

## OVERVIEW OF MAJOR INCIDENT PROCESS FOR DCSS

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# OBJECTIVES

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What is a Major Incident?

Summary of the goals and steps in the Major Incident process.

Identifying an incident as a potential major incident.

Responsibilities and roles for the Major Incident Process/Communication Paths.

Tabletop exercises and continuous improvement.



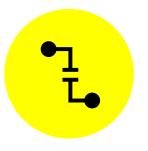
### What is a Major Incident?



**CORE SERVICE** 



**MAJOR INCIDENT** 



**INCIDENT** 



CRITICAL SERVICE



**PROBLEM** 



#### MAJOR INCIDENT PROCESS

### Goals of the process

- Restore normal service operation
- Engage persons and teams for fast resolution
- Keep stakeholders situationally informed
- Support continued improvement through after-action reviews

### Main steps of the process

- 1. Identification
- 2. Mitigation and communication
- 3. Resolution
- 4. After Action Review (AAR)



## Identification Triggers for Major Incident Proposal

- Core or critical Service
- Impact and urgency is high priority or critical
- Cause of many incidents or potential cause to many incidents
- Indicators of an outage or degradation
- Time critical business processes are disrupted

| Prioritization Matrix |                            | Urgency  |      |        |     |
|-----------------------|----------------------------|----------|------|--------|-----|
|                       |                            | Critical | High | Normal | Low |
| Impact                | University                 | P1       | P1   | P2     | P4  |
|                       | Multiple users/building(s) | P1       | P2   | P2     | P4  |
|                       | Single User                | P2       | P2   | P3     | P4  |



Roles and Responsibilities

All Roles
4Help
Frontline IT support

Identify a major incident Identify Propose a major incident Propose Associate an incident with a major Associate incident Stay aware of the status of the major **Awareness** incident



Roles and Responsibilities

Service Owner
Technical Lead
Assignment/Support
Group

| Notifications          | Sign up for SMS notifications for Major<br>Incidents                                  |
|------------------------|---|
| Coordinate             | Service Owner gives input to communications and coordinates efforts of technical lead |
| Troubleshoot           | Technical lead directs troubleshooting of the team                                    |
| Communicate            | Interact in the war room and update changes in the major incident channel             |
| After-action<br>Review | Participate in and update the after-action review                                     |



Roles and Responsibilities

Major Incident Manager

| Notification | Sign up for SMS notification for Major Incidents               |  |
|--------------|--|--|
| Coordinate   | Major Incident Manager Checklist and manage the Major Incident |  |
| Promote      | Monitor major incident candidate. Investigate, and promote     |  |
| Communicate  | Set up war room and major incident channel                     |  |
| Resolve      | Resolve the Major Incident                                     |  |



COMMUNICATION

# templates

Provides standard information

Populates info from the MI record

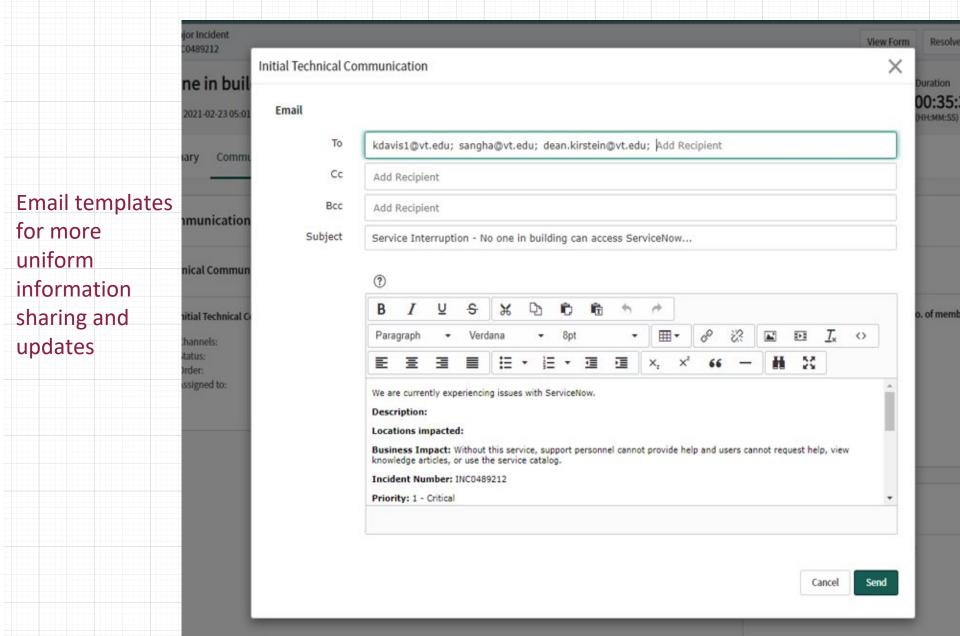
Notification emails from ServiceNow using

