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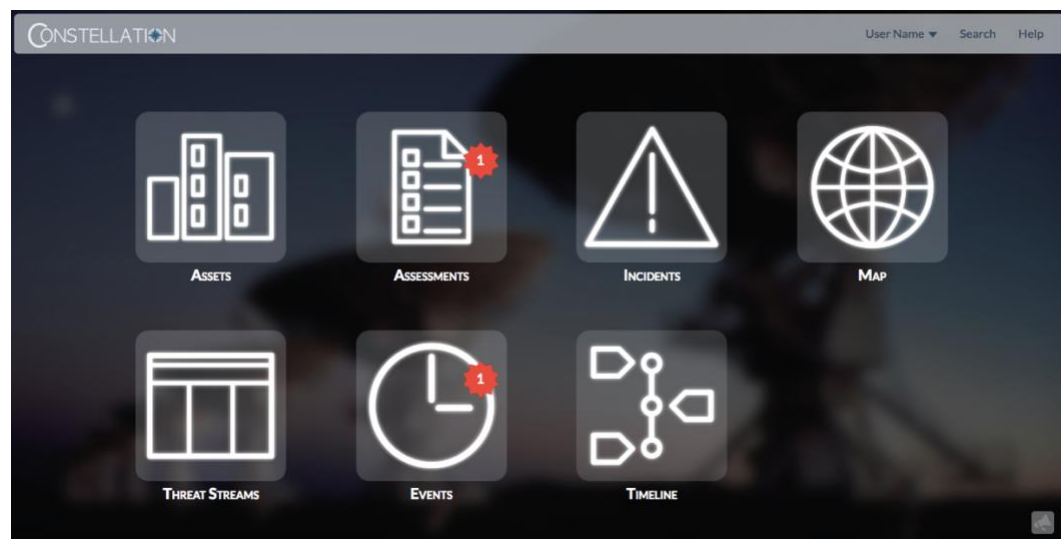
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From DS7 to Constellation, Cal COP is Getting a Big Upgrade!

In the coming months, Cal COP will be getting an entirely new look and feel. Cal COP is currently based on the Haystax Digital Sandbox 7 (DS7) system, and will be moving to the Constellation Analytics Platform. All nine instances—eight for each UASI urban area and one for the state agencies—will continue to be called Cal COP. The new Constellation-based Cal COP will offer the same public safety workflows, but with a streamlined desktop and mobile interface and more intuitive user experience, combined with powerful analytics. Users will be able to do things like add their own map layers or visualize the links between people, places, and organizations mentioned in data feed articles. Constellation allows the Haystax development team to deploy updates more regularly in a platform-wide manner, meaning users will constantly see incremental improvements and enhancements to the system.



Constellation will be rolled out to all Cal COP sites throughout the spring and summer. The Haystax California Team will be working closely with local project managers and site administrators to ensure users receive invitations to the new platform. Data will be migrated from DS7 to Constellation, so when users log in to Constellation for the first time their data will be available. Training opportunities will be provided through web-based sessions on a regular basis, or can be arranged in-person with your Haystax Project Manager.

We will be sending out information on this change and the training opportunities to all registered users. Please be on the lookout for our emails and meeting invitations. We are excited for you to experience our new platform and look forward to making this an easy transition for you.

New THIRA Methodology for 2018

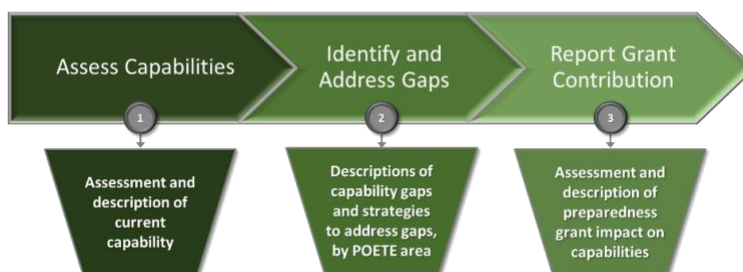
FEMA will soon be releasing the third edition of Comprehensive Preparedness Guide (CPG) 201. CPG 201 lays out the changes to the Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (THIRA) and Stakeholder Preparedness Review (SPR, formerly State Preparedness Report). Here are some changes we can expect.

