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#### **Presentation Topics**

- Why Enterprise Resilience
- Knowing your Company and Compliance to Service Level Agreements
- Identifying and Controlling Risks
- Recovery Management
- Protecting the Company
- Reducing Problems and Costs
- Staff Awareness and Training

#### **Tom Specializes in:**

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# **Overview of Process and Results**



- Know the Mission, Organization, Functional Responsibilities, and Risk Appetite, Management and Controls.
- Define Threat Exploitations, Costs, and Methods to reduce vulnerabilities, technical threats and cybercrimes.
- Analyze environment, tools, personnel awareness and training, and methods for improving performance.
- Provide deliverables listed by coordinating program management to achieve goals and train staff.

I am a mid to senior level manager with in-depth experience in **Enterprise Resilience**, **Vulnerability Management, and Corporate Certification** for large enterprises in disciplines like: Banking, Brokerage, Finance, Insurance, Pharmaceuticals, and Manufacturing which provided me with a solid understanding of the risks faced by companies and how best to safeguard a firm through workflow, compliance, and recovery.

I provide analysis, evaluation, literature and presentation materials and seek consulting work or a permanent job. I develop and test recovery plans while training teams on strategic and tactical skills to help companies achieve an efficient, compliant, and vulnerability-free environment.

I am presently pursuing an "Whole of Nation" approach to providing a "Secure by Design" production environment that complies with the Secure by Design pledge to produce vulnerability-free components and supplying data the Software Bill of Materials (SBOM) needs to identify component owners for corrective action should an error condition be identified. This supports the software supply chain.



A strong generalist with extensive IT industry experience, ready to help you.

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# What is Enterprise Resilience comprised of?



#### **Components included in Enterprise Resilience**

#### **Enterprise Resilience concists of:**

- Enterprise Products & Services (Company Jewels),
- Critical Economic Services, Financial Health, and Visibility,
- Brand and Company Reputation,
- Legal, Audits, & Compliance (Audit Universe)
- Risk Management Foundation (RMF) & Business Impact Analysis (BIA),
- Recovery Groups, RTO, RPO, RTC, Certifications
- Business Continuity / Continuity of Operations/ Disaster Recovery, Emergency Management
- Crisis Management & Communications
- Critical Environments (Domain Management),
- Information Security (CSF),
- Human Resource Management (Personnel Safety & Violence Prevention Active Shooter),
- Production Operations and Support (ITOM, ITSM),
- Incident & Problem Response,
- Organizational Behavior,
- Supply Chain Resilience,
- Migrating to the Cloud and hybrid Environments,
- Center of Excellence (COE) implementation.

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# **Business Continuity Management components**

- **Preserve** the company Brand and Reputation, while protecting personnel.
- Plan for natural and man-made disaster events to reduce / eliminate outages.
- Identify and eliminate Risks and Business Flow Impacts to the company, its people, and resources.
- Eliminate Single-Point-Of-Failure.
- Adhere to regulatory and business requirements.
- Ensure continuity of business under catastrophic conditions – problems, incidents, and disaster events
- Agree on Recover Strategy and Select Tools
- Integrate production, testing, validation and continuous Improvement



Include Emergency Management, Site Protection, Salvage, and Restoration for business locations

# **Process followed in performing Enterprise Resilience**

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#### 1. Rating your company's sensitive applications

- a. Revenue Generators Protecting Revenue Stream and Profits
- b. Client Facing (Dashboards, Websites, application extensions, etc.) protecting Reputation & Brand
- c. Supporting company operations
- **d. Recovery** Time Objective ((RTO), Recovery Point Objective (RTO), Recovery Time Capability (RTC), and Recovery Group (service continuity, time to recover, time sensitive applications and services)

#### 2. Locate weaknesses to be overcome

- a. Analyze exposures and how you can best protect the business going forward (Risk Assessment, BIA, Security (Physical / Data / CSF / CIA), Compliance (Laws, Regulations, Attestation, Auditing), Development (Systems Engineering Life Cycle SELC), Operations (Systems Development Life Cycle SDLC), Dev/Sec/Ops Agile, Jira, Confluence, SharePoint), IT Operations (ServiceNow, ITIL), Standards & Procedures, Documentation, Awareness, Training, Career Pathing, Identity Management (IM, IAM, CIAM, RBAC, ABAC, MFA, ZTA).
- **b.** Identify Gaps, Exceptions, Obstacles and either Mitigate, or Mediate same. Implement required Controls over ideintified Risks(Place Risks in Risk Register and develop a POA&M to correct Risk)

