

# Importance of Business Continuity & Emergency Planning for Research

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The National Preparedness System outlines an organized process for everyone in the [whole community](#) to move forward with their preparedness activities and achieve the [National Preparedness Goal](#).



# National Prevention Framework

Goal – The National is optimally prepared to prevent an imminent terrorist attack.

- Engaged partnerships across the whole community
- Scalable, flexible and adaptable
- Readiness to act in a time constrained environment





# National Protection Framework

Goal: Safeguard against acts of terrorism and manmade or natural disasters for a safer, more secure and resilient Nation.

- Deter threats, reduce vulnerabilities and minimize the consequences with an incident.
- Develop and improve the following core capacities
  - Border Security
  - Critical Infrastructure Protection
  - Cybersecurity
  - Defense against Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) threats
  - Defense of Agriculture and Food
  - Health Security
  - Immigration Security
  - Maritime Security
  - Protection of Key Leadership and Special Events
  - Transportation Security

Core Capabilities  
By Mission Area

Prevention	Protection	Mitigation	Response	Recovery	
Planning					
Public Information and Warning					
Operational Coordination					
Intelligence and Information Sharing		Community Resilience	Infrastructure Systems		
Interdiction and Disruption			Long-term Vulnerability Reduction	Critical Transportation	Economic Recovery
Screening, Search, and Detection					
Forensics and Attribution	Access Control and Identity Verification	Risk and Disaster Resilience Assessment	Fatality Management Services	Housing	
	Cybersecurity				Threats and Hazards Identification
	Physical Protective Measures		Logistics and Supply Chain Management		
	Risk Management for Protection Programs and Activities			Mass Care Services	
	Supply Chain Integrity and Security		Mass Search and Rescue Operations		
			On-scene Security, Protection, and Law Enforcement		
			Operational Communications		
			Public Health, Healthcare, and Emergency Medical Services		
			Situational Assessment		

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# National Mitigation Framework

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Goal: Managing risks to reduce the loss of life and property by lessening the impacts of disasters and creating a resilient community.

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Proactive culture of preparedness (systematic approach) which protects itself against hazards.

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Creating a risk-conscious culture which understands the process of decision making pertaining to accepting, avoiding, reducing, and transferring risks.

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Starts with each individual inclusive of the whole community.



Core  
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Threats & Hazard Identification

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Risk and Disaster Resilience Assessment

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Planning

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Community Resilience

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Public Information and Warning

