



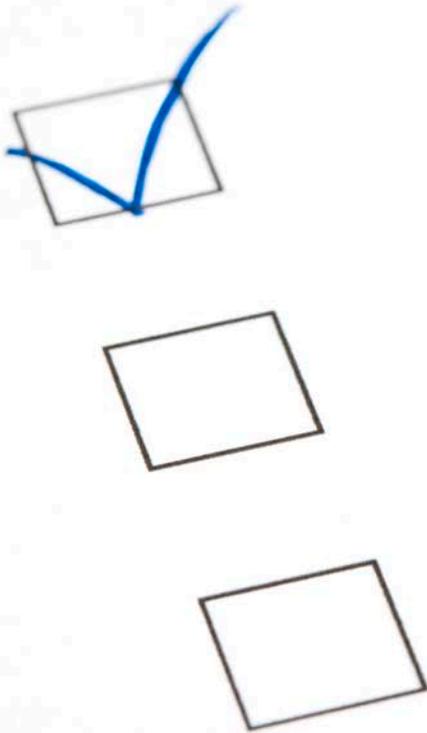
# Continuity of Operations (COOP)

# Training & Exercises





# Good to go!





# Readiness

vs.

# Preparedness



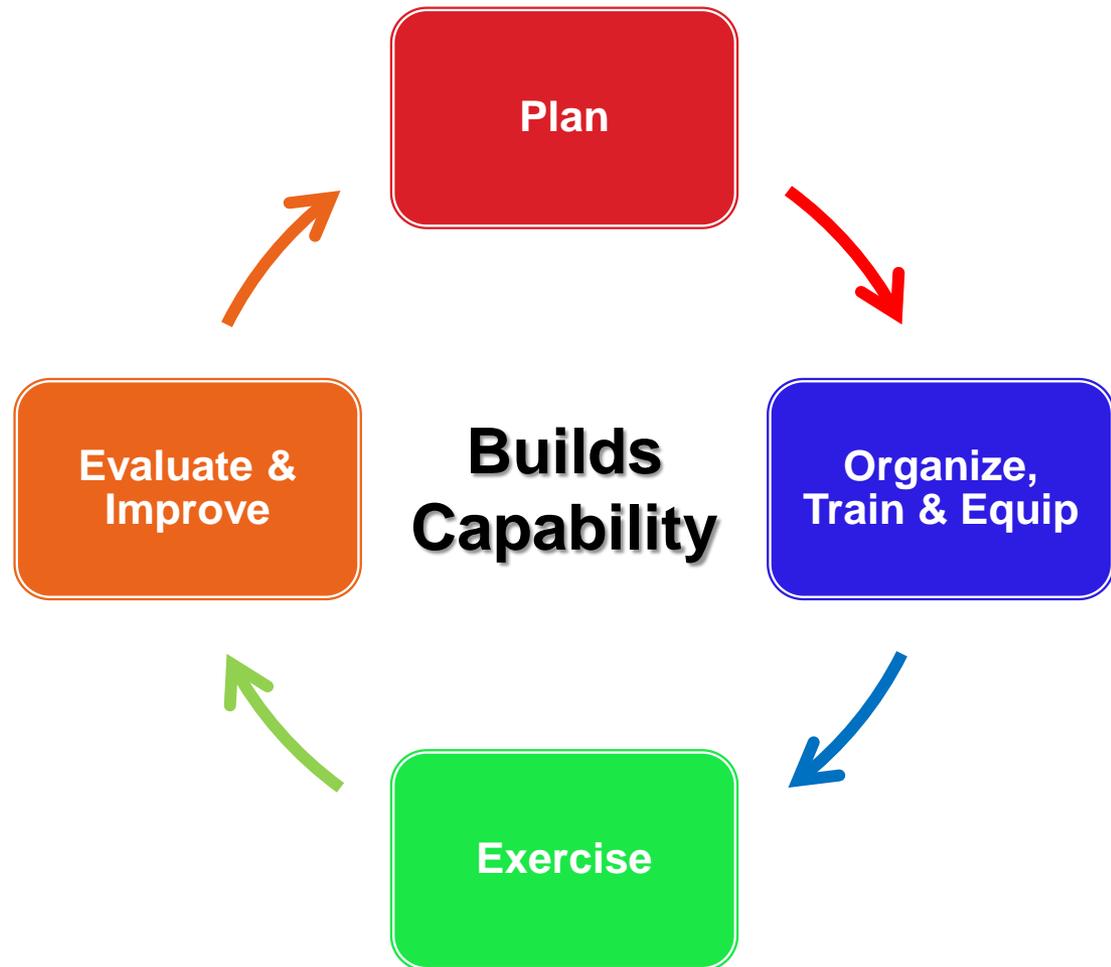
# National Preparedness Guidelines

“The National Incident Management System (NIMS) places responsibility on individual Federal, State, local, tribal, and territorial governments for establishing a preparedness cycle in advance of an incident and for including the private sector, non-governmental organizations, and individual citizens, as appropriate”



