

Security and Stability **COPE™ : Crisis Operations Planning and Education**

- Emergency Preparedness Planning
- Disaster Recovery Planning
- Continuity of Operations Planning

—these and many more initiatives associated with security of people, places, and information are on the minds of most senior managers, worldwide.

Many organizations have not yet fully developed such contingency plans, or they haven't put these plans through sufficient testing to determine whether or not their organizations are, in fact, prepared. **IRI** offers a programmed approach to facilitate **Security and Stability Planning—COPE™, Crisis Operations Planning and Education**—bolstering security functionality while laying the foundation for successful security, emergency, recovery, and continuity planning.

Security Planning

Effective security planning starts with an organization's security culture receptive to both planning as well as instituting fundamental protective measures, and continues evolving to add more comprehensive security practices. Many organizations believe their existing security policies and procedures are sufficient; or management may be undecided how much is enough; or risk assessment has not been adequately updated and addressed.

IRI consultants have expertise helping organizations analyze the broad spectrum of *threats* to personnel, their work environment, and the organization's proprietary information including operating data, know-how, and trade secrets. Ongoing planning is crucial, and **IRI** can help assess needs, recommend actions, and refine policies and procedures aimed at reducing *vulnerabilities*. Awareness of threats and commensurate vulnerabilities helps management better understand consequences including those that otherwise might have been cloaked as "unforeseen."

Emergency Preparedness Planning

Natural disasters, terrorist events, acts of violence, and wide-spread diseases, as never before, have caused many organizations to rethink approaches and steps necessary to maintain or regain operating stability during and after events. **IRI** has a consultative approach to help management evaluate, prioritize, and establish practices tailored to *their specific profile* given location, infrastructure, and other parameters that shape the most appropriate courses of action. **IRI** helps clients enhance awareness while providing appropriate levels of ongoing support, such as testing, table-top exercises, and training. **IRI** helps clients with "pre-event" or "preventative" measures to help minimize the potential for adverse consequences and minimize loss.

Disaster Recovery Planning

When disaster strikes, even the best attempts at preparedness may still yield very unwelcome after-shock consequences and prolonged or lingering problem sets. A key component to business survival is—time. It is crucial to resume business activities as quickly as possible. **IRI** helps management weigh alternatives and options associated with efficient operations resumption while planning for contingencies associated with adverse impact to the organization's personnel and assets.

Continuity of Operations Planning

Many kinds of events can disrupt; and disruption may involve loss of personnel, loss of infrastructure, and loss of operating data. And there are losses associated with third parties and other stakeholder relationships. **IRI** helps management prepare for all the elements required to coordinate activities as they were before interruption occurred.

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