#### 3. Optimize Development, Test, Production, and Change Management Environments

- a. Optimize auditing and providing a Letter of Attestation to Regulators.
- **b.** Ensure security is optimized and in place with awareness and staf training provided as required.
- c. Utilize Chaos Testing to develop responses to encountered problems, prior to production acceptance. Ensure problem Runbooks are produced, and that problems triggers and recovery triggers are exercised correctly.
- **d.** Implement optimized Application Program Monitoring and Environment Observability System.
- e. Monitor metrics (PKIs, SLAs) to identify problems via thresholds that generate Alarms, Alerts, and Actions to be Taken.

# **Protecting Organization is more difficult than ever**

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# **Identifying and Reporting Vulnerabilities**

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# Fighting Cybercrime Costs with Secure by Design

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The **current cost of fighting cybercrimes** and technology threats is estimated at \$9.5 Trillion within the United States and 10.24 % of Global GDP. Improving the vulnerability fix rate will greatly reduce costs and improve business service continuity and resilience.



The government has developed a "Whole of Nation" approach to combating these costs through the "Secure by Design" methodology developed by DHS/CISA to safeguard Government, Business, Infrastructure, and Utilities .

# A "Whole of World" approach to Cybersecurity

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#### 2030 Most Significant Cyber

#### Concerns:

- 1. Supply Chain Compromises
- 2. Advanced disinformation campaigns
- 3. Rise of Digital Surveillance
- 4. Human error and legacy systems
- 5. Targeted Attacks
- 6. Lack of analysis and controls
- 7. Rise of advanced hybrid attacks
- 8. Skill shortage
- 9. Cross-border ICT suppliers as a singlepoint-of-failure
- 10. Artificial Intelligence abuse

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#### Vulnerability Management

#### Process:

- 1. Detect Vulnerability (SBOM)
- 2. Assess the Risk (CVE)
- 3. Prioritize Remediation (CVSS, KVE, EPSS)
- 4. Confirm Remediation
- 5. Optimize through automation
- 6. Advance the use of BOMs for Software, Release Control, and Artificial Intelligence

#### **DHS/CISA - Secure by Design principles:**

- 1. Build security considerations into the <u>software requirements</u> <u>specification</u>
- 2. Address possible abuse cases (e.g., how users may misuse the software).
- 3. Create and enforce secure code guidelines.
- 4. Use appropriate security tools.
- 5. Conduct security audits at multiple stages of the SDLC.
- 6. Conduct vulnerability testing that includes negative testing and penetration testing.
- 7. Incorporate security within deployment and maintenance processes.
- 8. Ensure reused software is from trusted sources and properly evaluated.
- 9. Provide feedback throughout the process on security effectiveness.
- 10. Educate developers and QA teams on secure coding techniques.

#### **Secure by Design – Process Overview**



#### What is Secure by Design:

**The Cyber Defense Agency**, CISA is charged with defending our nation against ever-evolving cyber threats and to understand, manage, and reduce risk to the cyber and physical infrastructure that Americans rely on every hour of every day. But, as we introduce more unsafe technology to our lives, this has become increasingly difficult.

As a nation, we have allowed a system where the cybersecurity burden is placed disproportionately on the shoulders of consumers and small organizations and away from the producers of the technology and those developing the products that increasingly run our digital lives. Americans need a new model to address the gaps in cybersecurity—a model where consumers can trust the safety and integrity of the technology that they use every day.

Every technology provider must take ownership at the executive level to ensure their products are secure by design.

#### What it Means to Be Secure by Design

Products designed with Secure by Design principles prioritize the security of customers as a core business requirement, rather than merely treating it as a technical feature. During the design phase of a product's development lifecycle, companies should implement Secure by Design principles to significantly decrease the number of exploitable flaws before introducing them to the market for widespread use or consumption. Outof-the-box, products should be secure with additional security features such as multi-factor authentication (MFA), logging, and single sign-on (SSO) available at no extra cost.