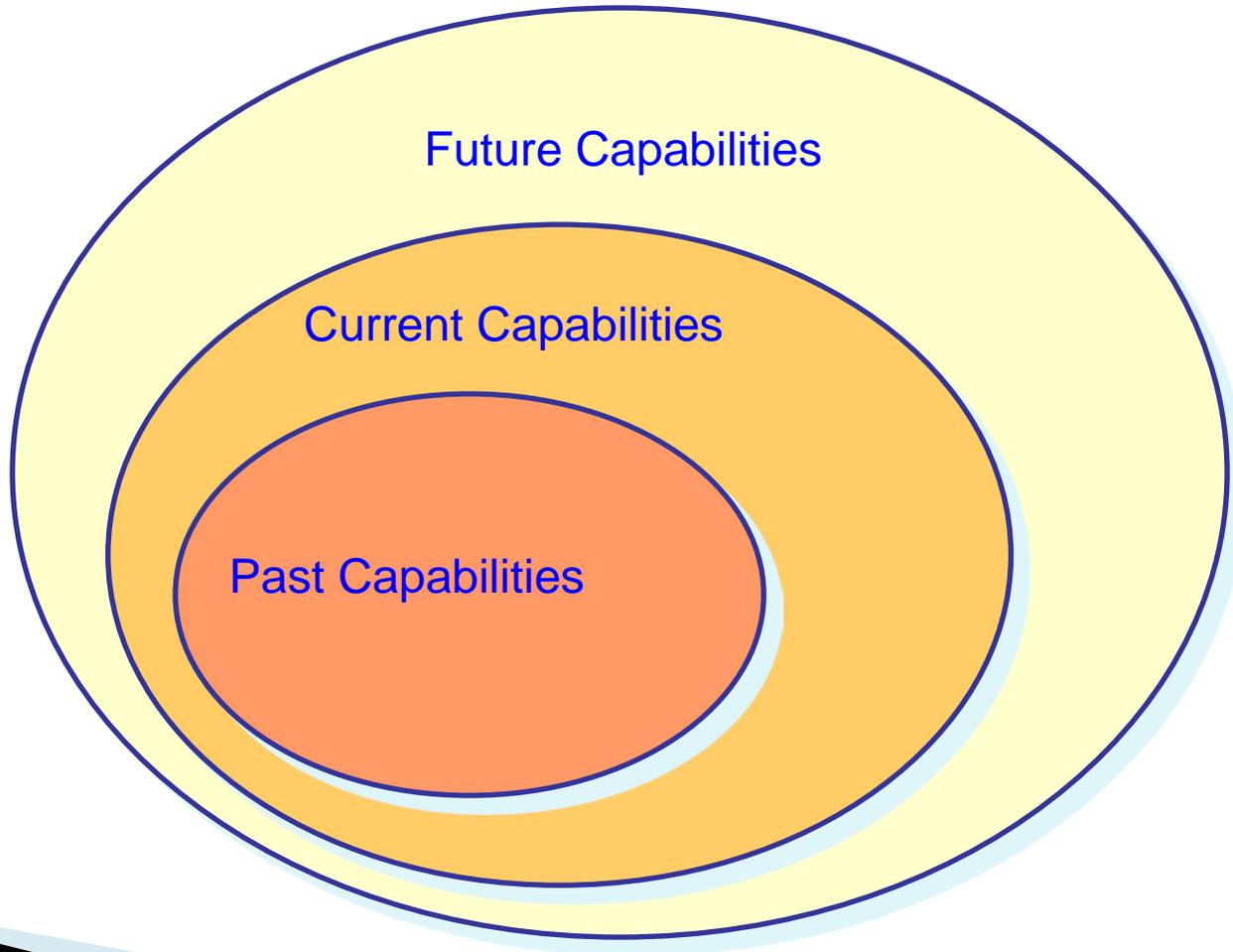
# Preparedness Cycle

Provides the mechanism for continuous evaluation and plans improvement





# Expanding the Circle





# Training and Exercise Program Goals

- ▶ Train personnel
- ▶ Clarify roles & responsibilities
- ▶ Test & evaluate plans
- ▶ Reveal planning weaknesses or gaps
- ▶ Improve inter-agency coordination
- ▶ Improve individual & team performance



# Training and Exercise Program

- ▶ Progressive
  - Building block approach
  - Increase in complexity
- ▶ Comprehensive
  - Combine multiple objectives
  - Integration of other emergency response partners
- ▶ Program
  - Carefully constructed to meet long-term goals



# Training Opportunities

- ▶ Employee Orientations
- ▶ Staff Meetings
- ▶ Seminars
- ▶ Orientations
- ▶ Web-based
- ▶ Handouts



# Training, and Exercises (T&E)

- ▶ Exercises are events that allow participants to apply their skills and knowledge, gain experience and to allow planners to evaluate their effectiveness.
- ▶ Examples of tests include:
  - Orientations
  - Drills
  - Tabletop exercises
  - Functional exercises
  - Full-scale exercises





# Training, and Exercises (T&E)

**What are the benefits of  
exercises?**



# Tests, Training, and Exercises (TT&E)

- ▶ Benefits of exercises:
  - Reveal planning weaknesses
  - Reveal resource gaps
  - Improve coordination and communication
  - Clarify roles and responsibilities
  - Provide opportunities for staff to gain experience



# Exercise Resources

Department of Homeland Security Exercise & Evaluation Program  
(HSEEP)

[https://hseep.dhs.gov/pages/1001\\_HSEEP7.aspx](https://hseep.dhs.gov/pages/1001_HSEEP7.aspx)

DHS Lessons Learned Information System (LLIS)

<https://www.llis.dhs.gov/index.do>

Idaho Bureau of Homeland Security T&E Program

<http://www.bhs.idaho.gov/Pages/Training.aspx>



# Questions?



# PLANNING

MUCH WORK REMAINS TO BE DONE BEFORE WE CAN ANNOUNCE  
OUR TOTAL FAILURE TO MAKE ANY PROGRESS.