

Purpose: The StormReady Supporter application requires that an Emergency Operations Center (EOC) is established for the building. This activity allows students to think about a good location within the school for an EOC. In addition, this activity will allow students to engage in the 21st Century Skills of Communication and Collaboration.

Please Note: The Emergency Operations Center is sometimes referred to as the facility warning point.

Instructions for Teacher:

1. Many Emergency Operation Plans (EOPs) have a predetermined location for an EOC. If this is the case and an EOC has already been established for you school or school district, this information can be filled in on the supporter application without student involvement. The EOC may also be called a Facility Warning Point (FWP).
2. If an EOC/FWP is not established in the EOP, consider have students ponder the following question,

“Where would be the best place for those in charge to hear and distribute information regarding the hazard and remain safe?”

Have students discuss possible locations for an EOC/FWP. Have students consider the following locations (feel free to add to this list):

- Conference Room
- Teachers’ lounge
- Principal’s Office
- Nurse’s Office
- Basement Classroom
- Guidance Office
- Main Office
- Security/Student Resource Officer’s Office

Have them consider attributes that make them safe, such as no windows, lowest floor of building, etc. These attributes are mentioned in element 4-1 with shelter information. Have students narrow down list to the best possible EOC location in the building.

After the Activity: If necessary, ensure that the location suggested by students is acceptable to administration and ensure EOP is adjusted accordingly. If students suggest a different location than current location for EOC/FWP, consider discussing with administration a possible change, if feasible, to the school’s procedures.

