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Build a Proposal to Build the EOC You Need (and Want)

Whether it is inadequate space, outdated technology, an aging structure, or all of the above, an emergency manager knows when their Emergency Operations Center (EOC) is no longer a safe and effective location to support response and recovery operations following a disaster. How does one develop a proposal that demonstrates the need for a new EOC? What capabilities does your jurisdiction or agency require to meet the needs of the community? How do you garner support from senior leadership to move forward with a design?

By reviewing the process in the City of Anaheim, California, this presentation examines the early stage of building or moving to a new EOC. The steps taken to demonstrate the need and value of a new EOC, conduct a capability assessment, and advocate for a new facility with senior leadership are discussed.

A review of potential costs in a new location and possible funding opportunities are also presented. The ongoing experience of relocating the City of Anaheim's EOC offers lessons that can benefit emergency management professionals in their pursuit of a safe and reliable location to conduct essential operations.

Presentation Theme: Emergency Operations Center Design Case Study

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