

Committees of Correspondence, Observation, and Safety

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Overview

Committees of Correspondence, Observation, and Safety were three types of revolutionary committees that emerged in the American colonies to build a network of communication, enforce boycotts, and organize local government and militia.

We could establish Committees of Correspondence, Observation, and Safety for peaceful means as follows:

The *COS Umbrella Organization* - to coordinate and oversee the Committees of Correspondence, Observation, and Safety

The *Committees of Correspondence* - the primary communication network

The *Committees of Observation* - intelligence gathering

The *Committees of Safety* - the executive authority in providing protection

Umbrella Organization of the Committees of Correspondence, Observation, & Safety

How shall we coordinate and oversee the Committees of Correspondence, Observation, and Safety within each community and county/geographic location to help ensure their efficient and effective operation?

Purpose (Why):

To ensure our ability to survive and thrive.

To coordinate and oversee the Committees of Correspondence, Observation, and Safety within each community and county/geographic location to help ensure their efficient and effective operation.

Vision (What):

We survive and thrive.

Efficient and effective operation of the Committees of Correspondence, Observation, and Safety within each community and county/geographic location.

Mission (How):

Select persons for the roles of coordinating and overseeing the Committees of Correspondence, Observation, and Safety within each community and county/geographic location so as to help ensure their efficient and effective operation in:

- coordinating our efforts, i.e. calling and hosting local meetings
- protecting and ensuring the safety of community members
- helping ensure a **fully functioning society**, including the following elements of civilization within the following social structure; “threefold social order”*:
 - Justice in Governance
 - System of governance, i.e. Dynamic Governance; consent-based decision-making and self-governance
 - Jural Assembly Communities
 - Common Law court of record, with Grand Jury and Petit Jury
 - Cooperation/Collaboration/Community in Economics
 - Manage our resources
 - Ensuring a stable food supply, shelter, clothing, health, and transportation
 - Addressing Maslow’s Hierarchy of Needs
<https://www.libertyzone.com/Abraham-Maslow.html>
 - Establish a stable private monetary system and currency
 - Community-created credit, i.e. Common Good
 - The Replik, our private currency and money exchanger, in Rmarketplace.

...all voluntarily as inspired.

- Freedom in Culture

Develop Truth, Beauty, and Goodness; Science, Art, and Religious/Spiritual/Education

 - Develop a highly developed culture, including a wholesome Religious/Spiritual and Education systems, responsible and moral advances in science and technology, highly developed written language, i.e. new paradigm memes, free artistic expression, etc.
- With the following guiding principles:
 - Life-empowering choices

- Do no harm
- Individual responsibility; active consent
- Voluntarily as inspired
- As the family goes, so goes civilization

*Resources:

[Threefold Social Order](https://www.rudolfsteinerweb.com/Threefold_Social_Order.php/Rudolf_Steiner_and_Art.php)

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https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Social_threefolding

Committee of Correspondence

How shall we efficiently and effectively communicate, coordinate, and address life-empowering common causes and solutions to important matters, including emergencies, within and among our communities?

Purpose (Why):

To efficiently and effectively communicate, coordinate, and address life-empowering common causes and solutions to important matters, including emergencies, within and among our communities – to keep abreast of what is occurring, forward a union of interests and common good, and coordinate our efforts in the event of an emergency.

Vision (What):

All communities are coordinated with one another in addressing life-empowering common causes and solutions to important matters, including emergencies.

Mission (How):

- People who desire to take responsibility for creating the new society gather to create and establish the life-empowering common cause.
- Community members are selected as “deputies” to communicate with other “deputies” in various geographies.
- Establish efficient means, including media, of communicating with one another in our homes and communities to:
 - communicate with and check in on one another
 - coordinate efforts
 - consult on measures for the public good
 - keep up with what is required for survival skills and emergency preparedness

- address emergencies
- In the event of the internet and electronics going down:
 - create an Intranet. Install a Radio transmitter and give everyone a receiver. Set up a new way of communicating. Generate radio waves to access the digital databases.
 - Ham Radio

Committee of Observation (Inspection)

How shall we inspect, observe, and report our observations regarding:

- what is life empowering
- our level of safety to live, survive, and thrive
- anything to do with our covenant (i.e., live and ensure do no harm)?

