**Continuity Planning is a vital resilience process. If the local government and emergency services are unable to function, there will be no recovery.**

**Developing plans for, training in and exercising Continuity of Operations and Continuity of Government plans are necessary to maintain the local ability to respond to and recover from a long term power outage.**

1. Assign a Local Continuity Manager
   1. May be the Community Emergency Manager
   2. Secondary role
   3. Need buy in by the jurisdiction’s elected officials
2. Local Continuity of Government (COG)
   1. Local COG is a coordinated effort to ensure that governance and essential functions continue to be performed before, during, and after an emergency.
   2. Identify and codify “Orders of Succession”
   3. Identify COG authorizing statutes
   4. See *2021 FEMA Guide to Continuity of Government*
3. Continuity of Operations (COOP)
   1. COOP ensures an individual organization can continue to perform its essential functions, provide essential services, and deliver core capabilities during a disruption to routine operations.
   2. Identify hazards that can impact essential functions
   3. Identify and acquire continuity resources
   4. Delegate authority to ensure leadership and management
   5. Determine and assign alternate facilities
   6. Determine and assign backup emergency communications
   7. Determine and protect vital records
   8. *See 2018 Non-Federal Continuity Plan Template*
4. Local Essential Functions
   1. Maintain continuity of government
   2. Provide visible leadership
   3. Protect the public
   4. Protect critical infrastructure
   5. Provide emergency response and recovery
   6. Support local economy
   7. Provide critical government services
5. Training and Exercising
   1. Evacuation to and operation from Alternate Facilities
   2. Utilizing Primary and Alternate facility backup power generation
   3. Utilizing backup contingency communications
      1. 2 Way Radio
      2. Telephone
      3. Internet Access