

# **Training and Testing**

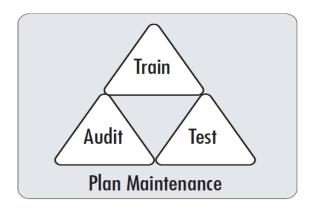
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## **Business Continuity Planning**





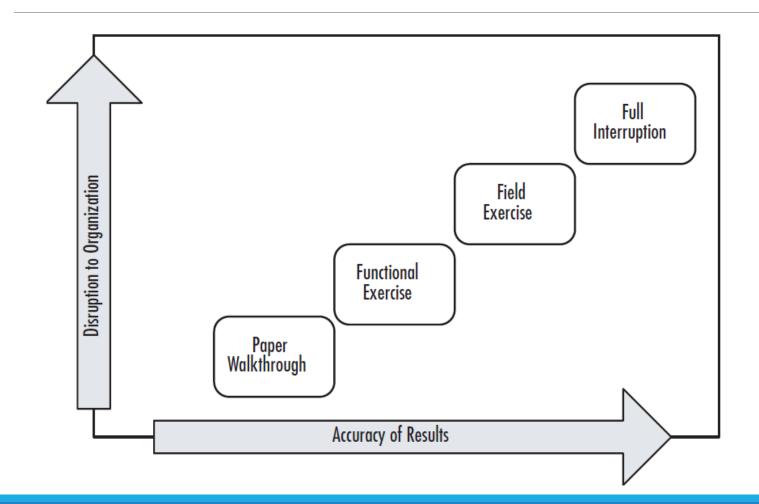


## Training and Testing Methods



### **BC/DR Plan Test Methods**





### Paper Walk-through

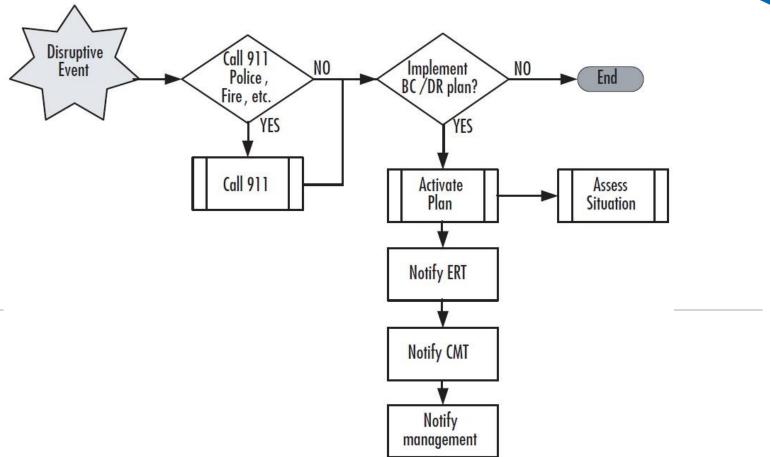


- Develop Realistic Scenarios
- Develop Evaluation Criteria
  - How well participants were able to follow and utilize the plan
  - How well participants were able to communicate across team lines
  - How well the checklists or defined steps worked to achieve the stated objectives
  - How confident participants felt with their implementation of the plan
  - How confident participants feel about implementing the plan in the future
- Provide Copies of the Plan
- Divide Participants by Team
- Use Checklists & Take Notes
- Identify Training Needs
- Develop Summary and Lessons Learned

### Sample Flowchart of BC/DR Plan (Partial)









#### **Functional Exercises**

- Actually test some of the plan's functionality
- Train staff in critical procedures or functions needed to respond to and address the disruption
- make use of scenario-based scripts and run for two to three hours
- use a menu of responses or events based on the specific scripted scenario to prompt the team members
  - to get members to work as a team
  - to help members understand their roles and responsibilities
  - to communicate effectively under stressful conditions



#### **Test Evaluation Criteria**

- 1. Was the primary team member able to begin the notification process successfully?
- 2. How many team members were contacted?
- 3. How long did it take to notify team members?
- 4. Were there any missing or incorrect phone numbers?
- 5. How many team members were contacted via their primary methods vs. alternate methods?
- 6. How many team members were not on the notification list?
- 7. Were there any names on the notification list that should not have been?
- 8. Would this have worked if phone systems were out?



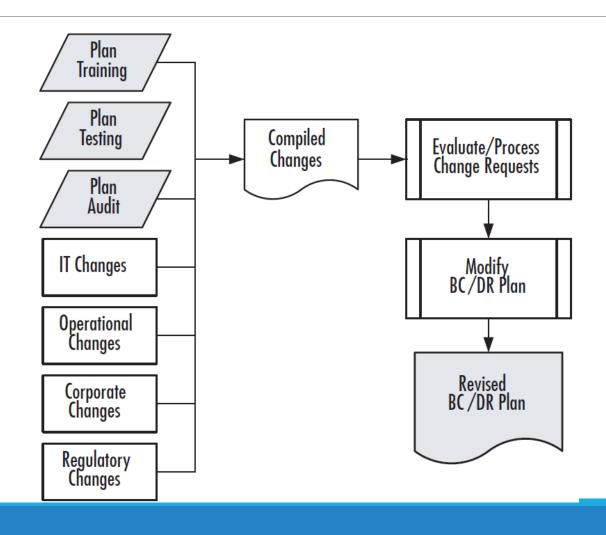
### **Performing IT Systems Audits**

- IT audits are performed as part of most company's standard IT operating procedures and may be required by law or regulation.
- IT systems audits focus on conducting a systematic evaluation of various IT systems and this information can be incorporated into the BC/DR plan.
- Changes to IT technologies should be incorporated into the BC/DR plan.



### **Change Management Process**







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