# **Existing laws and regulations**

- Gramm Leach Bliley Safeguard Act (was Bank Holding Act);
- **HIPAA** Healthcare regulations (including ePHI, HITECH, and Final Ombudsman Rule);
- Sarbanes Oxley Act (sections 302, 404, and 409) on financial assessment and reporting by authorized "Signing Officer";
- EPA and Superfund (how it applies to Dumping and Asset Management Disposal);
- Supply Chain Management "Laws and Guidelines" included in *ISO 24762* (SSAE 16 for Domestic compliance and SSAE 3402 for International Compliance, and NIST 800-34);
- Supply Chain Management "Technical Guidelines" described in ISO 27031;
- Patriots Act (Know Your Customer, Money Laundering, etc.);
- Workplace Safety and Violence Prevention via OSHA, OEM, DHS, and governmental regulations (State Workplace Guidelines and Building Requirements);
- Income Tax and Financial Information protection via Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC) regulations (Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, OCC-177 Contingency Recovery Plan, OCC-187 Identifying Financial Records, OCC-229 Access Controls, and OCC-226 End User Computing).

These laws and regulations have been around for many years (Starting with OCC regulations and growing from there) and have served as the basis for Governance Regulations and Compliance (GRC). Additional industry compliance requirements like SEC, FFIEC and HITECH must be adhered to as well.

The CIA (Confidentiality, Integrity, Availability) deals with security and should be adhered to with the same aggressiveness as GRC.

### **New Laws and Regulations requiring SBOMs**

- Presently, implementing Applications and Services can include vulnerabilities and malware, which can cost your company in lost revenue, brand reputation, fines and penalties, burdening your staff and resulting in high levels of turnover.
- A method must be implemented to catch vulnerabilities and malware prior to production acceptance.
- New Laws have been mandated in the United States and Europe to address the problems, including:
  - **Executive Order 14028** Improving Nation's Software Security Supply Chain and mandating SBOMs
  - <u>OMB M-22-18</u> and M-23-16 Improving the Defense and Resilience of Government Networks
  - <u>SEC Rule 2023-139</u> Disclosure of Material Cybersecurity breaches to protect shareholders
  - **FDA** Control over medical device supply chain and cybersecurity problems
  - <u>CRA</u> European Cyber Resilience Act Hardware and Software Components cyber requirements
  - **DORA** Digital Operational Resilience Act Strengthen the financial sectors resilience
  - <u>GDPR</u> EU Digital Rights of their Citizens
  - **Deploying AI Security Systems** joint paper from CISA, NSA, and DOJ on employing AI Security
- Once the development process is upgraded and new Standards and Procedures created, an Awareness Program must be developed and the Staff Trained.
- New Procedures must be integrated into the staff's daily process for new and changed applications and services, with automated support through RPAs whenever feasible.

# **Board of Directors concerns**

Automating the Recovery Process The Board of Director's is responsible for protecting Users the company and its people, providing continued Primary operation and services, directing growth, and **Downstream** Upstream Cloud adhering to regulatory guidelines. Therefore, they Secondary must establish Resilience, Risk Compliance and Safeguards to ensure continued operations and Applications Networks Systems protect shareholder value. If not, they are now Observability subject to fines and legal prosecution. as Code Open Logs & Metrics Telemetry Switch to Data Cleansing & Secondary SEC Rule 2023-139 Reduction Dashboards **Recovery Action Boards of Directors** Corporate Risk Health Check and CEOs Strategy Alarms Thresholds End Extended Factors earnings Enterprise Resilience Problem enterprise view driver risks **Component Owners**  Establishes Ticket Adapts to new risks Problem transparency Decision-making Transparency Personnel Alerts Repair Insight Execution Email/SMS Accountability Measurement Fix / Recover Actions **Risk Management Life Cycle** 



## **Performing an Audit and Risk Assessment**



# The Risk Evaluation Process Using COSO



#### **COSO for Risk Appetite & Evaluation:**

- **Review Business Mission and Vision**
- **Consider Board and Management** perspectives and appetites
- Incorporates current strategic direction, risk profile, and culture.
- Identifies and evaluates alternate
- **Chooses preferred strategy to enhance**
- **Establishes Business Objectives.**
- Sets tolerance, define and measure metrics, indicators, and triggers.
- Changing context of the business culture and competitive environment.
- Monitors performance and revises appetite or strategy, as needed.

