

## All Cooped Up



It's that time of year. The evening temperatures are dropping, the coats and fun scarves will be soon coming out of closets. We here in Emergency Management (MCEM) are excited to be cooped up and we are going to help you get cooped up too. Why would anyone look forward to being cooped up? It is because we are talking about COOP: Continuity of Operations Planning.

What is Continuity of Operations Planning (COOP)? It is the coordinated effort to ensure that County operations and essential functions can continue to operate immediately following a disaster or disruptive event.

We know that several departments, divisions, and individuals have participated in or worked on COOP in the past and we are hoping to re-engage and re-energize the COOP Program. We want the COOP Program to be dynamic and inclusive and we want something that brings value to every department, division, and individual within the County. We also see this as a program that will extend out to include our external partners and agencies that we depend on in order to keep our mission essential functions operating.

MCEM is currently reviewing all of the previous COOP work that everyone dedicated so much of their time to and we are working on a strategy for bringing all of that forward with a focus on improvements and gap analysis.

Over the next few months our COOP Program Manager, Yvette Osborne, will be reaching out to identified COOP liaisons or contacts within each department and/or division. Our goal is to have several informal conversations and workshops that will allow us to hear your perspectives on previous planning initiatives, learn more about your mission essential functions and build a really great COOP Program team. Our hope is that together we create a streamlined process that works for every department and we think that is something to get excited about.

If you are the COOP liaison/contact for your department/division and haven't had a

chance, go ahead and reach out to MCEM, we would love to hear from you.

For more information on COOP please reach out to the COOP Program Manager, Yvette Osborne. Her contact information and more details regarding COOP can be found on our website at: <https://www.multco.us/em/emergency-management-contact-information>

Because it's always better to be COOPed up together!