# DEVELOPING THE PLAN DOCUMENT

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#### **PLANNING:**

Does not have to be: Difficult Complicated Time Consuming Intimidating



#### A QUALITY EMERGENCY PLAN:

- Takes advantage of:
  Common Sense
  Everyday Experience
  Past Experience with Emergencies
  Existing
  - SOP's/SOG's/Policies



## BUILDING A USABLE, EASILY MAINTAINED DOCUMENT

- Use a check list format
- Reminders---not detailed "how to"
- Plain English/Limited Technical Terms
- Organized Around:
  - Support of the Command Functions
  - Functional Areas
  - Primarily All Hazard Concept
  - Hazard/Occupancy Specific only as needed

Make it easy to update and revise!



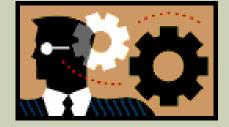
### ELEMENTS OF THE PLAN

- Purpose and Empowerment
- **FEMA Requirements**
- Response and Recovery Check Lists
- Supporting Documents/Tools
- Line of Succession for the Functions
- EOC Set Up and Alternatives
- Activation/Deactivation Criteria & Process
- Exercise Criteria/process



#### **PEOPLE MAKE IT WORK**

- Identify leaders for functional areas
- Combine like activities
- Develop a plan of succession
- Period 1 = managing chaos
- Period 2 + should be planned



- State and Enforce the work period rules
- Use other agency operatives
- Recognize the importance of family safety

#### THE REALLY IMPORTANT POINTS

#### Rely on:

- Staff Experience
- Common Sense
- Existing SOP's/Tools





### MAKE IT AS CLOSE TO EVERYDAY PRACTICE AS POSSIBLE

#### **BE SAFE AND PLAN WELL**

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