# **The newest Integration Model – PRIME Approach**



**Developing** a business optimization approach that combines these ISO Standards (International) and NIST Standards (Domestic) will achieve certification more guickly.

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**Implementing** the standards separately will result in overlaps and inefficiencies.

Start with Risk Management (31000) and ensure that Information Security (ISO 27000) is current and best suited to protect your Data and Environmental facilities (ISO 14001).

Then implement your **Business Continuity** (ISO 22301) Recovery Certification Process for Emergency, Crisis, Business, and IT Disaster Recovery Management.

Integrate Quality Management (ISO 9001) within your processes to ensure the products and services your company delivers will be of the highest quality and capable of protecting your brand and reputation.

Finally ensure your **IT Services** (ISO 20000) are of the highest quality possible and that all ISO standards are adhered to in compliance with existing laws and regulations, so that you never have to fear failing an audited.



#### **All Framework Functions**

#### Know your company:

- 1. Most Important Applications & Services (Family Jewels).
- 2. BIA to Define the damage caused if lost and maximum duration of survival without the application or service.
- 3. Define Requirements, Scope, Risk, Security, DevSecOps, Testing, Recovery, Acceptance, Deployment, and ITSM, ITOM.
- 4. Define Audit Universe implement legal & auditing functions.
- 5. Define Ideation, Brainstorming, Collaboration, to Concept cycle.
- 6. Implement Systems Engineering Life Cycle (SELC) to respond to new ideas or business opportunities.
- 7. Implement Systems Development Life Cycle (SDLC) to deploy new products and services.
- 8. Define Company Organization to respond to cybersecurity and technology problems in a timely manner to the appropriate authorities (i.e., <u>SEC Rule 2023-139</u>)

#### Set you direction:

#### Know your Environment:

- 1. Physical and Data Security (Data Sensitivity & Data Flow).
- 2. Architecture and engineering process.
- 3. Asset Inventory and Configuration Management.
- 4. Identify and Access Management.
- 5. GRC based compliance and attestation, CIA based cybersecurity and elimination of viruses and malware.
- 6. Development and implementation of DevSecOps.
- 7. Personnel Titles, Job Functions and Responsibilities, and the integration of sensitive and required services within their everyday work tasks.
- 8. Staff training and development.
- 9. Continuous Monitoring and Improvement, along with the adoption of new technologies and processes (i.e., SRE).
- 10. Deploying error-free products and services (see <u>EO 14028</u> and <u>OBM M-22-18</u>) and utilize the latest technologies to respond to encountered anomalies and verify compliance.
- 1. Most efficient, compliant, and secure production environment, capable of recovering from disaster events and providing continuous vulnerability-free products and services to customers. Continuity of Succession / Delegation of Authority must be included along with definition of duties.
- 2. Integrate guidelines, standard Operating Procedures, skill development, and awareness throughout the organization.

# **Monitoring Operations and Controlling Resources**

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## **The Disaster Event Life Cycle**

CA is Continuous Availability HA is High Availability RTO – Recovery Time Objective RPO – Recovery Point Objective RTC – Recovery Time Capability

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### The Business Recovery Life Cycle



#### **DR Life Cycle:**

#### **Executive Decision Window** 1.

- a. Incident occurs
- Incident awareness (RPO) b.
- Threat Assessment C.
- Impact Analysis d
- **Capability Review** e.
- **Cyclical Event Analysis** f.
- **Resource Availability** g.
- SOP Response h.
- Activate BC/DR Plan

#### **Recovery Time Window** 2.

- Incident Management a.
- Communications b.
- Asset Recovery C.
- Service Restoration d.
- Validation e.
- **Business Resumption (RTO)**
- **Milestones Dashboard** 3.
  - Sites (Primary / Recovery) a.
  - People b.
  - Technology C.
  - **Business Processes** d.