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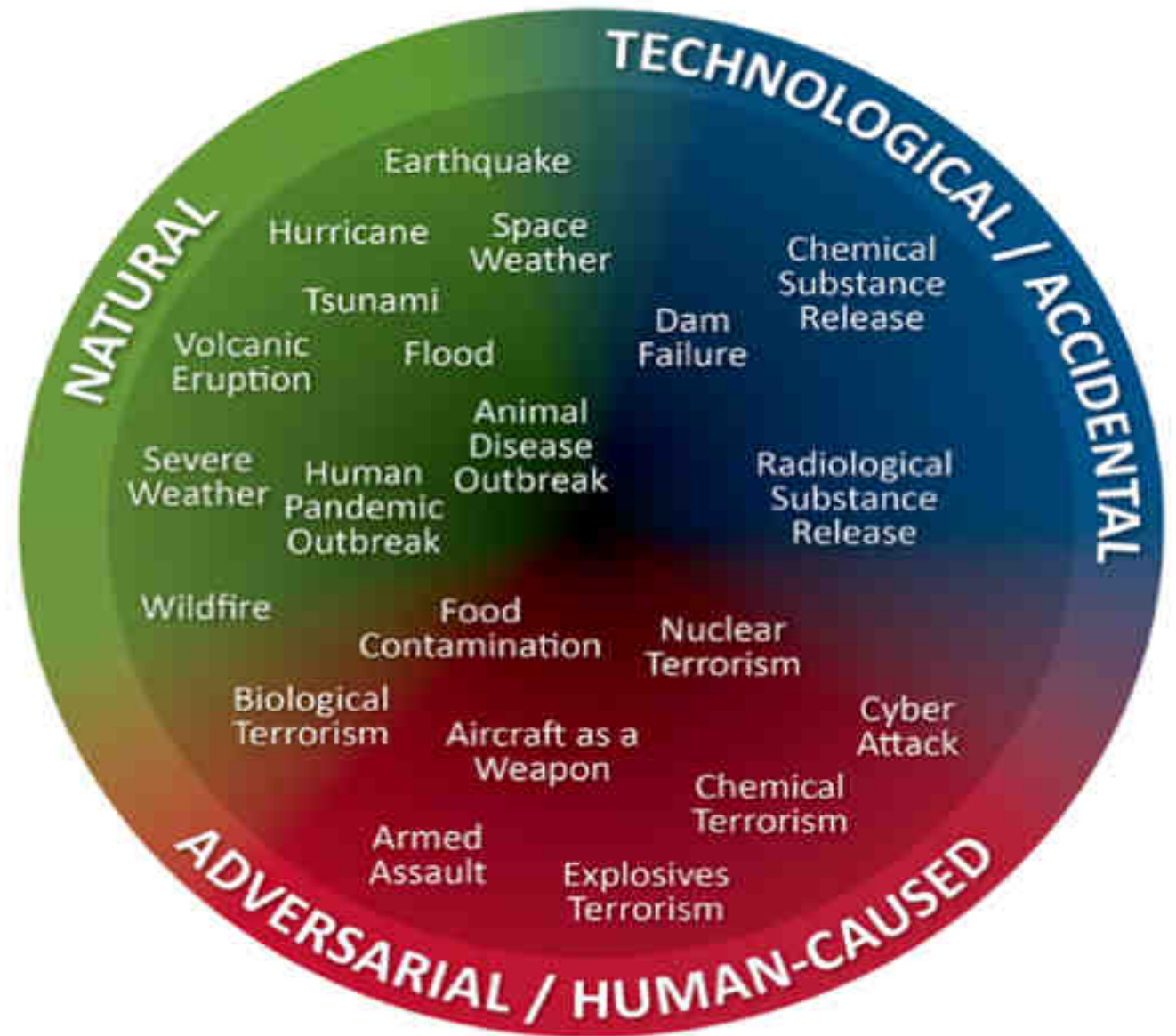
Long-term Vulnerability Reduction

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Operational Coordination

# Minimize risks

- Natural Hazards
- Pandemic influenza
- Technological and accidental hazards
- Weapons of mass destruction
- Cyber-attacks



Treats and Hazards



# Risks to a Research Organization

## Utility outage

- Power
- Water
- Chilled water

## Hazardous Material Spill/Explosion

## Laboratory accident

## Regulatory incident

February 2017

LOCAL NEWS

# Carrboro water main break cancels classes, disrupts UNC hospitals

Tags: water main, low water advisory

Posted November 5, 2018



Photo: WDAU (archive)

News-Media.com

November 2018

## Developing Story: Businesses Closed, Water Not Safe

NEWS RELEASE February 3, 2017 at 11:20 AM

**EMERGENCY-DO NOT USE OWASA WATER**

**Water supply is running out, OWASA directs customers not to use water until further notice.**

OWASA directs its customers to not use water until further notice.

Due to a shutdown of the Jones Ferry Road Water Treatment Plant and a major water main break Friday morning on the northeast side of Chapel Hill near Dobbins Drive, the water supply in the OWASA system has reached very low levels. Using water could result in contamination of the OWASA system.

Customers are encouraged to use bottled water for drinking, cooking and personal hygiene.

OWASA urges its customers not to use its water following a water main break and the shutdown of a Chapel Hill water treatment plant—and said residents should consider the water unsafe for at least the next twenty-four hours.

Customers are being asked to use bottled water for drinking, cooking, cleaning, and even flushing toilets. So, stock up.

The strain on the water supply prompted Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools to dismiss students early

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## Laboratory Safety

[Laboratory Fact Sheets](#)

**Hurricane and Tornado  
Preparedness for UNC  
Laboratories**

[Lab Emergency Preparedness Checklist](#)

[Autoclave Bags/Biohazardous  
Waste Disposal](#)

[Department of Commerce Shipping  
Licenses](#)

[Infectious Substances and Other  
Biomedical Materials Annual  
Update](#)

[Items Requiring Approval Prior to  
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[Good Neighbor Requirements for  
Shared Open Lab Spaces](#)

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Laboratories Policy](#)

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Investigators](#)

## Hurricane and Tornado Preparedness for UNC Laboratories

Hurricanes, tornadoes, high winds, flooding and other natural disasters can threaten the safety of laboratory personnel and detrimentally effect research operations in campus laboratories. Laboratory preparedness plans should be developed prior to these disaster events to ensure the preservation of life and property. The information outlined below is specific to campus laboratories. For general emergency preparedness information please see [Alert Carolina](#).

