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# Emergency Preparedness at the University of Minnesota

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# Emergency Preparedness

## Questions to Consider

- Is the University of Minnesota prepared for emergencies?
- How does the University preparedness compare to peer institutions?
- What is the University's role in state, regional and local preparedness?
- How do we evaluate emergency preparedness at the University of Minnesota



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# Emergency Preparedness

- The systematic approach to preparing for, responding to and recovering from major emergencies
- All emergencies cannot be avoided at all times, some can be prevented and most can be managed in ways that minimize their impact



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# Emergency Preparedness

## Mission of Plan

- Protect Life and Property
- Secure Critical Infrastructure and Facilities
- Resume Teaching and Research Programs



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# Emergency Preparedness

## Priorities of Plan

 Areas used by dependant populations

 Infrastructure critical to health and safety

 Infrastructure that sustains response

 Classroom and research buildings

 Administrative buildings



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# Emergency Preparedness

## Scope of Plan

- All Hazards Incident Command
- University Emergency Operations Plan
- National Incident Management System



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# Emergency Preparedness

Any emergency that affects students, faculty or staff -- regardless of scope -- is a University emergency

- Individual health event
- Laboratory explosion
- Tornado
- Fire
- Blizzard
- Civil unrest
- Hazardous materials release
- Extended power outage
- Plane crash
- Terrorism or other national emergencies



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# Emergency Preparedness

## Three Components

- Risk Mitigation
- Incident Management
- Operational Continuity





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# Emergency Preparedness

## Risk Mitigation

- Office of Central Security
- DEHS Safety Officers
- Community Oriented Policing
- Institutional Threat Assessment
- AHC Regulatory Affairs



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# Emergency Preparedness

## Incident Management

### Emergency Operations Plan

- Guides the response to major emergencies on Campus
- Conforms with federal and state emergency planning requirements
- Outlines the responsibilities of key departments during an emergency
- Establishes a chain of command for decision making during and after an emergency

# Emergency Preparedness

## Level 1

- Unusual occurrence
- Information alerts
- Admin notifications
- Communicating in a crisis

## Level 2

- Localized emergency
- Small area
- OD notified/IC responds
- ECT is not activated

## Level 3

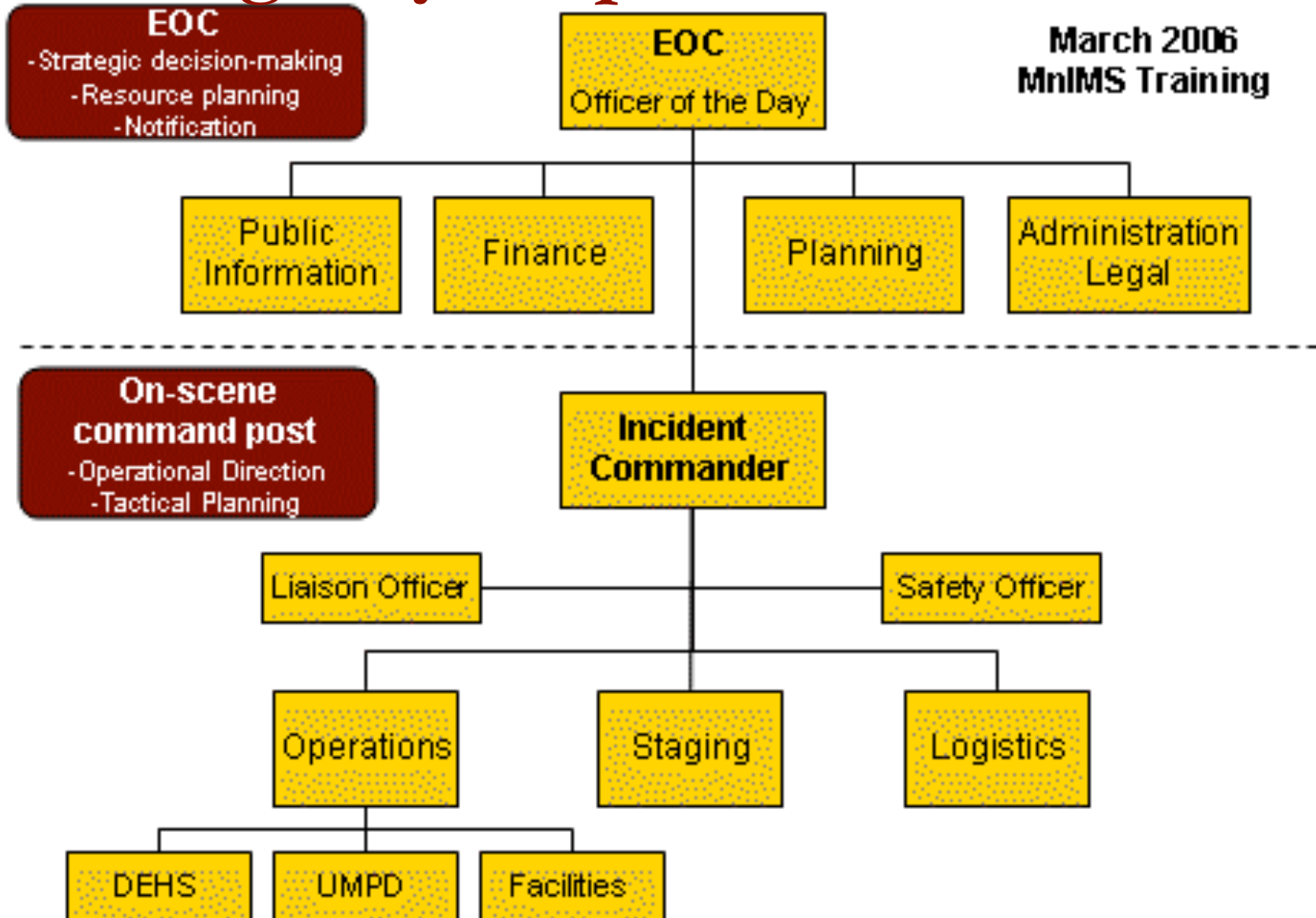
- Major emergency
- Large area
- ECT is activated
- Senior administrators alerted

## Level 4

- Disaster
- Major scale/national
- Evacuation possible
- EOC activation likely
- Operations may be suspended

# Emergency Preparedness

March 2006  
MnIMS Training



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# Emergency Preparedness

## Operational Continuity Planning

- Established plans for continued operations during an emergency
- Plans for a return to normal activities following a disaster
- Focused on building operations, financial transactions, and communications
- A work in progress for 17 departments required to submit a plan



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# Emergency Preparedness

## Coordinate Campuses

- Plan serves as a template for University of Minnesota coordinate campuses
- Details of each campus plan will vary depending on local procedures and resources



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# Emergency Preparedness

## Academic Health Center

- Plays an active role in Emergency Preparedness and Response
- AHC Emergency Response Team
- A resource for the University and a resource for the State of Minnesota



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# Emergency Preparedness

## **On-going Activities**

- Incident review and assessment
- Campus-wide communications
- Participation in internal and external emergency management exercises
- Preparing for the future

