Legislation

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

The Emergency Management Program is supported by the entire organization

– Emergency Management Program Committee

– Inter-Departmental Emergency Management Team
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
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
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)
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
Public Awareness/Education

• Media engagement
  – Hamilton Spectator
  – Cable 14

• Public/community events

• Mohawk partnership to deliver presentations to local schools

• Brochures and handouts
Emergency Response

Federal Response

Provincial Response

Mutual Aid/Assistance

Municipal Response

Unified Command

1st Responders
## Emergency Response Structure

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**Legend:**
- EOC: Emergency Operations Center
Site Resources
Department Operations
Centres

- Public Works
- Public Health
- Community and Emergency Services
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
Action Planning Process

Step 1
Understand the current situation – build situational awareness

Step 2
Identify objectives/priorities for the next operational period

Step 3
Meeting – Develop an EOC Action Plan for the next operational period

Step 4
Obtain approval and distribute the EOC Action Plan

Step 5
Implement EOC Action Plan and monitor progress

Continual process, which is defined and assessed based on an established Operational Period
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
Questions?