### ✓ Lab Emergency Preparedness Checklist

#### Hurricanes

#### Tornadoes

Although Chapel Hill is not directly adjacent to the coast, hurricanes have caused devastation in our area previously due to high winds and flooding. In order to properly plan a course of action in research laboratories, it is important to understand the difference between a hurricane watch and hurricane warning. Both will be announced with plenty of time to implement laboratory preparedness procedures before leaving the lab.

#### Hurricane Watch

A hurricane watch is issued when hurricane conditions (sustained winds of 74 mph or higher) are possible within specified area (48 hours in advance of the anticipated on-set of tropical storm force winds).

Once a Hurricane Watch is issued:

- Complete all running experiments and do not start any new experiments
- Listen to radio and television alerts and check Alert Carolina for updates

#### Hurricane Warning

A hurricane warning is issued when hurricane conditions (sustained winds of 74 mph or higher) are expected somewhere within the specified area (36 hours in advance of the anticipated tropical storm force winds).

Once a Hurricane Warning is issued:

## BEFORE THE EMERGENCY

Ensure you are signed up to receive Alert Carolina alerts. Register here:

<https://alertcarolina.unc.edu/register/>

Assess utility dependencies (domestic water, chilled water, steam, HVAC and emergency power) for each piece of equipment in the lab. Consider what you would need to do if utilities were lost during an emergency.

Ensure that lab entrance signs are up to date and posted on outside of lab doors.

Inventory freezers, refrigerators, incubators and other equipment, noting those plugged into emergency outlets. Unplug all non-essential equipment. Use surge protectors to protect sensitive equipment in the event of a power surge.

Determine criticality of research materials and supplies stored in equipment dependent on utilities. Ensure critical materials are kept in freezers and refrigerators on emergency power red outlets.

Turn refrigerators and freezers to coldest settings.

Keep a list of equipment that must be reset, restarted, reprogrammed, or recalibrated once utilities return.

Move all chemicals to appropriate storage locations (cabinets and shelves away from windows).

Ensure gas cylinders are capped and secured.

Close fume hood sashes completely.

No hazardous materials, waste or equipment should be left on the lab floor.

Take copies of lab notebooks.

Close and lock all laboratory doors before you leave.

## DURING THE EMERGENCY

Follow Alert Carolina announcements for University operating conditions. Do not continue to work if operating conditions require work to stop.

If emergency happens during business hours, work in the lab is prohibited if hazardous conditions exist or utilities are compromised.

