



Disaster Medical

Disaster Medical Operations includes introduction to disaster medical situations - recognizing and treating life-threatening conditions, triage, and practical applications – and organization of disaster medical operations. Participants will learn how to conduct head-to-toe assessments; establish treatment areas; treat burns and wounds; treat fractures, sprains and strains; splinting; treating hypothermia and frostbite. Members will learn about public health considerations and apply in a practical scenario their disaster medical skills.

Light Search & Rescue



Light search & rescue includes aspects of planning, search and rescue size-up, conducting search operations, and conducting rescue operations.



Team Organization



The final elements of the CERT program will include the organization of CERT teams, and decision making. Team participants will learn about disaster psychology (how such events can affect not only victims, but CERT members as well). Also addressed will be how the teams are incorporated into the emergency response community's Incident Management System. The finale for the course will be a take home exam, drills, and exercise that tests the skills acquired during the training program.

For more information about Business Planning or the CERT Program, contact Olathe Emergency Management at 971-7943.

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Every Business Should Have A Plan



Emergency Management Disaster Preparedness

Preparing Makes Good Business Sense



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How quickly your company can get back to business after a terrorist attack or tornado, a fire or flood often depends on emergency planning done today. While the United States is working hard to prevent terrorist attacks, the regular occurrence of natural disasters demonstrates the importance of being prepared for any emergency. While recognizing that each situation is unique, your organization can be better prepared if it plans carefully, puts emergency procedures in place, and practices for all kinds of emergencies. This guide outlines common sense measures business owners and managers can take to start getting ready. A commitment to planning today will help support employees, customers, the community, the local economy and even the country.

Plan to Stay in Business

Business continuity planning must account for both man-made and natural disasters. You should plan in advance to manage any emergency. Be prepared to assess the situation, use common sense and available resources to take care of yourself, your co-workers and your business' recovery.

Continuity Planning: Risk assessment can be a sophisticated area of expertise that ranges from self-assessment to an extensive engineering study. Your organization's risk needs will vary according to the specific industry, size, scope and location of your individual company. Start by reviewing your business process flow chart, if one exists, to identify operations critical to survival and recovery. Carefully assess your internal and external functions to determine which staff, materials, procedures and equipment are absolutely necessary to keep the business operating. Include co-workers from all levels in planning and as active members of the emergency management team.

Plan what you will do if your building, plant or store is not accessible. Talk with your staff or and frequently review and practice what you intend to do during and after an emergency. As your business changes over time, so do your preparedness needs. Review and update your plans at least annually and inform your employees of the changes.



Recommend Items to Include in a Basic Emergency Supply Kit:

- Water, one gallon of water per person for at least three days, for drinking and sanitation
- Food, at least a three-day supply of nonperishable food
- Batter-powered or hand crank radio and a NOAA Weather Radio with tone alert and extra batteries for both
- Flashlight and extra batteries
- First Aid Kit
- Whistle to signal for help
- Dust mask, to help filter contaminated air and plastic sheeting and duct tape to shelter-in-place
- Moist toilles, garbage bags and plastic ties for personal sanitation
- Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities
- Can Opener for food (if kit contains canned food)
- Local maps

Planning to Stay or Go: Depending on your circumstance and the nature of the disaster, the first important decision after an incident occurs is whether to shelter-in place or evacuate. You should understand and plan for both possibilities in advance by developing clear, well-thought-out plans.

Make an Evacuation Plan: Some disaster will require employees leave the work place quickly. The ability to evacuate workers, customers and visitors effectively can save lives.

Make a Shelter-in-Place Plan: There may be situations when it's best to stay where you are to avoid any uncertainty outside. There are other circumstances, such as during a tornado or chemical incident, when specifically how and where you take shelter is a matter of survival.

Talk to your People



Providing for your co-workers' well-being is recognized as one of the best ways to assure your company's recovery.

Practice the Plan with Co-workers: Practice frequently what you intend to do during a disaster. Include disaster training in new employee orientation programs.

Promote Family and Individual Preparedness: If individuals and families are prepared, your company and your co-workers are better positioned in an emergency situation.

Write a Crisis Communication Plan: Detail how your organization plans to communicate with employees, local authorities, customers and others during and after a disaster, include relevant information for employees, top company executives, the general public and your customers.

Support Employee Health After a Disaster: It is possible that your staff will need time to ensure the well-being of their family members, but getting back to work is important to the personal recovery of people who have experience disasters.

Additional disaster planning toolkits available upon request.

<http://www.olatheks.org/Residents/Fire/documents/SAFENeighborhood.pdf>

The City of Olathe offers Community Emergency Response Teams -CERT-

CERT is about readiness, people helping people, rescuer safety, and doing the greatest good for the greatest number. CERT is a positive and realistic approach to emergency and disaster situations where citizens will be initially on their own and their actions can make a difference. Through training, citizens can manage utilities and put out small fires; provide basic medical aid; search for and rescue victims safely; and organize spontaneous volunteers to be effective. This Nationally Certified Course teaches CERT teams to perform essential lifesaving functions while awaiting the arrival of professional emergency responders following a disaster.

Units of Instruction

Disasters



We will address a variety of disaster situations that might threaten our communities and what each participant can do to mitigate the effects of disasters through personal safety

Basic Fire Suppression

Basic fire suppression will address fire fighting resources and fire fighting safety

