

Current and Upcoming Challenges for Communities, Schools, and Agencies: Experiences in Alabama

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The Value of Planning

- Increases chances of maintaining ongoing business
- Shared communication with employees, vendors, customers, and clients
- Reduces tendency to over react and under react
- Orderliness

COOP

- Acronym for Continuity of Operations Plan
- Three major objectives
 - Minimizing loss after disaster
 - Resumption of “normal” operations as soon as possible
 - To expand the capabilities of the workforce

COOP-Essential Prerequisites

- Essential ingredients to achieving the objectives of COOP
 - Executive leadership to acknowledge need for and commitment to continuity planning and continuity of operations itself

COOP-Essential Prerequisites

- Management and systems available to facilitate the recovery of core operations
- Staff capable of operating systems under adverse conditions
 - Capability determined by sufficiency of wellbeing, knowledge, and skills

Planning Considerations for H1N1

- Absenteeism is a major issue
- Goal - maintain ability to perform critical functions
 - Identify critical functions by priority
 - What and where
 - Assess capacity to perform critical functions
 - Who and where

Planning Considerations for H1N1

- Cross train workforce to be able to create “depth” for highest priority critical functions
- Establish process for devolving functions