Purpose (Why)

Establish means of inspecting, observing, and reporting:

- what is life empowering
- our level of safety to live, survive, and thrive
- anything to do with our covenant (i.e., live and ensure do no harm)

Vision (What)

We have an established means of inspecting, observing, and reporting:

- what is life empowering
- our level of safety to live, survive, and thrive
- anything to do with our covenant (i.e., live and ensure do no harm)

Mission (How)

The means of inspecting, observing, and reporting:

- what is life empowering
 - by observing our actions and consequences
- our level of safety to live, survive, and thrive
 - by discerning and establishing what is required to live, survive, and thrive
 - and providing routine reminders
- anything to do with our covenant (i.e., live and ensure do no harm)
 - by discerning and establishing what is required to live and prevent or adjudicate harm
- Through sight, hearing, and other senses
- Through our Committees of Correspondence

Resources

[Redress Form](#) - meeting procedures to elicit, identify, and address any issues and needs by members in their nation-state jural assemblies.

[Suggested Template for analyzing performance problems](#)

Committee of Safety

How shall we protect ourselves? How shall we plan for various disasters/tyranny, etc.? What shall be our survival tool kit?

Purpose (Why)

Have a survival tool kit so as to survive and thrive in the event of various disasters.

Vision (What)

Communities have the means, skills, and tools to survive and thrive in any circumstances.

Mission (How)

Establish a survival tool kit so as to survive and thrive in the event of various disasters.

Personal/Family/Community Survival Methods:

- Establish basic survival skills regarding food, shelter, clothing, health, and transportation.
- The basics; 4 3s: We can survive for 3 minutes without oxygen, 3 hours without shelter (in extreme weather), 3 days without water, 3 weeks without food.
 - Clean Air
 - Storage of masks and ventilators
 - Food
 - An abundance of organic seeds
 - Home and community organic gardens
 - Storage of root vegetables, canned and pickled vegetables, and dry foods (e.g. grains and beans)
 - Healthy soil sources
 - Water

- Water access and storage
 - Clean water wells and access to clean running water
 - Water filters
- Shelter
 - Underground cellars and bomb shelters and Geiger Counter
 - Energy sources for heat - wood and matches
- Health
 - Meet basic needs, including food and water, shelter, sanitation
 - Emergency First Aid and Medications
 - Triage knowledge and skills
 - Basic Rescue
 - Protocols and Safety in the event of a Pandemic
- Transportation
 - Emergency transportation
 - Basic and all terrain transportation
- Operational
 - electricity outage
 - internet outage
 - long-term grid outage
 - disruptions in supply chains
 - rolling blackouts
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- Psychology
 - Have a positive survival attitude. Attitude determines altitude.
- Emergency Management, Training, and Education
 - Establish Local Safety Committees responsible for ensuring our preparedness and taking care of those in need
 - Establish survive and thrive camps
 - Triage - Take care of oneself first
 - Crew members trained in basic survival
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- Safety, Protection, and Defense
 - Establish personal and local protection and defense
 - Fortify one's house (and barns)
 - Have a means to protect oneself and one's loved ones (i.e. guns, traps, early warning systems, etc.)
 - Build a prepared community (especially to prevent the looting of stores and supplies).

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- Communication
 - Establish Committees of Correspondence/Communication and Observation (see above)
 - Establish efficient means of communicating with one another in our homes and community
 - to communicate with and check in on one another and coordinate efforts
 - In the event of the internet and electronics going down:
 - create an Intranet. Install a Radio transmitter and give everyone a receiver. Set up a new way of communicating. Generate radio waves to access the digital databases.
 - Ham Radio
 - Teach all community members, including the children, how to survive and thrive.
 - Education on [Maslov's Hierarchy of Needs](#)

Current Resources

Neighborhood Watch Groups

Chaplain

Local Sheriff

Local Coroner; Medical Examiner

Local EMTs (Emergency Management Technicians) - Ambulances, Fire Departments, Helicopters, etc.

