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Ottawa Emergency Management Program – Ottawa C3 Exercise



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The City of Ottawa Emergency Management Program planned a full-scale exercise in preparation for the significant planned events in celebration of Canada 150. With funding received from the Government of Canada's Canadian Safety and Security Program, the Canadian Army Simulation Centre was contracted to develop and facilitate the full-scale exercise which came to be known as the 'C3 Exercise' which stands for "Cooperation, Coordination and Communication".

The 'C3 Exercise' involved subject matter experts from seven municipalities to evaluate the various decision centres' processes and operations: a first in Canada. The full-scale exercise was intended to validate and evaluate multiple functions at multiple sites. The exercise involved having players at multiple locations, utilizing plans, policies, procedures and training in responding to a simulated large-scale emergency. With the exception of physical locations being exercised, all other messages, personnel and equipment movement was simulated.