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To ensure continuity of communications in an emergency, a peacetime planning nucleus of a wartime agency to control and administer national telecommunications systems has been established within the Department of Transport. It is known as the Emergency National Telecommunications Organization (ENTO) and under its authority the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation has developed plans for emergency broadcasting which can be instituted at any time of the day or night to broadcast to all areas of Canada. The plan provides for the maintenance of broadcast services under emergency conditions.

To ensure the close co-ordination of federal and provincial activities, a Federal-Provincial Conference on Civil Emergency Planning was held in November 1961. All provinces were represented and five federal Cabinet Ministers attended. This represented a continuation of conferences that have been held in previous years. Matters reviewed and discussed included the Financial Assistance Program, public information, training and exercises, shelter policy, radiological defence, and the decentralization of government in an emergency.