**Personal safety is the number one priority; follow all evacuation commands!**

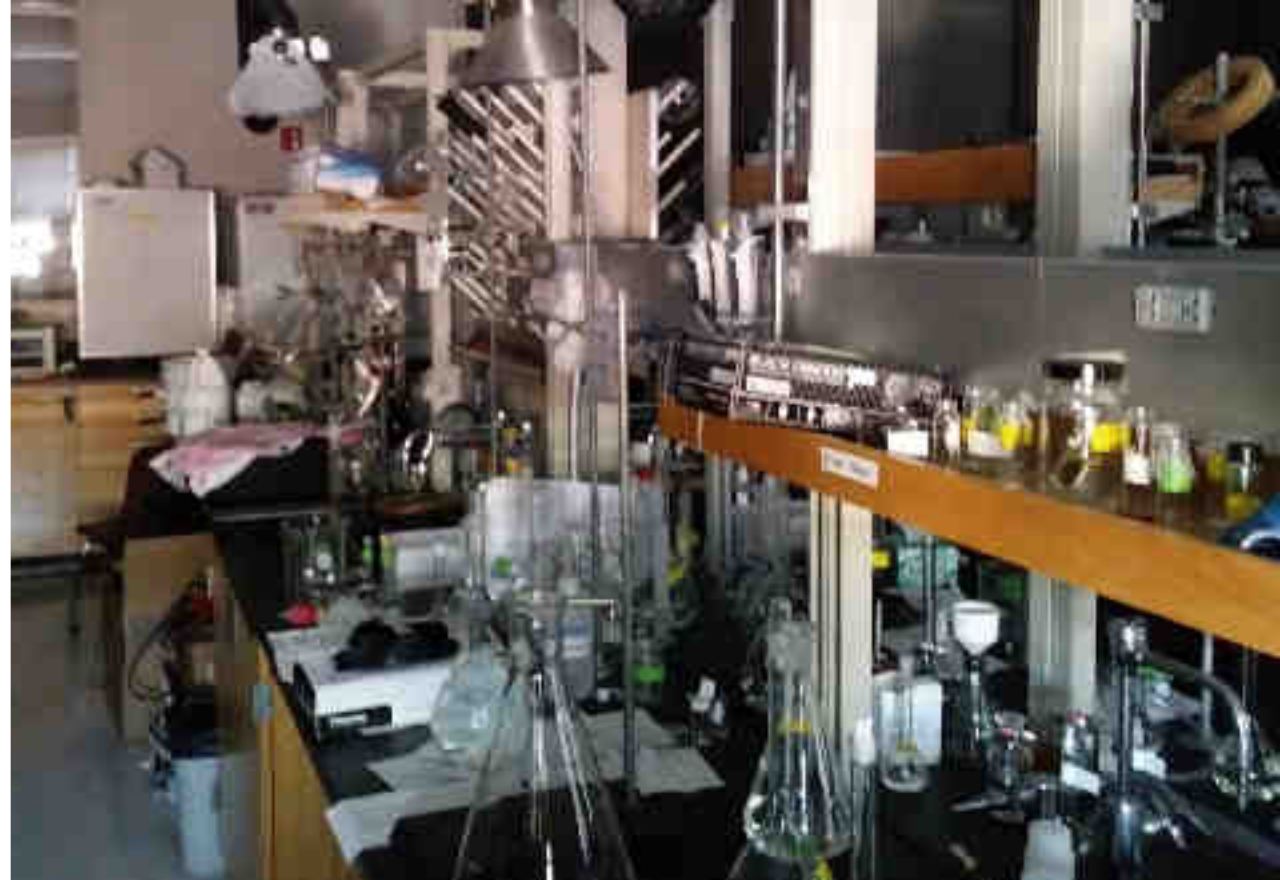
## AFTER THE EMERGENCY

Do not enter the building or lab space until it has been cleared by emergency response personnel.

Once cleared to enter, check equipment. Reset, restart, reprogram, or recalibrate as appropriate.

Check chemical fume hoods and biosafety cabinets for air flow.

Report any hazardous conditions that are found by contacting EHS 919-962-5507 or 911.



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# National Response Framework (NRF)

Goal: Responding to all types of disasters and emergencies including actions necessary to save lives, protect properties and the environment, stabilize communities and meet basic human needs following an incident.

- Execution of emergency plans and actions to support short-term recovery.
- Built on concepts identified in the National Incident Management System (NIMS) to align roles and responsibilities.
- **The NRF is always in effect and elements can be implemented at any time.**

# NFR Core Capabilities

- Planning
  - Public information and warning
  - Operational coordination
  - Critical transportation
  - Environmental response/health and safety
  - Fatality management services
  - Fire management and suppression
  - Situational Assessment
- Infrastructure systems
  - Logistics and supply chain management
  - Mass care services
  - Mass search and rescue operations
  - On-scene security, protection and law enforcement
  - Operational communications
  - Public health, Healthcare and Emergency Medical services

# Response Examples

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## Portion of I-95 remains closed, along with scores of other roads in SC

