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**Emergency Management Program
& Emergency Response**

General Issues Committee
September 18, 2013 – Item 7.1

Legislation

- Emergency Management & Civil Protection Act
- Mandated to develop, enhance and maintain an emergency management program
- Staffed by two emergency coordinators



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Program Support

The Emergency Management Program is supported by the entire organization

- Emergency Management Program Committee
- Inter-Departmental Emergency Management Team



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Program Evolution

- Hamilton is a leader in planning and encompassing best practices within the field of emergency management
- Plans and procedures are continually being improved upon through training, exercises, and emergency incidents



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Planning

- Key Plans
 - Emergency Plan (all hazards)
 - Emergency Information Plan
 - Evacuation Plan
- Link with community partners to coordinate planning efforts
 - Emergency Preparedness Advisory Committee
 - Community Awareness Emergency Response



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Training

- Adoption of the Incident Management System in 2011
- Since 2011 we have run 23 training sessions
 - EOC 200: 7 sessions (155 people)
 - EOC 300: 10 sessions (141 people)
 - Applied EOC: 6 sessions (98 people)



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Exercises

- In 2012 we ran 4 emergency exercises with 74 people participating in total
- 2013 conducting a full scale exercise
 - Deployment of personnel and resources
 - Testing communications linkages between the site, Departmental Operations Centres, and the Emergency Operations Centre
 - Testing Emergency Information Plan



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Public Awareness/Education

- Media engagement
 - Hamilton Spectator
 - Cable 14
- Public/community events
- Mohawk partnership to deliver presentations to local schools
- Brochures and handouts



