

# NGWS Continuity of Broadcast Operations Resources

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The purpose of this document is to share resources about Continuity of Broadcast Operations (COBO) to support Next Generation Warning System Grant Program (NGWS) recipients' development of COBO plans.

## FEMA Resources

[In Case of Emergency, Do You Have a Plan?](#) is a whitepaper on the Continuity of Broadcast Operations developed by Manny Centeno, IPAWS Director. This paper presents a framework and best practices for developing a solid Continuity of Broadcast Operations (COBO) Plan for companies, clusters, or single stations to be prepared for major disasters.

[The FEMA Continuity Plan Template and Instructions for Non-Federal Entities and Community-Based Organizations](#) provides instructions, guidance, and sample text for the development of Continuity Plans and programs. This document is designed in a flexible format so that organizations may select all or only certain sections of the template to develop or improve their plan.

## FCC Resources

[Emergency Planning for Satellite Carriers](#) provides guidelines intended to help satellite carriers ensure their continuity of operations and manage the security and operability of their communications systems and networks during emergencies. Although not specifically tailored to public media broadcasting stations, this resource provides a useful framework for examining Communications and Continuity of Operations (COOP).

[Report on Best Practices for Broadcast Resiliency During Major Storms and Disasters](#) is a report from the FCC's Communications Security, Reliability, and Interoperability Council that highlights recommendations and best practices to ensure broadcasters can stay on the air and active in times of a disaster.

[The Local Television Station Model Disaster Recovery Plan and Incident Response Manual](#) provides guidelines to develop a short-term Disaster Recovery Plan (DRP) and Incident Response Manual (IRM) for use as a tool by television stations for timely resumption of essential services in emergency situations.