Local Police

The National Guard

Red Cross

Boy Scout and Girl Scout

Some Disaster Preparedness and Response links and books:

Links

- [Plan Ahead for Disasters | Ready.gov](https://www.ready.gov/) - <https://www.ready.gov/>
- True Prepper <https://trueprepper.com>
- Yale New Haven Health System Center for Emergency Preparedness and Disaster Response (YNHHS-CEPDR) <https://www.ynhhs.org/emergency> and <https://www.ynhhs.org/emergency/what-we-do>
See the pdf link to the right:
About YNHHS-CEPDR (PDF) on HEALTHCARE EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE
- <https://www.buginguide.com/>

Books

- A novel called *One Second After* (available on Kindle Unlimited as well as in paperback), which describes how a community pulled together after an EMP and the pitfalls/problems they encountered. This book was used on the floor of Congress to explain the consequences of an EMP detonation and/or of a Solar CME. The town (a real one, Black Mountain, NC) has to solve a myriad of problems ranging from where do they bury their dead (lots of people die very quickly with no power) to establishing communications (remember EMPs fry ALL electronics; there are no ham radios unless they are in a Faraday cage) to rationing food stores to defending their town against refugees coming out of nearby cities and organized gangs.
- A novel called *A Civil Defense Book* (also available on Kindle Unlimited and in paperback), which describes how to encourage one's community to prepare for disasters, working with the local officials, building community stores and resilience, and establishing a presence in the town before a disaster hits. It lists a variety of resources and how to become a CERT organization. It describes organizational structures for the Civil Defense group by topic (a good segway into "circles") and lots of other things. It even includes why the Civil Defense group might want to become a 501 3C entity and provides some sample bylaws.

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Summary Background

Committees of Correspondence, Observation, and Safety were three types of revolutionary committees that emerged in the American colonies to build a network of communication, enforce boycotts, and organize local government and militia. The Committees of Correspondence were the primary communication network, while Committees of Observation enforced boycotts of British goods. The more powerful

Committees of Safety acted as the executive authority, governing during the suspension of royal government and organizing local militias.

Committee of Correspondence Notes from wikipedia

“to hold meetings and appoint committees to memorialize the legislature and correspond with each other to forward a union of interests.” “The organization of the committees was at once enormously extended; almost every town, city, or county had one.” “The committees were empowered, by the terms of their appointment, to elect deputies to meet with those of other committees, to consult on measures for the public good.”

Committee of Observation Notes from wikipedia

“Committees of inspection were to be formed in every county, city and town to enforce the Continental Association.” Initially, the focus of the committees was on enforcing the Non-importation Agreements, which aimed to hinder the import of British manufactured goods. However, as the revolutionary crisis continued, the committees rapidly took on greater powers, filling the vacuum left by the colonial governments; the committees began to collect taxes and recruit soldiers. Kathleen Burk writes: "It is significant that the Committees believed that they derived their authority from the Continental Congress, not from the provincial assemblies or congresses."

Committee of Safety Notes from wikipedia

Committees of safety were executive bodies that governed during adjournments of, were created by, and derived their authority from, provincial assemblies or congresses. The Committees of safety were emergency panels of leading citizens, who passed laws, handed down regulations, enacted statutes, and did other fundamental business prior to the Declaration of Independence in July 1776 and the passage of individual state constitutions. As they assumed power to govern, however, they generally chose to observe rough legal procedures, warning and shaming enemies rather than killing them. Two examples of the rough legal proceedings were forced public confessions and apologies for slander or more violently, roughing up an individual for voting against giving the poorer Bostonians supplies. Many of the men that had served on their individual states' Committees of safety were later delegates for the Continental Congress.