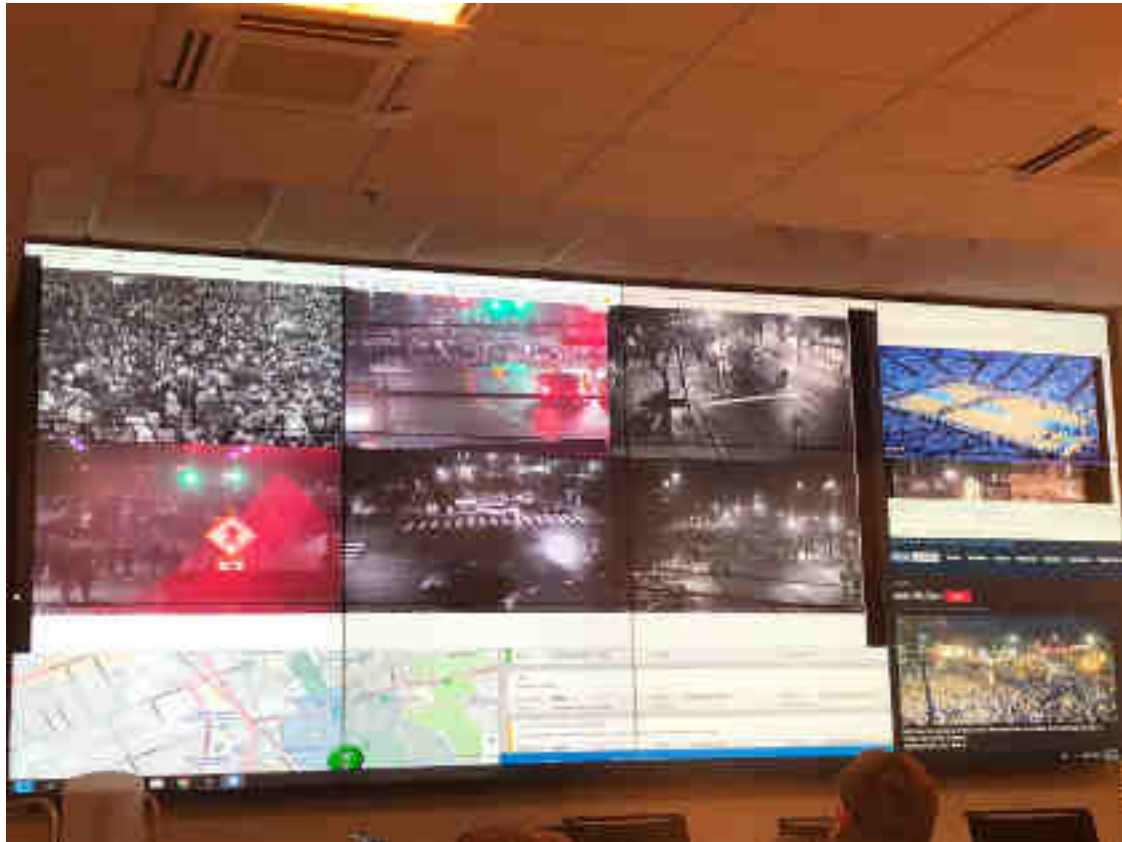
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A photograph showing a person with short blonde hair, wearing a dark jacket, pointing at a large wall-mounted screen. The screen displays a grid of four live traffic camera feeds showing various road conditions, including what appears to be a multi-lane highway with a large pile-up or accident scene in the center. The person is standing in a control room or office setting.

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# Local Response to Basketball Rivalry