### **Evolution of Recovery Management**



- 1. Primary Site sends backups to local and remote vaults
- 2. Primary Site Fails
- 3. Disaster Declared (\$)
- 4. Tapes moved from vault to Recovery Site
- 5. People moved to recovery site
- 6. Configure Systems & Networks

- 7. Load Data & Applications
- 8. Initiation Recovery Operations
- 9. Connect Users
- 10. Initiate Production Operations
- 11. Reverse process when disaster event is over
- 12. Duration can be in days, but certainly hours



The new Recovery Methodology is quick & automated via Failover / Failback. CloudWatch performs Health Checks, and the Resilience Hub allows for Failover / Failback and continuous validation without disruption



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#### **Using AI Planning for Migrating Applications to AWS Cloud**

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#### **AWS DR Strategies**

Single Region	Availability Zones active/passive		Data backup and recovery should be performed for all active data files and data bases in accordance to RTO.	
Backup &	Pilot Light	Warm	Multi-site	
Restore		standby	active/active	
<ul> <li>RPO / RTO: Hours</li> <li>Lower priority use cases</li> <li>Provision all AWS resources after event</li> <li>Restore backups after event</li> <li>Cost \$</li> </ul>	RPO / RTO: 10s of minutes • Data live • Services idle • Provision some AWS resources and scale after event • Cost: \$\$	RPO / RTO: Minutes • Always running, but smaller • Business critical • Scale AWS resources after event • Cost \$\$\$	RPO / RTO: Real-time • Zero downtime • Near zero data loss • Mission Critical Services • Cost \$\$\$	
Standby	COLD	WARM	HOT	
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### **Resilience Patterns and Recovery Groups**

	Single Region	Multiple Regions		
Resiliency Patterns	In-Region	Active Standby (Pilot Ligt)	Active-Passive (Warm Stendby)	Active-Active (Multi-Site)
Pattern Profile	<ol> <li>TRANSACTIONAL TRAFFIC - handled by primary region only</li> <li>No multi-region INFRASTRUCTURE</li> <li>APPLICATION code only available in single region</li> <li>Multi-region RECOVERY not supported</li> </ol>	<ol> <li>TRANSACTIONAL TRAFFIC - handled by primary region only</li> <li>INFRASTRUCTURE available on stand-by</li> <li>APPLICATION provisioned, but in shutdown state</li> </ol>	<ol> <li>TRANSACTIONAL TRAFFIC - handled by primary region only</li> <li>INFRASTRUCTURE available on standby</li> <li>Minimal APPLICATION footprint running in 2nd rerion (all components are spun up and available with min. capacity, where application)</li> </ol>	<ol> <li>TRANSACTIONAL TRAFFIC - handled by primary region only</li> <li>INFRASTRUCTURE always available in both regions</li> <li>APPLICATION stack running active/active multi-region</li> </ol>
Reserve Capacity			Required <b>RESERVE CAPACITY</b>	Required RESERVE CAPACITY
Cross-Region Maintenance	None	<ol> <li>Maintain PERSISTENT DATA REPLICATION infrastructure</li> <li>APPLICATION CODE maintaned for currency in BOTH REGIONS</li> <li>Operate Production from stand-by region periodically</li> </ol>	<ol> <li>Maintain PERSISTENT DATA REPLICATION infrastructure</li> <li>APPLICATION CODE maintaned for currency in BOTH REGIONS</li> <li>Operate Production from stand-by region periodically</li> </ol>	<ol> <li>Maintain 2-WAY PERSISTENT DATA REPLICATION</li> <li>APPLICATION CODE maintaned for currency in BOTH REGIONS</li> <li>Operate Production from stand-by region periodically</li> </ol>
Recovery Steps	<ol> <li>ACQUIRE INFRASTRUCTURE</li> <li>BUILD OUT infrastructure</li> <li>DEPLOY application</li> <li>RECOVER / RECREATE DATA</li> <li>REDIRECT TRAFFIC to region 2</li> </ol>	1. SCALE INFRASTRUCTURE 2. STARTUP application 3. FAILOVER TRAFFIC	1. AUTO- SCALE INFRASTRUCTURE 2. FAILOVER TRAFFIC	1. <b>RECOVERY</b> acieved through automated redirect of traffic
Recovery Group (RG)	RG7	RG 4-6	REG 1-3	RG 0
Recovery Time Design (RTD)	Days+	Hours (<8 hrs)	Minutes (<15 mins)	Real-Time (<5mins)
Recovery Point Design (RPCD)	Hours (<8 Hrs)	Minutes (<15 mins)	Minutes (<15 mins)	Real-Time (< 0 mins)
Cloud Based Recovery Group Specifications		Preferred Patterns		

