

Eric Oddo, MPA

Continuity Program Director



Eric Oddo joined CHHS in September 2008. He is a graduate of the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs at Syracuse University, where he earned a Master of Public Administration with a concentration in National and International Security Policy, and a Certificate of Advanced Study in Security Studies through the Syracuse College of Law.

Eric specializes in the development, implementation, and exercising of Continuity of Operations (COOP) Plans for governmental and institutional entities. He currently serves the District of Columbia Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency (HSEMA) in a contractor role as the principal COOP planner in the District. Eric is responsible for ensuring that all cabinet-level District agencies develop their COOP programs in compliance with District and federal standards.

In addition to his work with DC government, Eric has managed the implementation of multi-year COOP programs for federal, state, local, non-profit and institutional entities. During his time at CHHS, he has taught COOP to government personnel in Bangalore, India, to Department of Defense personnel in the Pentagon, and to local Washington business leaders via the Golden Triangle Business Improvement District. Eric has also performed live in-studio local television interviews to speak on recent emergency events.

Eric is a Department of Homeland Security-certified Instructor. He is part of a team at CHHS that travels nationwide to deliver “Maximizing Organizational Resiliency: COOP for Public Entities,” a two-day management-level training course designed to provide state, local, territorial, and tribal entities with the knowledge and tools necessary to design effective, all-hazards COOP Plans. As of 2017, Eric has conducted over 75 trainings comprising over 2000 total students cumulatively.

While at the Maxwell School, in May 2008, Eric was part of a six-student team that consulted the U.S. House Homeland Security Committee on the current state of security screening effectiveness on mass transit systems. Shortly after, in July 2008, he earned Executive Certificates in Counter-terrorism Studies and Arab Culture and Environment from the Interdisciplinary Center at Herzliya, Israel.

Eric completed his undergraduate coursework at SUNY-Oswego in 2004, earning BAs in Political Science and Criminal Justice. His professional experience includes three years at the Bank of New York-Mellon, where he served as a Client Management Administrator for corporate defined-benefit and defined-contribution plans.

Examples of Projects include:

- US Department of Homeland Security – COOP Training
- Illinois Association of Community Action Agencies – COOP Planning
- Howard County, MD government – COOP Planning
- Montgomery County, MD government – COOP Planning
- Maryland Public Service Commission – COOP Planning
- District of Columbia government – COOP Planning
- US Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) – COOP Planning
- Sam Houston State University – COOP Planning
- College of Southern Maryland – COOP Planning
- University of Maryland-Baltimore – Holistic Campus Security