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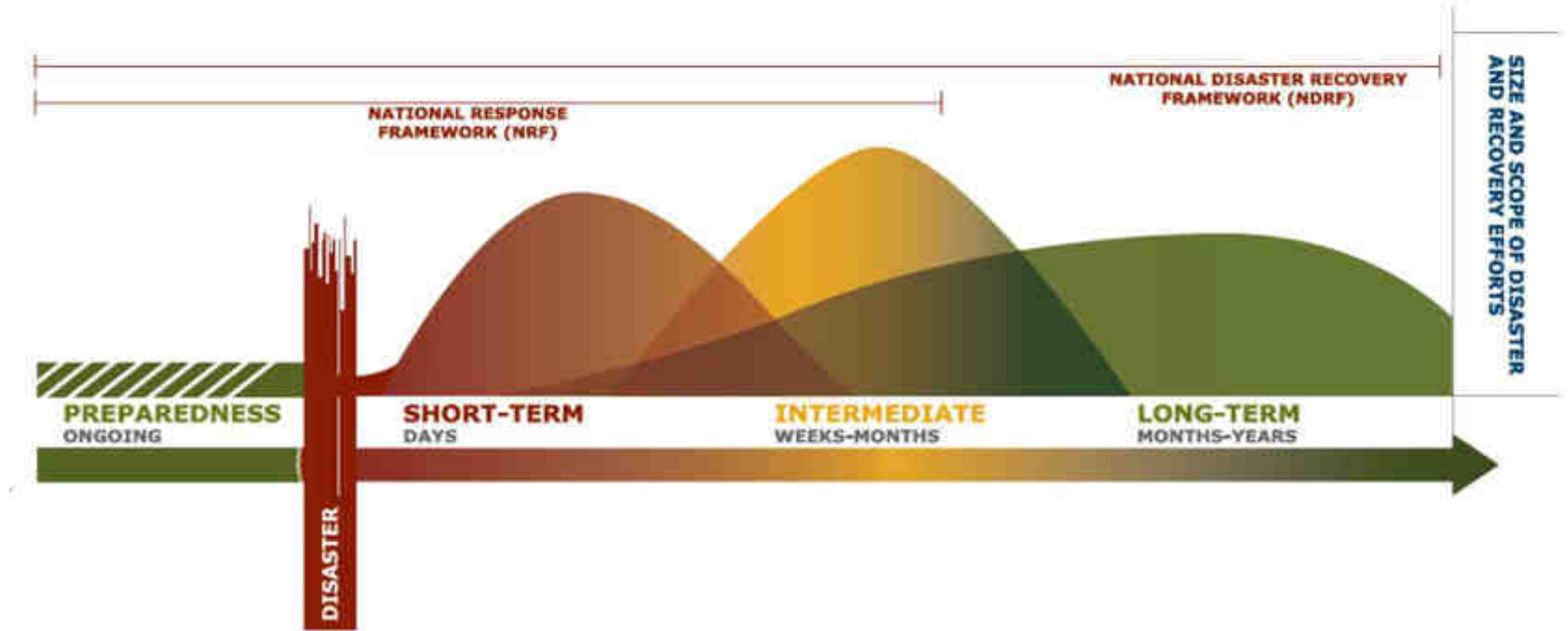


# National Disaster Recovery Framework (NRF) 2<sup>nd</sup> Ed. June 2016

Goal: Effective recovery from an incident for an entire community. Restoration of services critical to support the physical, emotional and financial well-being of impacted community members.