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Emergency Response



Federal Response

Provincial Response

Mutual Aid/Assistance

Municipal Response

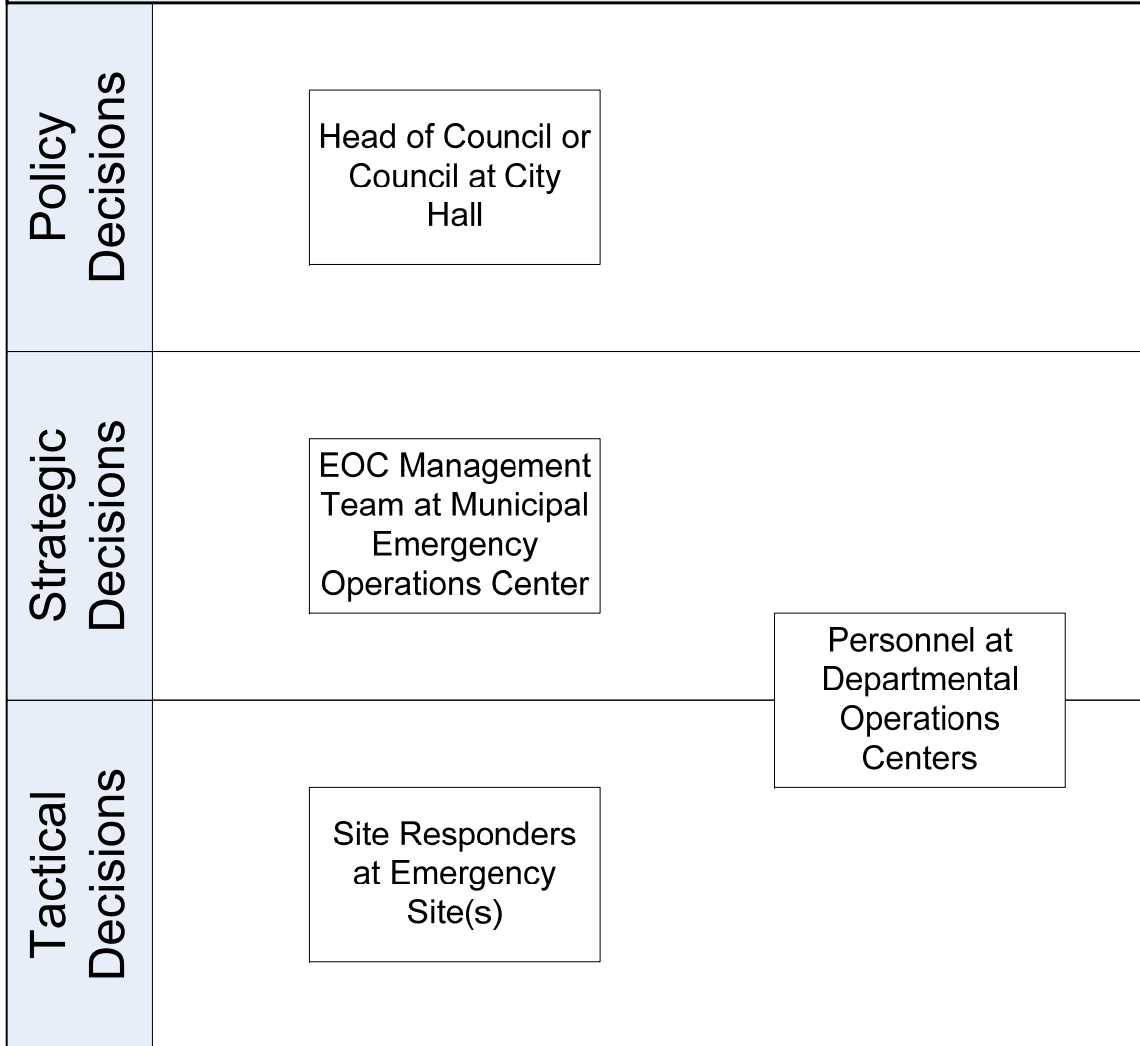
Unified Command

1st Responders



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Emergency Response Structure



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Site Resources



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Department Operations Centres

- Public Works
- Public Health
- Community and
Emergency
Services



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Emergency Operations Centre (EOC)



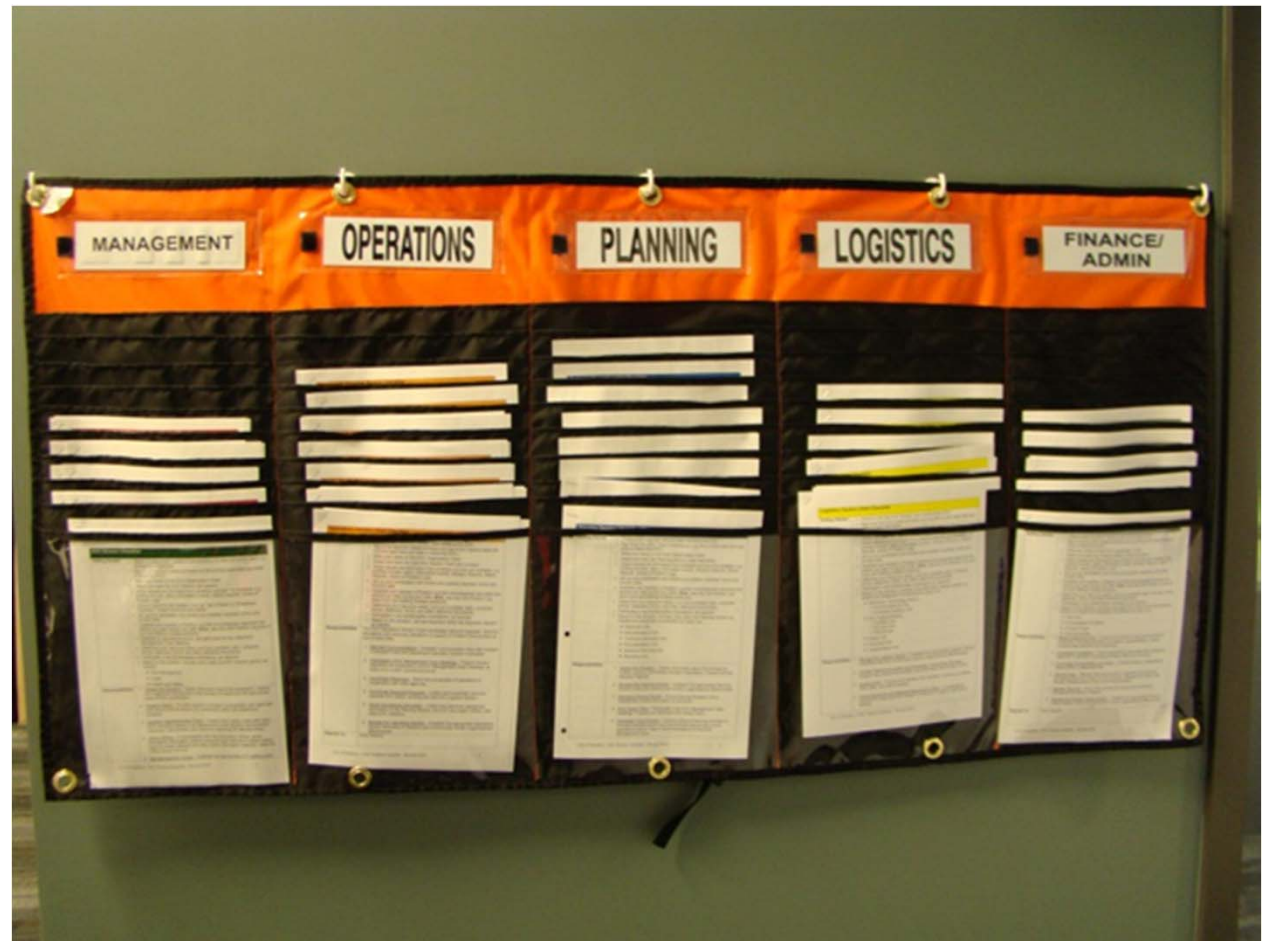
EOC Responsibilities

1. Strategic Direction
2. Site Support & Consequence Management
3. Information Collection, Evaluation & Distribution
4. Coordination of Agencies and/or Departments
5. Resource Management
6. Internal & External Communications



