

# **Not “If”, But "When": The Value of COOP Planning**

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# What are we going to learn today?

- Planning is more critical and valuable than the plan
- Differentiate between emergency action planning and continuity of operations planning.
- Define and understand what is a COOP and what is in it and why
- Explain Incident Command Structure (ICS)
- Amending your COOP for cyber attack response
- Testing your response

# What is EAP? What does COOP mean?

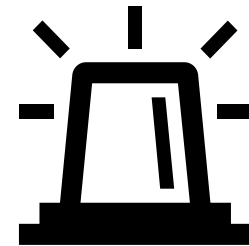
- Emergency Action Plan (EAP)- A written document providing guidance to and expectations of employees responding to various emergency situations. Pa. R.J.A. 1950
- Continuity of Operations-The process during and following an emergency, by which a court maintains at least minimum levels of service. Pa. R.J.A. 1950

# Emergency Rules of Judicial Administration

- Responsibilities of court officials in an emergency:
  - Role of the PJ-Pa. R.J.A. 1952 (B)
  - Role of the DCA-Pa. R.J.A. 1952 (D)
- County officials play a key role as well
  - Local Court Security Committee- Pa. R.J.A. 1954

# When Does an Emergency Affect Operational Continuity?

- What is an emergency?
  - Any event that presents conditions of threat or danger to personal safety that requires immediate action.
- What was your first test of an emergency response?
  - A fire drill at school or preschool



# Let's test your comprehension of EAP and COOP



- There is an active attacker incident in your courthouse.
  - Do you activate your COOP **or** your EAP?
  - Under what conditions, and when?
- The National Weather Service has issued a tornado warning for your MDJ office location. Do you activate your COOP **or** EAP?
- A pipe burst in your DRS office over the weekend. There is some standing water. Do you activate your COOP **or** your EAP?
  - What if after several days mold is discovered?
- Your court experiences a cyber-attack. Do you activate your EAP?

# The Three Phases of COOP

**Activation**

**How?**

**Alert and  
Notification**

**To Whom?**

**Transition to  
Alternate Facility, if  
Necessary**

# What Is In Your COOP and Why

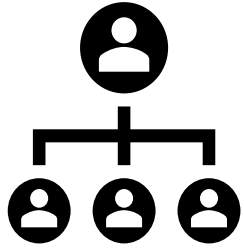
- Essential functions and staff details
  - Answers "What" and "Who"
- Alternate Facility
  - Answers "Where"
- Specific disruptions call for specific responses
- Data recovery and restoration



# Who.What.When.Where.How...Why?



- Communication Plan
  - Includes modes of communication and their interoperability
- Reconstitution
- Pandemic Preparedness



# Incident Command Structure

- Who decided what issues to address and the priority of questions to answer?
- Who has the authority to make critical decisions?
- Who has the responsibility to carry out these critical decisions?
- COOP and COG? What is a COG?

# What Constitutes an "Event" to Activate COOP?

- Any disruption to court operations that will require your court to significantly modify its operation for longer than **72 hours**.
- What about a cyber attack? Does the time frame change? YES!!
  - Activation must be immediate-AOPC must remove threat to all other counties if possibility of compromise of CPCMS or MDJS, for example.
- County IT will need immediate notification to mobilize resources and follow steps included in your COOP for data restoration and recovery.

# We Have Activated our COOP, How and When Do We Notify the AOPC?

**AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!**

Contact us at:

**COOPActivation@pacourts.us**

Please Include:

- Your Name
- Title
- County
- Phone Number
- And a brief explanation of the situation

**Don't forget to copy your DCA!**

Who does your email notify at AOPC?

- **Andrea Tuominen** – State Court Administrator
- **Wendy Hosch** – Assistant Director of AOPC IT
- **Geri St. Joseph** – Director of JDOP
- **Christy Beane** – Assistant Director of JDOP
- **Stacey Witalec** – Director of Communication
- **Rick Pierce** – JDOP Program Administrator
- **Kyle Benser** – JDOP Program Administrator
- **AOPC Help Desk** – the NOC

# Cyber Attack Response

- We discussed who you are alerting at the AOPC, who and how are you alerting locally?
- You more than likely already have a court security committee. You may need to add some additional partners but use the court security committee as the foundation.
  - RJA 1954 recommends: an individual responsible for county and court records, an individual responsible for courthouse security, a courthouse facility or risk manager, representatives of the other county offices housed in the court facility, a representative from the county information technology office, and a member of county or local law enforcement.

# Cyber Attack Priorities

- Does your County IT department know what priority the court needs local systems restored?
  - Civil case management system for Prothonotary's Office
  - Phones if using VOIP
  - Transcript processing system
  - Criminal case imaging system
  - Payroll system

- AOPC's priorities: MDJS, CPCMS, epay higher priorities than case management system for appellate courts. Why?

- Please identify critical IT applications and vital records. Once those are determined, prioritize the for restoration during a cyber incident.

Technology Priorities					
IT Application/ Vital Record	Priority in Cyber Event	IT Recovery Time Objective (RTO)	Recovery Point Objective (RPO)	Unit Responsible/Point of Contact	Notes



# Let's Share Our Experiences

- Lessons learned?
- Have you added anything to your COOP?



# Why Test My Coop?

- Testing is an essential element to the planning process.
  - Critical to determine strengths and deficiencies.
- Two types of test:
  - Tabletop
  - Drill
- Following exercise, what's next?
  - "Hot wash"
  - After-Action Report

# How can we help you?

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