

Office of Emergency Management - Regionalization

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Mission Statement

The Office of Emergency Management is responsible for providing mitigation, preparedness, response, recovery, and coordination for large-scale emergencies and disasters, both natural and manmade, to the citizens of Colorado Springs for the purpose of saving lives and preventing property damage.



Grant Management

State and federal emergency management/disaster recovery grants are administered by the program and coordinated with City departments.

Current grant programs:

- SHSGP – State Homeland Security Grant Program
- EMPG – Emergency Management Performance Grant
- HMGP – Hazard Mitigation Grant Program



Planning

The Office of Emergency Management develops and maintains the Colorado Springs Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) and supporting documentation/guidance.

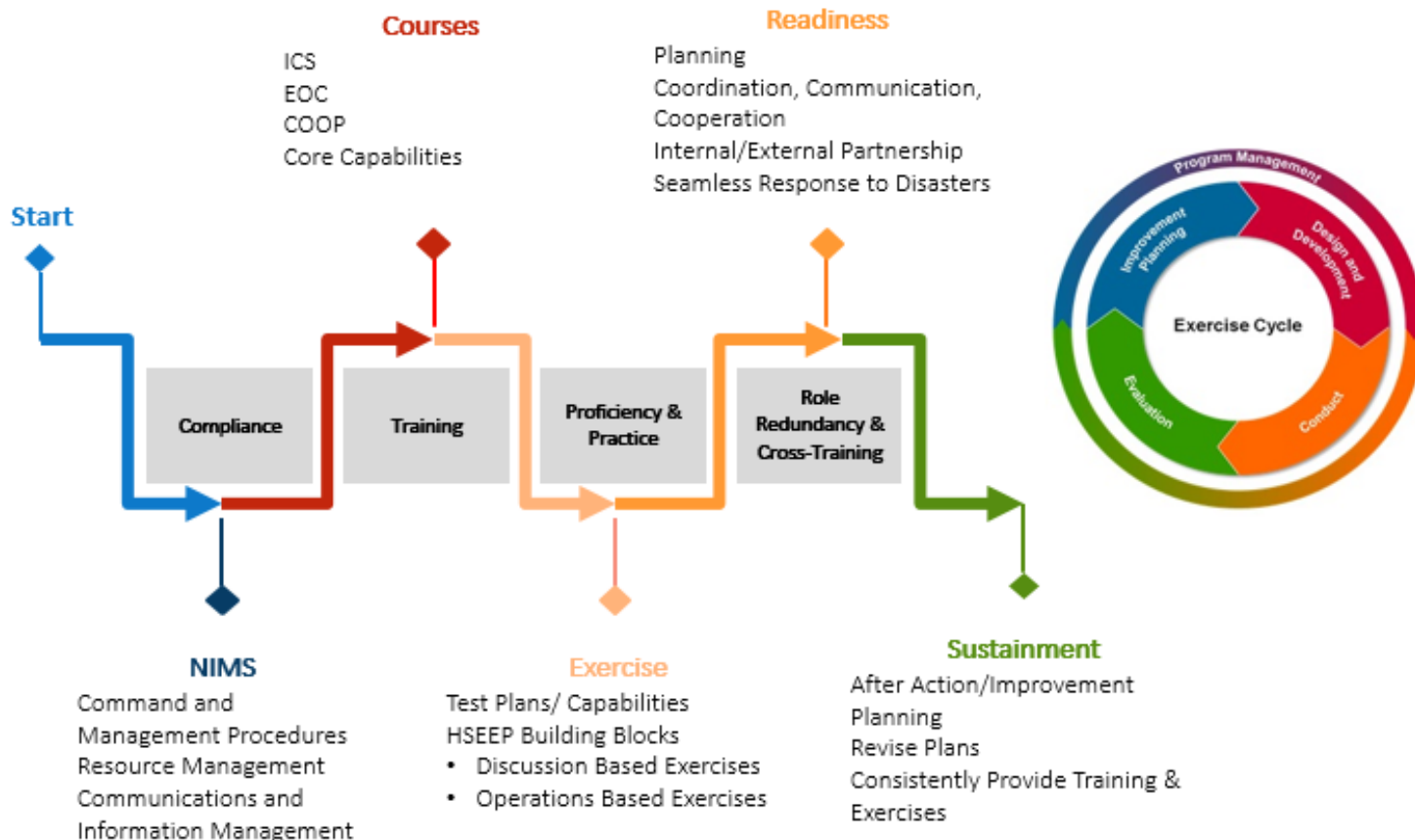
All plans include:

- Targeted objectives
- Multi-agency approach
- Implementation process
- Training and exercise component
- Review/maintenance schedule

