

# EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS EVALUATION STEPS

# STEP 1

Do you know what the most significant risks are to your organization today?

Conducting a Hazard Identification and Risk Analysis (HIRA) and creating a prevention/mitigation strategy is the starting point for ensuring your organization is prepared to alleviate and respond to the emergencies and crisis that are most likely to impact you.

# STEP 2

Are your emergency Policies and Procedures comprehensive and up-to-date?

Starting with the most likely to impact your organization, our team can develop comprehensive policies and procedures that ensure you are prepared to prevent, respond to, and recover from emergencies and crisis.

## STEP 3

Are your staff trained on the procedures they must follow during an emergency?

Our team of experienced Emergency Management professionals can review your plans and provide staff training that equips your team to respond effectively during an emergency or crisis.

#### STEP 4

Do you have a standardized approach to emergency response?

The Incident Management System (IMS) / Incident Command System (ICS) is an internationally accepted management system for dealing with emergencies of all types (all hazard approach) and size (scalable). Working with your team, we can integrate IMS within your organization and provide staff training to facilitate this unified approach to responding to emergency and non-emergency incidents that may occur.

## STEP 5

Do you know how you will address media, clients etc. during and following an emergency or crisis within your organization?

Our team can work with you to develop a Crisis
Communications Plan and equip staff through hands-on
training. We can also provide support during times of
emergency/crisis to guide your communications team and
ensure the appropriate messages are being relayed.

# STEP 6

Do you have a plan to ensure business continues during and following an emergency or crisis that impacts operations? Our team can work alongside you to develop a comprehensive Business Continuity Plan which addresses all aspects of your operations to ensure your continued business success during and following a major emergency or crisis.

## STEP 7

When an emergency or crisis has impacted your organization, were you able to learn from it and implement changes to reduce the impact of a similar situation in the future?

Having our team conduct a post-incident de-briefing with you and your team can be very beneficial. As objective, emergency management focused professionals, our team is able to gather information about the emergency/crisis, evaluate the response based on the information presented and provide recommendations to help your organization recover from the emergency/crisis and prepare to respond more effectively to similar situations in the future.

## STEP 8

Have you recently tested your emergency procedures?

The best way to ensure your emergency plan and procedures are meeting the needs of your organization is by testing them. Our team are the experts in the development, coordination and review of tabletop and functional disaster exercises. We can guide your team through a specialized exercise that provides the opportunity to practice implementation of your emergency procedures in response to a realistic and challenging scenario. The lessons learned through these exercises are always beneficial as participants can experience firsthand what works well and what challenges need to be addressed moving forward to develop more robust emergency plans and procedures.

Your level of preparedness could mean the difference between life and death for your team, your clients and those who interact with your organization on a daily basis. If you answered "no" to any of the questions above, it is vital that you give us a call today +001.705.719.9007 so we can work with you to ensure you reach your Emergency Management goals.