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### **Azure Environment and Recovery Management**



### **Azure Recovery Management Environment**



### **Azure Site Recovery Management**



#### Simple to deploy and manage

- Set up Azure Site Recovery simply by replicating an Azure VM to a different Azure region directly from the Azure portal.
- As a fully integrated offering, Site Recovery is automatically updated with new Azure features as they're released.
- Minimize recovery issues by sequencing the order of multi-tier applications running on multiple virtual machines.
- Ensure compliance by testing your disaster recovery plan without impacting production workloads or end users.
- And keep applications available during outages with automatic recovery from on-premises to Azure or Azure to another Azure region.

# **Ten Step Process to establish BCM/DR Practice**

- 1. Project Initiation and Management
- 2. Risk Evaluation and Controls Improvement
- 3. Business Impact Analysis
- 4. Developing Business Continuity Strategies
- 5. Emergency Response and Operations Restoration (Backup, Vaulting, Restoration)
- 6. Designing and Implementing Business Continuity Plans
- 7. Awareness and Training
- 8. Maintaining and Exercising Business Continuity Plans
- 9. Public Relations and Crisis Communications
- **10. Coordinating with Public Authorities**



## **Ensuring Compliance via GRC and Risk Assessment**



## Risk Management with ISO 27000: 2022



#### Business Impact Analysis – BIA (NIST SP 800-34, and NIST IR 8286d)





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## **NIST CSF 2.0 Categories and Application**

NIST Cybersecurity Framework 2.0				
CSF 2.0 Function	CSF 2.0 Category	CSF 2.0 Category Identifier		
	Organizational Context	GV.OC		
Govern (GV)	Risk Management Strategy	GV.RM		
	Roles and Responsibilities	GV.RR		
	Policies and Procedures	GV.PO		
<b>Identity</b> (ID)	Asset Management	ID.AM		
	Risk Assessment	ID.RA		
	Supply Chain Risk Management	ID.SC		
	Improvement	ID.IM		
Protect (PR)	Identity Management, Authentication, and Access Control	PR.AA		
	Awareness and Training	PR.AT		
	Data Security	PR.DS		
	Platform Security	PR.PS		
	Technology Infrastructure Resilience	PR.IR		
Detect (DE)	Adverse Event Analysis	DE.AE		
	Continuous Monitoring	DE.CM		
Respond (RS)	Incident Management	RS.MA		
	Incident Analysis	RS.AN		
	Incident Response Reporting and Communication	RS.CO		
	Incident Mitigation	RS.MI		
Recover	Incident Recovery Plan Execution	RC.RP		
(RC)	Incident Recovery Communication	RC.CO		

#### **Establish Cyber Security Controls via CSF 2**



# **Identity and Access Management technologies**



# **Risk Control Self Assessment (RCSA)**



**RCSA** (Risk Control Self Assessment) is an empowering method/process by which management and staff of all levels collectively identify and evaluate risks and associated controls. It adds value by increasing an operating unit's involvement in designing and maintaining control and risk systems, identifying risk exposures and determining corrective action. The aim of RCSA is to integrate risk management practices and culture into the way staff undertake their jobs, and business units achieve their objectives. It provides a framework and tools for management and employees to:

- Identify and prioritize their business objectives
- Assess and manage high risk areas of business processes
- Self-evaluate the adequacy of controls
- Develop risk treatment action plans

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Ensure that the identification, recognition and evaluation of business objectives and risks are consistent across all levels of the organization

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# **Building and Implementing an Application**



### Sample Recovery Plan Methodology



# **Continuity of Operations Planning - COOP**

COOP – FEMA Overview

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**Primary Mission Essential Programs - PMEF** 



COOP is responsible for ensuring that Production Operations is always available to Business Locations and End Users. It requires a recovery capability for Business Locations and Data Center Operations that is satisfied by Business and Disaster Recovery Sites.