Emergency Support Functions

- ESF 1: Transportation
- ESF 2: Communication/Warning
- ESF 3: Public Works/Engineering
- ESF 4: Fire
- ESF 5: Emergency Management
- ESF 6: Mass Care
- ESF 7: Resource Management/Logistics
- ESF 8: Public Health
- ESF 8a: Behavioral Health
- ESF 9: Search and Rescue
- ESF 10: Hazardous Material
- ESF 11: Agriculture and Natural Resources
- ESF 12: Utilities
- ESF 13: Public Safety and Security
- ESF 14: Long Term Community Recovery
- ESF 15: External Affairs

Training and Exercise Program



Emergency Operations Center

OEM manages the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) to provide a coordinated response to disasters and other emergencies, in collaboration with internal and external partners.

Three primary responsibilities are:

- Coordination
- Information Management
- Resource Management



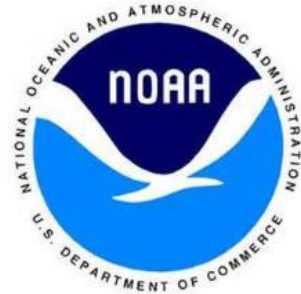
Disaster Recovery

The Office of Emergency Management coordinates short term and long term recovery activities to include:

- Damage assessments (each phase)
- Reentry planning and implementation
- Establishment and coordination of assistance centers
- Administration of federal and state funding
- Resource Management

Collaboration

The Office of Emergency Management works with numerous local, county, state, military, and federal agencies and departments.





Regional Emergency Management Process

Regional OEM Considerations



Facility

3755 Mark Dabling Boulevard (EPC OEM) or 375 Printers Parkway (City OEM)

Human Resources

Evaluate the viability of keeping City employees as City employees and County employees as County employees and Evaluate City/County OEM job descriptions

Budget and Finance

Work toward designing a viable financial model

Information Technology

Dependent on facility recommendations

Authority

Decision making for the appointment of the Regional OEM Director rests with the City Chief of Staff and the County Administrator



Facilities

OEM Facility Tours and FEMA EOC Checklist

Both the City and the County conducted tours of their respective OEM facilities. Both agencies filled out a FEMA EOC checklist, which asked a total of 82 questions in the following six categories:

1. Facility and location
2. Survivability (i.e., the ability to sustain the effects of a realized potential risk and continue operations)
3. Security (i.e., the ability to guard against potential risks and protect operations from unauthorized entry/breaches)
4. Sustainability (i.e., the ability to support operations for extended durations)
5. Interoperability (i.e., the ability to share common principles of operations and exchange routine and time-sensitive information with local jurisdictions and FEMA networks)
6. Flexibility (i.e., the ability to scale operations and adapt operational pace)

Facilities - 375 Printers Parkway

City of Colorado Springs OEM



Colorado Springs Operations Center



Front of Colorado Springs OEM



Colorado Springs Operations Center

Facilities - 3755 Mark Dabbling

El Paso County OEM



Front of EPC OEM Building



EPC OEM Coordination Center



Front of EPC OEM Building

Information Technology

- After discussions with both the City and County IT departments, it was determined that the IT component of the regional OEM is dependent on the facility that is chosen
- Once a facility is chosen, both IT departments will coordinate and work toward establishing and implementing a transition plan to accommodate the IT needs of a regional OEM and the selected facility

Advantages

- Optimized collaboration, communication and situational awareness
- Standardized common operating picture
- Standardized mutual aid coordination point
- Consolidated training/exercise plan
- Consolidated emergency plans
- Regional public information/education plan
- One Emergency Operations Center
 - Regional stakeholder involvement

Assumptions

- Clear Chain of Command – One Regional Director
- City/County employees retain employment affiliation
- Emergency Management functions are consolidated over time
- CSFD/CSPD continue to provide Liaison officers for specialized expertise

IGA Summary

- Established Title and Purpose
- Established Pikes Peak Regional Office of Emergency Management (PPROEM) Duties and Responsibilities
- Both City/County retain authority over PPROEM
- Establishes an Regional Advisory Board
- PPROEM personnel remain employees of respective organizations
- Each party contributes an equal share of the budget
- Each party will act as their own fiscal agent

3-Year IGA

- If approved, PPROEM will report back to City Council in three years
- Metrics will be tracked and provided after the three year period
- Survey will also be conducted among stakeholders

Metrics/Survey

- Budget review/efficiencies
- Survey of Stakeholders
- After-action reports for real-world events/exercises
- Emergency Management Accreditation Program
- Metrics
 - Exercises/Training/Plans



Questions?