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CONTINUITY OF OPERATIONS (COOP)

- **Continuity of Operations (COOP).** Continuity of Operations is an effort within individual organizations (e.g., Federal Executive Branch departments and agencies) to ensure that essential functions continue to be performed during a wide range of emergencies, including:
 - Localized acts of nature (natural disasters).
 - Accidents (man-made/natural disasters).
 - Technical or attack-related emergencies (man-made/natural disasters).



ELEMENTS OF A COOP CAPABILITY

The Elements of a Viable COOP Capability.

- Essential Functions
- Orders of Succession
- Delegations of Authority
- Continuity Facilities
- Continuity Communications
- Vital Records Management
- Human Capital
- Tests, Training and Exercise (TT&E)
- **Devolution of Control and Direction**
- Reconstitution Operations



DEVOLUTION

- **What is Devolution?**

- The capability to transfer statutory authority and responsibility for PMEFs and MEFs from its primary location to a secondary operational location for an extended period of time.



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- Some of the minimum requirements that should be considered include:
 1. Identification of a devolution site capable of supporting staff and resources required to maintain PMEF/MEFs and other essential functions.
 2. Identification of resources necessary to support PMEF/MEF and other essential functions at the devolution site.
 3. Identify a roster of individuals who are appropriately trained and capable of supporting PMEF/MEFs and other essential functions.
 4. Identification of trigger points for activation.
 5. Devolution, planning, training, and gap analyses should be updated no less than once a year.



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- **Additional Objectives for Devolution include:**
 - Identification and the prioritization of PMEF/MEFs and the resources necessary to transfer them to a devolution site.
 - Establish a roster of Points-of- Contact (POCs).
 - Ensure those POCs are fully trained and equipped to perform their assigned PMEF/MEFs or other essential functions.
 - Specify how and when direction and control of operations will transfer to a devolution site.
 - List necessary resources (equipment and materials) needed to perform the PMEF/MEFs and supporting requirements.
 - Establish reliable acquisition processes and procedures to obtain the resources necessary.
 - Establish the ability to recover or reconstitute authorities to their pre-event status.



DEVOLUTION OPERATIONS

The complete activation of a devolution plan assumes that leadership and staff are unavailable to or incapable of performing their essential function from either the primary site or alternate operating facility.

NOTE: In some cases these plans can be used as a temporary measure while staff members are relocated to an alternate operating facility.



IMPLEMENTATION

Implementation of devolution procedures depends on a number of different factors, the warning conditions, the location of key personnel when notified, and the extent of damage or threat to a primary location.



QUESTIONS

➤ **QUESTION/ANSWER SESSION**

➤ **CLOSING REMARKS**



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