# **Continuity Of Operations Planning - Guidelines**

#### Laws, Regulations, and Guidelines

- <u>NCPIP</u> National Continuity Policy
   Implementation Plan
- <u>NSPD-51</u> National Security Presidential Directive
- <u>HSPD-20</u>- Homeland Security Presidential Directive
- <u>NEF</u> National Essential Functions
- <u>PMEF</u> Primary Mission Essential Functions



**National Essential Functions** 

**Primary Mission Essential Functions (PMEFs)** are critical functions that must be continuously performed or resumed within **12 hours** after an event. These functions are essential for supporting or implementing the performance of **National Essential Functions (NEFs)** before, during, and after an emergency. PMEFs are validated by the **Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) National Community Coordinator**. FCD 1, FCD2, CGC 1 (federal Guidelines).

The NEFs serve as the foundation for all continuity programs and capabilities, and they are the primary focus of the Federal Government in catastrophic emergencies. <u>However, it's important to note that the Federal Government cannot maintain these functions and services without the support of the rest of the nation<sup>2</sup>.</u>

#### Four Phases of Continuity of Operations Activation

- Phase I -**Readiness and Preparedness** (Build and Test a Recovery Plan) – Continuity of Operations and Government Programs.
- Phase II -Activation and Relocation: plans, procedures, and schedules to transfer activities, • personnel, records, and equipment to alternate facilities are activated (Activate Recovery Plan should a Disaster Event occur).
- Phase III -**Continuity Operations:** full execution of essential operations at alternate operating facilities is commenced (Run Production from an Alternate Site).
- Phase IV **Reconstitution:** operations at alternate facility are terminated and normal operations resume (Protect, Salvage, Restore Primary Site, approve and return then to normal operations)



Testing continuity capability is crucial to ensure that organizations can effectively maintain essential functions during emergencies. Here are some ways continuity capability is tested:

#### **1.Exercises and Drills**:

- **Tabletop Exercises (TTX)**: These discussions-based exercises simulate emergency scenarios, allowing participants to discuss continuity plans, roles, and responsibilities.
- Functional Exercises: These involve real-time actions and coordination among personnel. They test specific aspects of continuity plans.
- Full-Scale Exercises: These comprehensive exercises simulate actual emergencies, involving multiple agencies and stakeholders.

#### 2.Training Programs:

- FEMA offers courses like "<u>An Introduction to Exercises</u>" and "<u>Exercise Evaluation and Improvement Planning</u>" to train continuity practitioners.
- The Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP) provides principles for exercise program management.

#### **3.Continuity Evaluation Tools:**

- The **Continuity Evaluation Tool** assesses federal continuity plans, programs, and procedures.
- The **Continuity Assessment Tool** helps non-federal entities identify strengths and areas for improvement.

#### 4.Strategic Planning:

Organizations use the **Multi-Year Strategic Plan Template** to sustain and enhance continuity capabilities over a five-year period.

#### **5.Specific Scenarios:**

• Organizations conduct exercises related to specific threats (e.g., pandemic influenza) or operational challenges (e.g., telework scenarios).

Remember that testing continuity capability involves a combination of training, exercises, and strategic planning to ensure readiness during emergencies<sup>1234</sup>.

#### Learn more

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### **Sequence of Events to enact a Recovery Operation**

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### **Testing Business Continuity Plans**

Who Should be Involved







- All Employees,
- Emergency Response
  Team
- Business Continuity
  Team
  - Location
  - Data Center
  - Network
  - Storage
- Crisis Communication
   Contacts
- Stakeholders
- Management

- Identify Gaps & Weaknesses in Recovery Plans
- Ensure Business
   Objectives are met
- Review responses to various disruptions
- Recognize areas for improvement, improve process and update,
- Continue until perfect.

- Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery
   Plan review and
   testing should be
   performed at least
   quarterly.
- Shift from one application / service to another to provide continuous testing and protection

- Data Loss Breach
- Data Recovery
  - What Data
  - Frequency
  - Recovery
     Solution
  - Test & Monitor
- Power Outage
- Network Outage
- Physical Disruption
- Emergency, or Natural Disaster event.