Allows for edits

MI Manager responsible

Backup communication

### COMMUNICATION



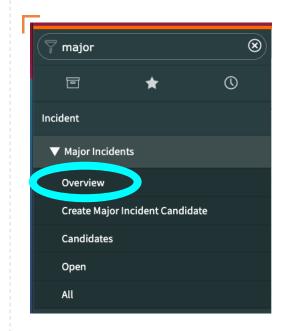


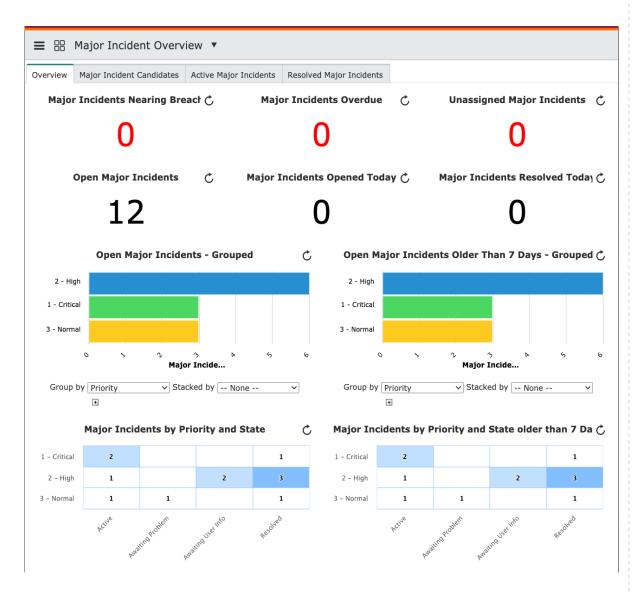
Communication will be handled by the MI manager from the Major Incident using Workbench.

| Communicat                                     | ion Tasks                                  | All ~ Add              |   |                        |  |  |  |  |
|--|--|------------------------|---|------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| Technical Comm                                 | nunications 0 / 3 Tasks completed          | Add Task :             | Internal Stakeholder Communications 0 / 3 Tasks completed               | Add Task :             |  |  |  |  |
| → Initial Technic<br>Channels:                 | al Communication  E-mail                   | Due in 00:11:54 Send : |   | Due in 00:11:45 Send : |  |  |  |  |
| Status:<br>Order:<br>Assigned to:              | Not sent<br>100<br>David Duckett           |                        | Status: Not sent Order: 100 Assigned to: David Duckett                  |                        |  |  |  |  |
| ○ Technical Status Update Send                 |  | Send :                 | Stakeholder Status Update   | Send :                 |  |  |  |  |
| Channels:<br>Status:<br>Order:<br>Assigned to: | E-mail<br>Not sent<br>200<br>David Duckett |                        | Channels: E-mail Status: Not sent Order: 200 Assigned to: David Duckett |                        |  |  |  |  |
| ○ Technical Resolution Communication Send      |  | Send :                 | Stakeholder Resolution Communication                                    | Send :                 |  |  |  |  |
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#### MAJOR INCIDENT OVERVIEW







### Continuous Improvement:

**Tabletop Exercises**