

SPEAKING POINTS

- Thanks for attending – I want to begin by thanking you all for the work already completed under the first steps of the BCP Program and remind you that this is an ongoing, iterative activity requiring continuous refinement and improvement.
- BCP is about ensuring continuity of critical operations with the DND/CF in the event of a disruptive incident, which could be anything from flu pandemic to a power outage to a terrorist act.
- In accordance with the Government Security Policy, all departments must have a BCP Program to provide for continued availability of services and assets critical to the safety of Canadians and the efficient functioning of the Government of Canada.
- The BCP Program ensures Minimum Service Levels for critical services.
- The interdependencies of all organizations represented here today are complex and wide-ranging. The extent of these interdependencies will become more apparent as we review the L1 BCPs that you have developed. Detailed analysis is still required and the work of the sub-committees on IM/IT and Accommodations will be key to this activity.
- Going forward we will be looking at ways to test and validate the BCPs and through the lessons learned in that process, further refine and improve the Program.
- BCPs by their very nature are 'evergreen' documents requiring constant updating to remain current. We are counting on your continued active engagement in this process.
- I thank you again for your commitment to this important activity and would now like to ask my colleague and co-lead, RAdm Weadon, to offer his own opening remarks.