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Georgia's CIP mission is to

- ⑩ Identify
- ⑩ Prioritize
- ⑩ Protect

the state's most critical infrastructure.

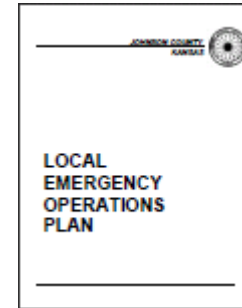
Protect

Effective Planning & Preparedness Levels...

...are achieved through intergovernmental collaboration, partnerships with first responders and CIKR assets, and homeland security grant funding.

These combined efforts accomplish the following goals:

- ⑩ Develop more robust emergency operations and site security plans
- ⑩ Assist CIKR assets mitigate vulnerability
- ⑩ Provide vital information to first responders for pre-incident planning and incident response
- ⑩ Identify and bridge resource gaps throughout the state



Assessment Process – ACAMS

Automated Critical Asset Management System (ACAMS)

- ⑩ ACAMS is a secure, web-based information services portal used to support infrastructure protection efforts at the state and local level
- ⑩ The Department of Homeland Security's Office of Infrastructure Protection provides ACAMS and ACAMS training to state and local jurisdictions at no cost
- ⑩ All information collected and stored in ACAMS is protected under the Protected Critical Infrastructure Information (PCII) Program

Protected Critical Infrastructure Information (PCII)

The Critical Infrastructure Information Act of 2002:

- ⑩ Established the PCII Program
- ⑩ Prevents disclosure of PCII from
 - ⑩ Freedom of Information Act requests
 - ⑩ State and local sunshine or other disclosure laws
 - ⑩ Civil litigation proceedings
 - ⑩ Use in regulatory audits

Statewide ACAMS Network –

Every major populous and CIKR-heavy jurisdiction in the state of Georgia is currently trained on and actively using ACAMS.

Assessment Process

Site Assessment

A vulnerability or risk assessment conducted on a single facility

System Assessment

A vulnerability or risk assessment conducted on multiple assets that constitute a system

Critical Cluster

A vulnerability or risk assessment conducted on multiple assets that constitute a cluster

Compressed Vulnerability Assessment

- ⑩ Typically a one day visit depending on the size of the facility
- ⑩ Provides a snapshot of site security, procedure, and operations
- ⑩ Only identifies vulnerabilities in physical security
- ⑩ Out-brief or post-assessment report to address mitigation options

Comprehensive Risk Assessment

- ⑩ 5-stage process that takes place over multiple follow-up visits
- ⑩ Ample time and resources to conduct a more comprehensive assessment
- ⑩ Incorporates plans, policies, and procedures review
- ⑩ Includes consequence, threat, and vulnerability to determine overall risk

Assessment Process – Risk Assessment

Step 1: Pre-assessment Planning Meeting

- ⑩ Determine the scope of the assessment and define objectives
- ⑩ Identify stakeholders and team members needed
- ⑩ Discuss timeline for visits
- ⑩ Ensure all questions and concerns are addressed prior to visit
- ⑩ Can be conducted in person or via conference call/HSIN Connect

Step 2: Initial Asset Visit/Site Survey

- ⑩ Tabletop discussion to gather relevant site data
- ⑩ Information used to build ACAMS profile
- ⑩ Information reviewed to determine primary focus for follow-up visits
- ⑩ Does not involve walkthrough
- ⑩ Typically takes 2-4 hours depending on the size and nature of facility

Step 3: Physical Security Assessment/Walkthrough

- ⑩ Based on scope developed during planning meeting and site survey
- ⑩ Focus on primary areas of concern (dependencies, critical nodes, access control, CCTV, lighting)
- ⑩ May require additional visits for camera and lighting surveys (day/night)
- ⑩ If permitted, pictures taken to augment assessment review
- ⑩ Can take full day or multiple days depending on facility and scope

Assessment Process – Risk Assessment

Step 4: Plans, Policies, & Procedures Review

- ⑩ Follow-up visit to review and augment:
 - ⑩ Site Security & Emergency Operations Plans
 - ⑩ Continuity of Operations & Resiliency Planning
 - ⑩ Security Policies & Procedures

Step 5: Out-brief

- ⑩ Post-assessment presentation
- ⑩ Should include all stakeholders
- ⑩ Discuss “Commendables & Options for Consideration”
- ⑩ Develop strategies for achieving sustainability

Training

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) offers free online training through its Independent Study (IS) program. FEMA IS includes courses focused on emergency management and homeland security policies and procedures; emergency, special events, and continuity of operations planning; National Incident Management System (NIMS) and Incident Command System (ICS) training; and other courses related to emergency management and homeland security.

FEMA IS Course List: <http://training.fema.gov/IS/crslist.asp>

In addition to the FEMA IS program, the Critical Infrastructure Protection (CIP) unit coordinates classroom-based training focused on security, situational awareness, behavioral profiling, and assessment strategies. For more information regarding training opportunities, please contact:

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Information Sharing

In an effort to reach out more effectively to our critical infrastructure partners in the public and private sector, the CIP unit has been working closely with the Georgia Information Sharing & Analysis Center (GISAC), the state's fusion center, to develop an information sharing platform specifically dedicated to critical infrastructure and key resource (CIKR) owner/operators. Through the Homeland Security Information Network (HSIN), the CIKR portal will allow CIKR users throughout Georgia to communicate with one another as well as provide a more centralized platform for suspicious activity and threat reporting, regional and sector-specific guidance, and other information sharing initiatives. For more information regarding the Georgia HSIN CIKR Community, or to be nominated as a new user, please contact:

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