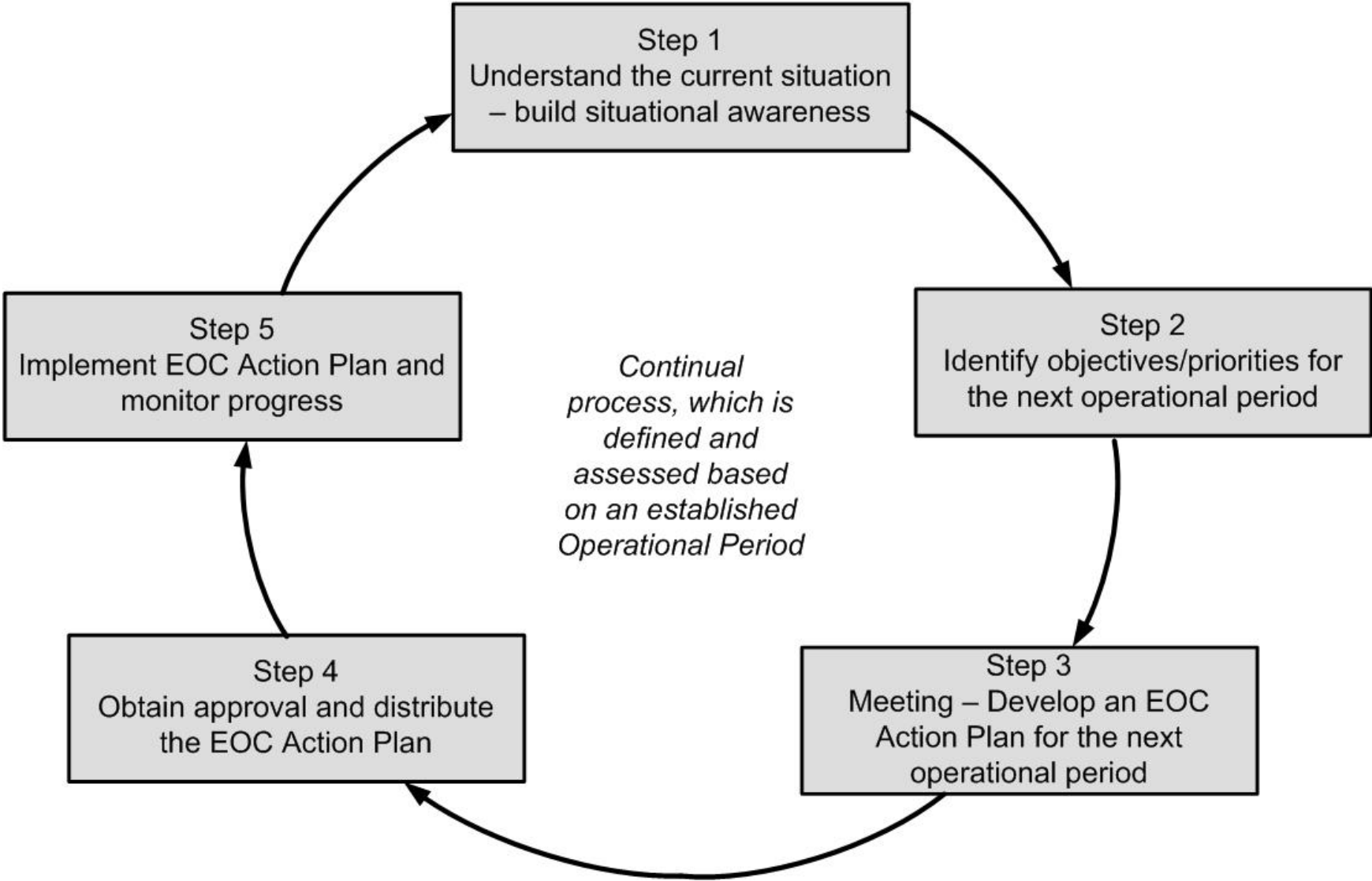
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City Response



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Action Planning Process



Policy Group

- Provides overall policy direction
- Approves higher level requests for assistance
- Changes/amends bylaws or policies
- Authorizes “declarations”
- Provides direction on public information activities
- May act as official spokesperson



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Questions?



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