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## Planning Section

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The Planning Section helps plan the response to the emergency. Planning personnel attempt to forecast the future needs and events of the response effort. This Section includes the following annexes:

- Planning Section Chief:  
Directs the Planning Section.
- Situation Status Unit:  
Gathers information and provides it to the Emergency Operations Center. Makes predictions and works with other Sections to set priorities and plan strategy.
- Resource Status Unit:  
Tracks personnel, equipment and supplies, but does not actually provide these items.
- Damage Assessment Unit:  
Assesses damage and inspects buildings and other structures for damage.
- Demobilization Unit:  
Prepares the Demobilization Plan and assists Sections, Branches, Units, and cooperating agencies to return to normal operating status.
- Documentation Branch:  
Maintains and compiles accurate and complete disaster response files and provides duplication services to the EOC staff.