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Strategic Plan for Emergency Management Division

Task: The Assistant Director of Emergency Management has identified the necessity to carry out a series of internal evaluations within the emergency management division. These evaluations encompass a comprehensive assessment of staff, operations, and procedures. This initiative is aimed at aligning with the intent and vision set forth by the Director of the Louisiana Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP), particularly in anticipation of the transition within the "next 80 days" to the newly appointed director of GOHSEP.

Purpose (Center of Gravity): The intent of these internal evaluations is not only to assess current operations but also to drive significant improvements in efficiency, innovation, and effectiveness within the emergency management division. By organizing, streamlining, and innovating processes, the division aims to develop a system that can be replicated for all future operations, ensuring consistency and reliability. Aligning with the strategic priorities of GOHSEP: serving as the operational arm of the governor, representing the interests of parishes, municipalities, and other stakeholders and, fulfilling the division's mission of protecting life, property, and infrastructure in Louisiana.

Issue: With the change in strategic priorities following the appointment of a new director, it's crucial to adapt and realign the focus of the emergency management division. Transitioning from the initial 100-day period to a phase focused on improving processes and operations requires a strategic approach. It is essential to identify key strategic initiatives that will drive improvements in overall operations. By developing and executing strategic action plans focused on improving processes and operations, the division can position itself for maximum success not only over the next 80 days but also in the long term. Continuous evaluation and adjustment will be necessary to adapt to changing circumstances and ensure ongoing improvement.

Discussion: Transitioning from a new administration to sustained operations within the next 80 days requires a strategic and focused approach. Here's a plan outlining how the Assistant Director of Emergency Management (AD) can utilize the "next 80 days" concept to facilitate this transition:

Assessment and Planning (Days 1-10):

- Conduct a comprehensive assessment of current operations, including staff capabilities, processes, and resources.
- Identify gaps or areas for improvement that need immediate attention to ensure readiness for all hazard operations.
- Develop a transition plan outlining key milestones, objectives, and timelines for the next 80 days.

Stakeholder Engagement (Days 11-20):

- Engage with stakeholders, including staff, government agencies, community organizations, and other partners, to gather input and feedback on priorities and challenges.
- Establish clear lines of communication and collaboration to ensure alignment of efforts and effective coordination during emergencies.

Strategic Initiatives (Days 21-60):

- Prioritize strategic initiatives aimed at enhancing operational readiness and response capabilities.
- Develop action plans for each initiative, specifying tasks, responsibilities, and timelines for implementation.
- Focus on initiatives that address the most critical needs identified during the assessment phase, such as updating protocols, enhancing training programs, or improving technology systems.

Training and Capacity Building (Days 61-70):

- Implement training programs to enhance the skills and knowledge of staff members, ensuring they are prepared to handle various hazards and emergencies.
- Provide resources and support for ongoing professional development to build a resilient and adaptable workforce.

Monitoring and Evaluation (Days 71-80):

- Establish mechanisms for monitoring progress and evaluating the effectiveness of implemented initiatives.
- Solicit feedback from stakeholders and staff to identify any remaining challenges or areas for improvement.
- Make adjustments as necessary to ensure that the transition to sustained operations is successful and meets the demands of all hazard operations.