

Hello COOP planners,

This e-mail provides information regarding the happenings of COOP planning in Kansas. If you have ideas/issues/concerns to be handled by the Kansas COOP Subcommittee, please let me know and we will discuss them at future meetings. I will continue to send out these updates on a quarterly basis following our COOP subcommittee meetings.

COOP plans check

Provided by Melanie Lawrence, Kansas Highway Patrol (KHP)

- 1) With the latest snow storm how did your employees find out about the one hour delay? Radio? Television? A number to call? Agency e-mail? Agency website? Kansas.gov website?
- 2) If state agencies had been closed because of the weather, would your agency still have mission essential functions to perform?

If you have any ideas for a brief scenario, please provide them to me and they will be used for future updates.

Cyber-Security in Government: Problems and Solutions

Provided by Dan Swearingen, Division of Information Systems and Communications (DISC)

(Web link to article:

<http://now.eloqua.com/es.asp?s=1222&e=153083&elq=42447f97ef3b439aafac7d87b15fe630>

Over the past decade, the availability and use of e-government services has increased rapidly. But the efficiency and convenience of online government services is not without its risks. Instances of cyber-crime are growing faster than e-government. To combat this serious danger to citizen privacy, public safety and government operations, state and local agencies need to make securing their IT systems a top priority.

But how do you elevate IT security when you consider the costs, the federated control of IT, the rise of mobile computing and competition with the private sector for qualified security workers? These issues have frustrated public officials at times, but there are answers to these questions when it comes to state and local funding, governance, strategies and staffing to combat cyber-security threats and vulnerabilities.

Join us on **Wednesday, January 26 at 2pm ET** as GOVERNING Editor Tod Newcombe leads a live, interactive online forum on this critical topic.

Participants will...

- Learn how their peers are confronting cyber-security threats
- Have the opportunity to address questions to top government cyber-security experts

- Learn best practices that can be implemented right now to protect their sensitive data

COOP Subcommittee Update: Where We Are Headed

Alternate facilities

Attached is the Bold Planning Solutions de-confliction report. This will provide each agency with a report on identified alternate facilities across the various COOP plans. If concerns arise over multiple agencies using the same alternate site, please address this with the facility manager to ensure availability in a COOP event. Please note that it is the responsibility of the respective agencies to assure their alternate facility is available in a COOP event.

Note: Priority means whether the facility was identified as a first, second, or third choice for an alternate facility.

COOP plan grading

To ensure your COOP plans reflect the appropriate grade, please let us know if you have updated your plan. This will allow us to appropriately brief on the status of COOP planning at the state. To have your plan re-graded please contact me at brandt.k.haehn@us.army.mil or Melanie Lawrence at melanie.a.lawrence@us.army.mil.

COOP plan exercising: Plan development-Plan exercise-Plan revision

Provided by John Moyer, SRS, Working Group Chair

This quarter's activities:

- 1) The State COOP Sub-Committee formed a state agency COOP exercise design team to create a comprehensive COOP exercise and training plan for state agencies. This is another step in the state's efforts to ensure continuity of government in the event of disaster.
- 2) The plan's goal is to give each state agency the tools needed to have the ability to successfully test their COOP in a full scale exercise sometime during CY 2014.
- 3) A planning template will be provided for all agencies to use to create their exercise plans. The template will include the following items:
 - a. A timeline.
 - b. Milestones.
 - c. Links to; FEMA and scenarios created by FEMA, the Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP) website, AAR examples, CDC family preparedness web site, best practices information, etc.
- 4) Agencies may elect to train employees and exercise (test) their plans using capabilities and objectives already approved and adopted by the State COOP Sub-Committee.
- 5) COOP Sub-Committee members and applicable KDEM employees will work with officials and cabinet members of the Brownback Administration to achieve buy-in for the plan.

Please contact John Moyer at john.moyer@srs.ks.gov if you have questions.

New Kansas Division of Emergency Management Website

The Kansas Division of Emergency Management (KDEM) has redesigned their website. Visit <http://kansastag.ks.gov/KDEM.asp?PageID=403> to find past minutes and agenda from the COOP Sub-Committee, COOP updates, COOP planning templates, COOP resource lists, and COOP table top exercises. If you have something you would like to see added, please let me know at brandt.k.haehn@us.army.mil

Kansas Continuity of Government Plan

On January 5, 2011 Governor Parkinson promulgated the Kansas Response Plan with contained the “State Continuity of Government Annex”. The state Continuity of Government (COG) provides the framework for the continuation of state government operations under all circumstances, as well as the continuation of the essential functions of government agencies during any incident, emergency, or disaster that may disrupt typical, normal operations. COG addresses the succession of governmental leadership and the survivability of state-level constitutional and democratic government, including its essential governmental functions. COOP describes how all agency mission-essential functions remain operational under emergency conditions until respective primary sites have become operational or the affected offices and essential personnel relocate to alternate sites in accordance with respective Agency COOP. To view state agency responsibilities in relation to COG, please view the plan at [http://kansastag.ks.gov/AdvHTML_doc_upload/State%20Continuity%20of%20Government%20Annex%20\(2011\).pdf](http://kansastag.ks.gov/AdvHTML_doc_upload/State%20Continuity%20of%20Government%20Annex%20(2011).pdf) .

New COOPKansas.com Items

Below are some changes you may have seen to COOPKansas.com:

“Hazard/risk assessment”: This tab was previously removed pending some additional development by Bold Planning Solutions. Bold Planning Solutions has completed this development which provides for:

- 1) Risk ranking to be loaded in to each of your plans. This risk ranking is taken from the 2010 Kansas Hazard Mitigation Plan. If you have any questions or need clarification please contact me at brandt.k.haehn@us.army.mil
- 2) Agencies can enter specific risks or re-order the loaded risk assessment depending on their region in the state.