



INTRODUCTION TO THE EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS PROGRAM

The Secure Community Network (SCN) as the official safety and security organization of the Jewish community in North America works to provide the Jewish community and its members with the tools and services necessary to ensure their safety, security, and resiliency. An important element of this is SCN's Emergency Preparedness Program (EPP). This document will provide an overview of emergency preparedness, address broadly the EPP at SCN, and provide a list of services that SCN's EPP can provide to your organization.

What is Emergency Preparedness (EP)?

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS)/Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) defines emergency preparedness as "a continuous cycle of planning, organizing, training, equipping, exercising, evaluating, and taking corrective action in an effort to ensure effective coordination during incident response." Simply put, emergency preparedness is a culmination of the proactive activities and actions taken prior to an incident to ensure the ability to respond to and recover from an incident. The figure to the right outlines the Integrated Preparedness Cycle and showcases the various aspects of emergency preparedness.



SCN Emergency Preparedness Program

The Emergency Preparedness Program (EPP) takes an all-hazards approach to emergency preparedness to ensure that the Jewish community has the skills, knowledge, and tools necessary to prepare for, respond to, and recover from an incident. In line with established best practices, the EPP utilizes a foundation of planning while also addressing the various other components of emergency preparedness through coordination with other SCN programs to include critical infrastructure protection and physical security, training, exercises, and intelligence and information sharing. Additionally, the EPP works to help security programs develop and implement the above-mentioned aspects of emergency preparedness within their local areas of responsibility (AOR). Outlined below, broadly, are examples of how the EPP can help drive local implementation of an emergency preparedness program and the services it can provide.

Planning

- Developing emergency plans such as:
 - Incident Management Team (IMT)/Crisis Leadership Management Team (CLMT)
 - Emergency Operations Plan (EOP)
 - Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP)
 - Recovery/Reconstitution Plan
- Identifying preparedness program needs, priorities, and strategies for implementation through the Integrated Preparedness Planning process

Critical Infrastructure Protection and Physical Security

- Conduct of assessments to inform preparedness efforts such as:
 - Safety and Security Assessments
 - Community Wide Threat and Hazard Identification Risk Assessment (THIRA)

Training

- Develop and deliver trainings related to emergency preparedness such as:
 - Incident Management
 - Developing Emergency Plans
 - Threat/Hazard Specific Presentation

Exercise

- Assist in developing and conducting Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP) compliant exercises to include:
 - Workshops
 - Drills
 - Tabletop Exercises (TTX)
 - Functional Exercises (FE)
 - Full-Scale Exercises (FSE)

Intelligence and Information Sharing

- Utilization of incident reporting to identifying emerging threats and hazards that should be incorporated into emergency planning
- Development and dissemination of guidance documents

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