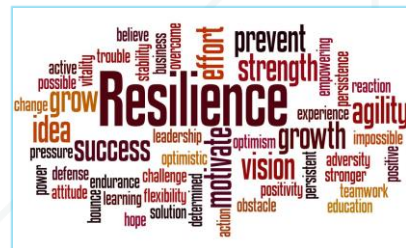


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What Does Resiliency Mean To You?



An ability to recover from or adjust easily to adversity or change.
 — Merriam-Webster

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Business Continuity

An on-going, interactive process that serves to assure the continuation of an organization's core activities before, during, and most importantly, after a major crisis event.

– ASIS International

The Four Pillars of Business Continuity:

- Risk Mitigation
- Incident Response
- Recovery Operations
- Continuous Improvement



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Planning Considerations

- Do you have a current organizational chart?
 - Directory of essential staff?
- Do you have procedures for Continuity of Authority?
 - Lines of Succession?
- Do you have access to critical company information?
 - Information access and security (I/T)?
 - Building/Facility security and utility access?
- Do you have contact with external resources?
 - Emergency service vendors?
 - Supply chain contingencies?
 - Agreements and Contracts?



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Next Steps

- Conduct a **Business Impact Analysis (BIA)** – to identify potential impacts resulting from disruptions in an organization's functions and processes.
- Collaborate with key internal and external stakeholders that will aid in the recovery process (i.e.; Supply Chain).
- Establish and maintain a clear communication plan that emphasizes communication *before, during* and *after* an emergency.
- Build and review the Continuity of Operations Plan as part of the Recovery Phase of your Emergency Operation Plan.
- Establish a line of succession (authority) plan.
- Establish policies and procedures for building and training all phases of Emergency Planning. Refine as needed.
- Practice – Drills, walk-throughs, and table-top scenarios.



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Considerations for Schools (K-12)

- As part of your EOP hazard analysis, identify the natural disasters that could affect your area.
- Establish and maintain a network of local stakeholders and external resources.
- Establish a line of succession (authority) plan.
- Establish and maintain a clear communication plan that emphasizes communication *before, during* and *after* an emergency.
- Consider transitioning to cloud-based programs for student files, information and programs.
- Provide access to healthy meals for children and their families.
- Train – Drills, walk-throughs, and table-top scenarios.
- Learn more and refine your plan.



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Have a Home/Family Disaster Plan

- Communication Plan
- Disaster Supplies – Home and Car
 - Food & Water (3-day supply)
 - Medications
 - Extra Batteries
 - Flashlight
 - Cell Phone Charger
 - First Aid Kit
 - Personal Documents
- Evacuation Plan

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California Disaster Service Workers

- All CA public employees are declared Disaster Service Workers per California Government Code, Section 3100-3109.
- May be assigned to perform various disaster service activities during times of emergencies.
- Recommended FEMA Courses:
 - [IS-100-C: Introduction to the Incident Command System, ICS 100](#)
 - [IS-700-B: An Introduction to the National Incident Management System](#)

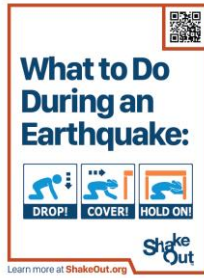
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The Great Shakeout

- Get ready to Shakeout
- October 19, 2023
- Register: www.ShakeOut.org



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Follow Official Sources for Accurate Information

- FEMA Comprehensive Preparedness Guide 101 www.fema.gov/emergency-managers/national-preparedness/plan
- FEMA Continuity Resource Toolkit. <https://www.fema.gov/emergency-managers/national-preparedness/continuity/toolkit>
- FEMA Independent Study IS-100 Introduction to the Incident Command System (ICS). <https://training.fema.gov/is/courseoverview.aspx?code=IS-100.c>
- Emergency Communications <https://www.cisa.gov/topics/emergency-communications>
- The Great Shakeout <https://www.shakeout.org>
- ASIS Business Continuity Standard
- NFPA 1600 Emergency Standard

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Thank You! Any Questions?

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