#### **IT/DR Testing Process Overview**



## **System Recovery – Even with Ransomware**



## **Migrating Applications to the Cloud**



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### **Business Continuity Command Center**



#### Incident and Recovery Management.

- 1. Incident Occurs Problem Ticket, Alarm
- 2. Impact Assessment performed Problem Ticket completed and failing component
- 3. Command Center notifies Recovery Teams
- 4. Stakeholders are informed
- 5. Dashboards Maintained
- 6. Status Reports provided
- 7. Incident Tracked until Completed
- 8. Post Incident Review
- 9. Improvements
- 10. Update & Maintain Recovery Plans

#### **Overall Benefits**

**Efficiency**: Centralized control improves response times and reduces the duplication of efforts.

**Effectiveness**: Enhanced coordination and resource allocation lead to more effective incident handling.

**Compliance and Reporting**: Ensures that response efforts are documented and reported, meeting regulatory and compliance requirements.

# **Resiliency Operations Center (ROC)**



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# **Resiliency Operational Center (ROC)**

The **Resilience Operations Center (ROC)** is a strategic framework that organizations adopt to enhance their operational resilience and effectively manage supply chain risks. Let's delve into the key aspects of ROC:

#### 1.Purpose and Principles:

- 1. The ROC aims to achieve and maintain operational resilience by aligning risk management with organizational goals.
- 2. It breaks down silos within an organization and modernizes threat detection and mitigation using technologies like automation, artificial intelligence, and natural language processing.
- 3. By adhering to these principles, organizations gain insight and agility to capitalize on unforeseen opportunities<sup>1</sup>.

#### 2. Challenges to Operational Resilience:

- 1. Operational resilience breakdowns can occur due to various factors:
  - 1. Weak governance processes at different levels (board, senior management, etc.).
  - 2. Incomplete business continuity management for critical operations functions.
  - 3. Lack of scenario planning and analysis to anticipate disruptions.
  - 4. Insecure information systems and ineffective monitoring.
- 2. Addressing these inefficiencies is crucial to prevent financial losses and mitigate operational risks<sup>1</sup>.

#### **3.ROC Success Factors**:

- 1. Understand industry-specific operational risks.
- 2. Prioritize IT hygiene, including active threat monitoring and security patching.
- 3. Combine scenario planning with forecasting to refine plans.
- 4. <u>Maintain secure information systems and effective monitoring practices<sup>1</sup></u>.

In summary, the ROC framework provides organizations with the tools to proactively manage risks, enhance resilience, and respond effectively to supply chain challenges<sup>2</sup>. Whether it's financial services, manufacturing, or any other industry, the ROC helps organizations stay prepared and agile in the face of modern risks<sup>3</sup>.

# **Benefits derived from a Resiliency Operations Center**

The **Resilience Operations Center (ROC)** represents a new approach to modern supply chain security and continuity, delivered through an enterprise-wide framework that ensures risk management objectives are tied to organizational goals. It brings previously siloed groups together to form agile and informed teams that are empowered to use data intelligently and react quickly to changing circumstances. The ROC framework is deployed in a variety of industries, and they are using ROCs to dramatically change outcomes for the better.

A ROC is effective at fostering Operational Resilience because it helps organizations overcome difficult internal challenges, including:

- Shifting behavior from response to prevention. Deep, comprehensive planning helps teams anticipate events, evaluate alternatives, prevent disruptions, and model all scenarios and options. Reacting to events as they happen is not sufficient in today's competitive market.
- Making risk management an organization-wide job, not the domain of one person or team. Most approaches to managing risk are
  siloed within business units, such as procurement, supply chain operations, and IT, or in single focus organizations, such as
  information security and compliance. When everyone is a stakeholder, organizations improve how they coordinate, collaborate,
  prepare, and respond.
- Managing risk beyond the walls of your company. Organizations rely on an extensive network of suppliers and partners for developing and producing their products and services. Identifying relationships in the extended supply chain to the Nth tier helps organizations decide if those connections are good or bad business choices, thereby identifying and preventing potential risk. And, most importantly, remember that you are a third party to myriad other organizations, which are now looking at you through their own risk management lens.

## **Emergency Operations Center (EOC)**



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### **Reaching out to assist our clients**



If you find the information included in this presentation of value and want to explore methods to improve the reliability of your enterprise and IT environment, please contact me to discuss your needs and request our assistance.

We look forward to our future relationship.

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