



Guardian Accord Workshop

Guardian Accord is an inter-organizational continuity terrorism workshop designed to increase continuity awareness, preparedness, planning and coordination between Federal and Non-Federal entities.

The *Guardian Accord* Workshop is designed to increase Federal, state, territorial, tribal and local jurisdictional, and the private sector, about the importance of incorporating the specific risks of terrorism into continuity planning. The workshop is based on multiple forms of terrorism, as found in 12 out of 15 National Planning Scenarios. The *Guardian Accord* Workshop also supports the requirements of the National Continuity Policy Implementation Plan, as it emphasizes the Federal government's policy calling for agencies to be prepared for unpredictable threats such as earthquakes, accidents, sabotage and terrorism.

Guardian Accord Workshop Objectives

- Increase awareness of the impact of terrorism in continuity planning
- Discuss how critical essential functions will continue through a terrorist event and the planning required to perform those functions
- Identify gaps or vulnerabilities in organizational continuity plans and procedures
- Discuss solutions or alternative actions to challenges

Workshop Focus

The focus is on participants understanding continuity of operations principles and becoming familiar with continuity of operations plans and programs. This workshop is a refinement of the "all hazards" continuity planning, looking specifically at the unique considerations of sustaining essential functions during a terrorist event. This training and workshop is intended to supplement, not replace, existing organizational security and awareness programs pertaining to continuity.

The workshop is offered at FEMA's Emergency Management Institute (EMI) or at any locations upon request through our regional offices. In addition, FEMA has converted the Guardian Accord Workshop to IS-525: Guardian Accord – Terrorism and Continuity Operations Course, an Independent Study Course now being offered through EMI via the following link:
<http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/courseOverview.aspx?code=IS-525>.

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