The THIRA now emphasizes selecting threats and hazards that are likely to occur in a jurisdiction and present a greater challenge to at least one of the core capabilities than any other threat or hazard. Jurisdictions are now asked to use standardized capability targets provided by FEMA, rather than writing their own. These can be thought of as "fill-in-the-blank" targets. Jurisdictions may add additional targets. Step 4 from previous years' THIRAs has been eliminated—no estimation of resources is necessary this year.



Overview of the THIRA Process from CPG 201

The other significant change in 2018 is that all jurisdictions, not just states, are required to complete the SPR. The SPR will ask jurisdictions to assess their level of capability using the targets set in the THIRA. For example, a jurisdiction might say its capability target is to restore functions at 15 hospitals within four days and its current capability level is 10 hospitals within four days. Capability progress must also be indicated using the same terms, so a jurisdiction might indicate that its capability has increased to 10 hospitals from eight over the past year. This is a change from previous years when jurisdictions used ordinal scales to rate capability levels. The impact of grant funds on building or sustaining capabilities over the past year must now explicitly be spelled out.



Overview of the SPR Process from CPG 201

Lastly, the THIRA is no longer required on an annual basis. The THIRA is required every three years, while the SPR continues to be required annually. The idea here is to set targets on a three-year cycle, and measure against those targets annually. The three-year cycle starts in 2019, with the entire THIRA and SPR due. For 2018, jurisdictions will complete a subset of the core capabilities for both the THIRA and SPR.

Haystax Project Managers will be attending the FEMA Technical Assistance in Arizona the week of May 14th. Questions about the new methodology? Please reach out to your Haystax Project Manager.

Cal COP & WebEOC Two-Way Integration Project

As you may recall, in late 2017 Haystax started a project to integrate Cal COP with several local instances of WebEOC throughout California. Currently, integrations have been developed with WebEOC instances owned by the cities of Riverside, Ontario, and Rancho Cucamonga. In the coming month, additional integrations are expected to be completed for the cities of Moreno Valley and Oakland, and the counties of Riverside, Sacramento, San Bernardino, and San Diego. If your jurisdiction is interested in this integration, alternate jurisdictions will be considered on a case-by-case basis, time permitting. These integrations allow significant events to be shared from WebEOC to Cal COP and incidents to be shared from Cal COP to WebEOC. The users of both systems are able to have access to the same current information, even though they may not have access to both systems.

Haystax User Group Meeting

The Haystax User Group meeting will once again be held in conjunction with the National Fusion Center Association annual training event. The meeting will take place this November in Alexandria, Virginia.

Ongoing Training and Event Support

The Haystax California team continues to provide monthly web-based trainings open to all users throughout the state. In April, we will be providing an Administrator Training and an in-depth Assets and Assessments Training. In June and July, we will provide our one-hour New User Training. These sessions will continue to be focused on the DS7-based Cal COP until all jurisdictions have transitioned to the Constellation-based system. Separate training sessions and demonstrations will be offered on Constellation during this transition time. Additionally, Haystax continues to create brief training video vignettes. The latest in the series focuses on deploying and using Cal COP Mobile Indicator. It is available on the Resources page of calcop.org.

The Haystax California team continues to provide support to special events throughout the state, as a key element of our public safety operations support. Since our last newsletter, Cal COP has been used during 11 special events and exercises, including an exercise involving damage reporting through Mobile Indicator in the city of Malibu. We are also gearing up to support the Long Beach Grand Prix in April, the Bay to Breakers Race in San Francisco, and the AMGEN Tour in Sacramento in May.



If you have any training or support needs, please reach out to your Haystax Project Manager.