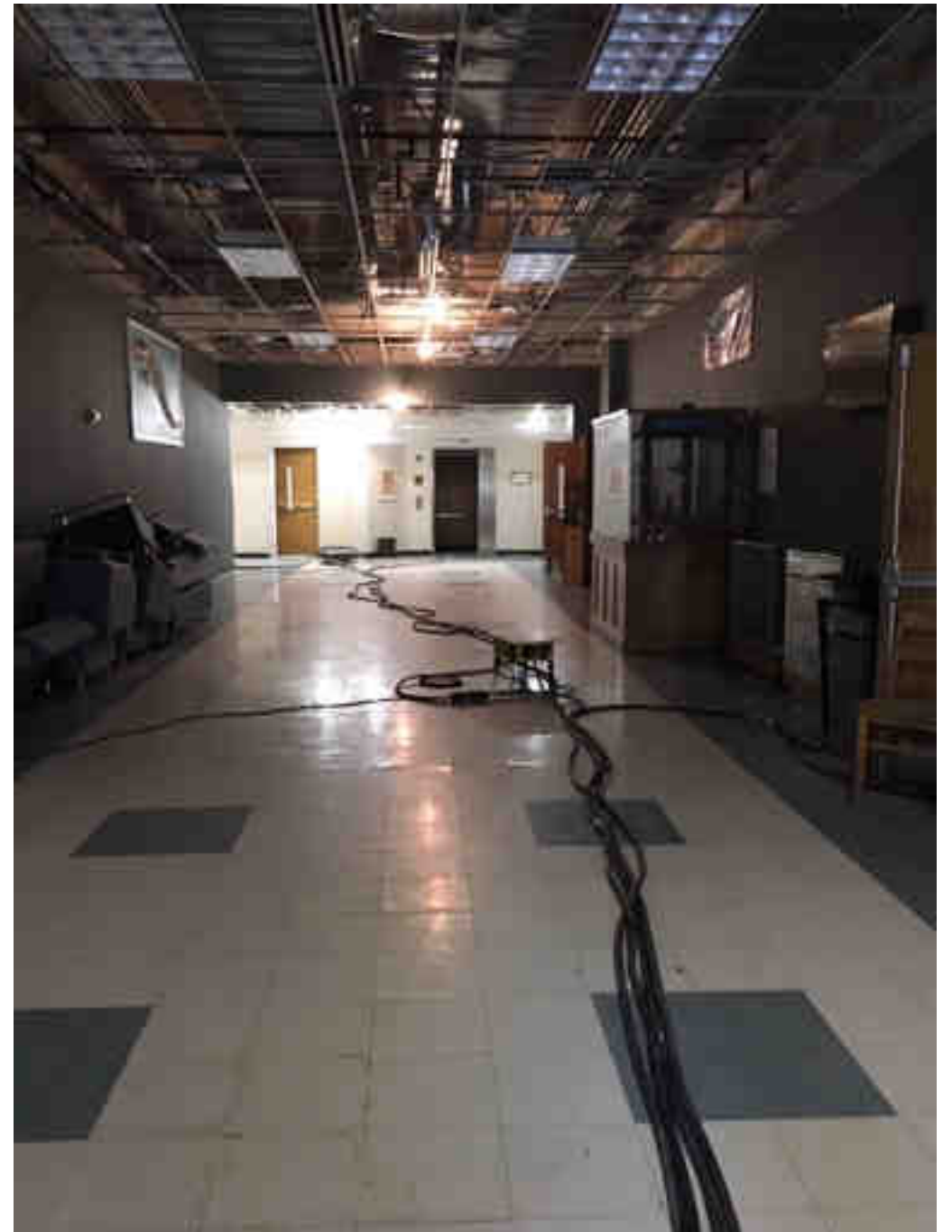
- Identification of guiding principles for successful recovery.
- Clear definition of pre and post roles and responsibilities of recovering stakeholders.
- Promoting inclusive and equitable coordination, planning and information sharing processes.
- Ensure recovery resources are sourced from a wide range of community partners including public, private and non-profit.

