I. Governance and Authority

- **Authority**

  Formal power to make binding decisions.

- **Responsibility**

  Assigned duty to perform specific actions.

- **Accountability**

  Obligation to answer for outcomes; singular and non-delegable.

- **Delegation**

  Transfer of responsibility within defined bounds; authority remains unless explicitly transferred.

- **Oversight**

  Monitoring for compliance and effectiveness without directing operational action.

- **Governance**

  The system of decision rights, accountability, and control that directs and constrains organizational behavior.

II. Organization and Structure

- **Function**

  A persistent area of capability or responsibility.

- **Role**

  A defined set of duties assigned to a position.

- **Unit**

  A formally organized group executing defined functions.

- **Capability**

  The ability to perform a function at required scale and effectiveness.

- **Integration**

   Deliberate alignment of governance, processes, and operations across functions.

- **Coordination**

   Synchronization of activities between units without shared command authority.

III. Risk and Exposure

- **Threat**

   A potential cause of an unwanted incident.

- **Vulnerability**

   A weakness that may be exploited by a threat.

- **Likelihood**

   The probability that a threat event will occur.

- **Impact**

   The magnitude of harm resulting from an event.

- **Risk**

   The combined expression of likelihood and impact.

- **Exposure**

   The degree to which assets are subject to risk.

- **Hazard**

   A dangerous condition, typically environmental or systemic.

IV. Events and Conditions

- **Event**

   An observable occurrence.

- **Incident**

  An event requiring coordinated response.

- **Breach**

  Confirmed unauthorized access or disclosure.

- **Emergency**

  A condition requiring immediate action to prevent severe harm.

- **Crisis**

  A situation threatening institutional viability, legitimacy, or strategic objectives.

V. Operational Control and Action

- **Detection**

  Identification of a potential adverse event.

- **Assessment**

  Structured determination of scope, severity, and response requirements.

- **Response**

  Coordinated actions to contain or mitigate impact.

- **Containment**

  Actions taken to limit the spread or escalation of harm.

- **Mitigation**

  Actions taken to reduce the severity of impact.

- **Recovery**

  Restoration of services and capabilities to an acceptable state.

- **Remediation**

  Permanent corrective actions to prevent recurrence.

VI. Planning and Decision Support

- **Objective**

  A defined outcome to be achieved within a specified period.

- **Priority**

  Relative importance assigned to objectives or actions.

- **Operational Period**

  A defined time window for execution and reassessment.

- **Decision Threshold**

  A predefined condition that triggers escalation or action.

- **Situation Awareness**

  Accurate understanding of current conditions, dependencies, and trends.

VII. Review and Learning

- **After-Action Review**

  Structured evaluation of performance and outcomes following an event.

- **Lesson Identified**

  An observed insight requiring validation.

- **Lesson Learned**

  A validated insight incorporated into practice.

- **Corrective Action**

  An approved change implemented as a result of review.

- **Continuous Improvement**

  Ongoing refinement of governance, processes, and capabilities.