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SUMMARY TABLE

Plan	Timeframe	Focus	Key Elements
Emergency Action Plan (EAP)	Immediate response (minutes)	Usually life & safety are at risk	Evacuation routes, alarms, rescues, fight or flight, accounting, and all contacts
Emergency Response Plan (ERP)	Incident management (hours/days)	Evaluation, decisions, incident control, coordination	Command structure, resource management, interagency coordination, external coordination
Disaster Recovery Plan (DRP)	Post-incident (days/weeks)	Restoration of systems & services, insurance, and FEMA claims	Damage repair, supply chain recovery, full assessments, service restoration internally and externally
Continuity of Operations (COOP)	Ongoing (during/after disaster)	Sustaining essential functions, alternative locations, governing documents	Leadership continuity, alternate operations, IT/data protection, key staff continuity

IN PRACTICE:

- **EAP:** *What does the organization need to do now to plan*
- **ERP:** *How does the organization manage the incident*
- **DRP:** *Roadmap to getting back to normal operations*
- **COOP:** *How does the organization continue to operate for sustainability, no matter the issue*