# Recovery Continuum



# Damage Assessment Teams



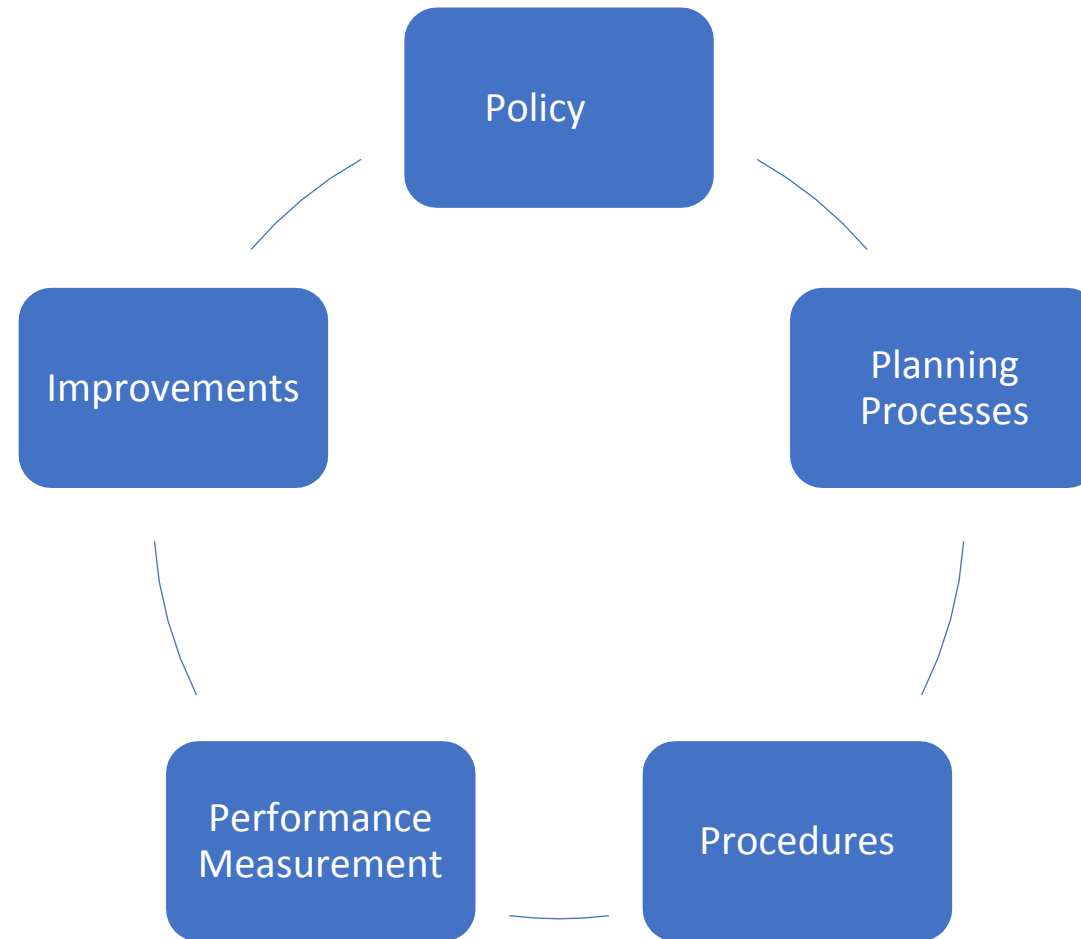




Are you Ready!



Emergency Preparedness is creation of a management system which unifies departments in response to preparedness.



## Risk Management Services and Mission Continuity

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**Tar Heel Mission Ready**

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# Tar Heel Mission Ready

## What is Continuity of Operations?



Continuity of operations, or mission continuity, is the practice of planning for interruptions in order to provide maximum possible service levels. The purpose of mission continuity planning is to maintain and subsequently recover to an operational state within a reasonably short period of time, both during and after an interruption. A mission continuity plan is a snapshot of the normal operations and resources as well as planning for the resources which may be needed in time of disaster.

## Why Should I Create a Plan?

Eliminate or reduce the impact of a disaster before a disaster occurs in order to provide a safe and healthy learning environment. The mission continuity planning process also generates interdepartmental communication which brings to attention strengths and weaknesses along with strategies to improve departmental and University-wide operations.

## Who is Required to Create a Plan?

## Tools and Resources

- [Tar Heel Mission Ready Access](#)
- [User Registration Form](#)
- [User Guide](#)
- [Procedure on Preparing Mission Ready Continuity Plans](#)
- [Policy on Continuity Planning/Tar Heel Mission Ready Planning](#)
- [Call Tree Template](#) 
- [Example of Call Tree](#) 

# Make a Plan!



**Step 1:** Put together a plan by discussing these 4 questions with your family, friends, or household to start your emergency plan.

1. How will I receive [emergency alerts and warnings](#)?
2. What is my [shelter](#) plan?
3. What is my [evacuation](#) route?
4. What is my [family/household communication plan](#)?

**Step 2:** Consider specific needs in your household.

**Step 3:** Fill out a Family Emergency Plan

Download and fill out a family emergency plan or use them as a guide to create your own.

• [Emergency Plan for Parents](#) (PDF)

**Step 4:** Practice your plan with your family/household

# Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program

The program educates volunteers about disaster preparedness for the hazards that may impact their area and trains them in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations.

CERT offers a consistent, nationwide approach to volunteer training and organization that professional responders can rely on during disaster situations, which allows them to focus on more complex tasks. Through CERT, the capabilities to prepare for, respond to and recover from disasters is built and enhanced.



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## Pet Disaster Preparedness

Learn how to prepare your pets for an emergency evacuation and help them recover afterward

In an emergency, your pets will be even more dependent on you for their safety and well-being. Your family's disaster plans must include your furry family members, too. Learn what to do to keep your beloved pets safe!

This guide is primarily about dogs and cats, but tips on disaster planning for livestock, horses, birds, reptiles, or small animals such as gerbils and hamsters, please visit [The Ultimate Survival of the Animal Kingdom at Ready.gov](#).

### Top Tips for Keeping Your Pets Safe During a Disaster



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- Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)  
<https://www.ready.gov/community-emergency-response-team>
- Pet Disaster Preparedness – American Red Cross  
<https://www.redcross.org/get-help/how-to-prepare-for-emergencies/pet-disaster-preparedness.html>
- Are you Ready – FEMA  
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