The Disaster Has Hit! What Do I Do NOW???

What would happen in your region if your agency didn’t exist? Have you identified your critical business processes and how they would continue if your team couldn’t access the office building? Have you planned for the unexpected? Do you have a Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP)? Today’s workshop will discuss the reasons for a COOP, how to get started, and some of the items you should include to ensure you can continue your operations during the most critical of times.

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Top 5 Things to Think About When Developing a COOP:

- What types of disasters are most likely to impact our area?
- What are the key functions of the organization?
- Build a 24/7 communications plan.
- Practice and review your plan.
- Remember, your plan is a work in progress.

Key Resources:

Ready Website
National initiative designed to educate and empower Americans to prepare for and respond to emergencies including natural and man-made disasters.  
Business Focus: http://www.ready.gov/business

AIRS Website
AIRS Standards, Disaster Standard #17: http://www.airs.org/i4a/pages/index.cfm?pageid=3371  
I&R Disaster Resources: http://www.airs.org/i4a/pages/index.cfm?pageID=3364