

**Emergency  
Preparedness:  
It's good business!**



# Topics

- COOP – Continuity of Operations Plan
- BEAP – Building Emergency Action Plan
- Notifications – How do we find out about an emergency
- Emergencies – Types



**“I was stranded in every way you could be...”**

**Hurricane Katrina survivor**

**Do you carry an umbrella?**

Awareness

- Work, Home, Vacation, Everyday life
- Exits
- Fire extinguishers
- Have a plan
- Trust your gut feeling
- Speak up!



# COOP – Continuity of Operations Plan

## DEFINITION:

Continuity of operations planning means the internal effort of an organization to assure that the capability exists to continue essential functions and services in response to a comprehensive array of potential emergencies or disasters

- Essential functions and key personnel
- Vital records, systems and equipment
- Alternate work sites
- Communications
- Training and exercises



# BEAP – Building Emergency Action Plan

- Building, Floor or Area name
- Severe weather shelter areas
- Shelter location from an outdoor chemical release
- Designated assembly area
- Doors or areas that lock
- Distribution of the plan
- Practice!!!



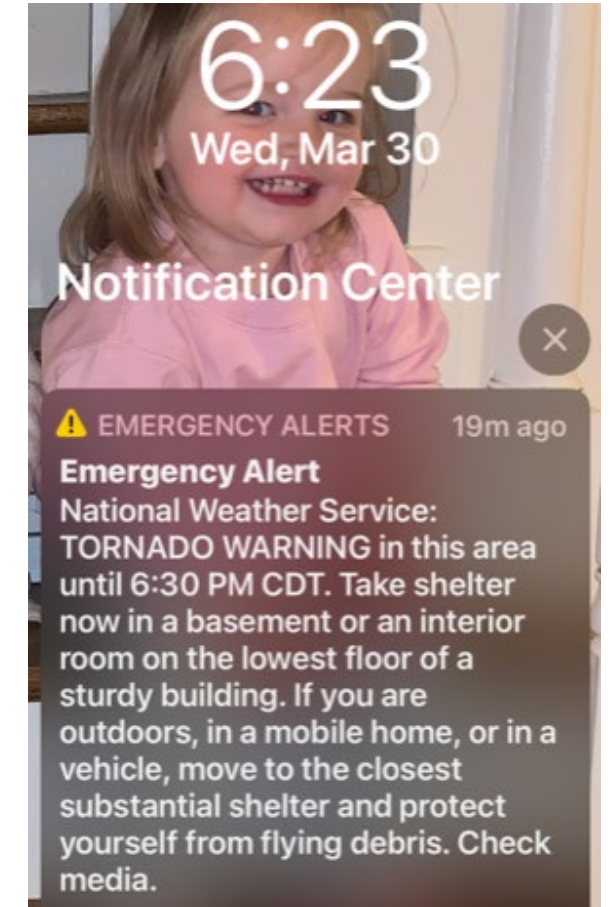
# Notifications

- City/County alerting system
- National Weather Service (NWS)
- Local TV station
- Weather Radio
- Siren
- Social Media
- IPAWS - Integrated Public Alert and Warning

<https://knoxcounty.org/alert/index.php>

# IPAWS

- Wednesday, March 30
- Traveling west on I-40 in Jackson, Tn
- Tornado warning came in at 6:11pm, I exited the interstate at a rest stop and took shelter in the bathroom.



# Emergencies

- Evacuate
- Shelter
- Active Shooter
- Medical





# Get out, Stay put, Decide

## Get Out - Evacuations:

- Fire
- Criminal activity
- Chemical accident - inside

## Stay Put - Shelter:

- Tornado warnings
- Severe weather
- Earthquake
- Chemical Accident - outside

## Decide - Active shooter:

- Run
- Hide
- Fight



# Medical Emergencies

- Emergency contact information considerations
- Call 911 and don't hang up
- Give your location and type of emergency
- Any information on the victim
- Send someone outside to meet responders
- First Aid, CPR and AED considerations

# Questions?

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