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  - Check Emergency Action Plan
  - Locate first aid equipment, check contents
  - Is the pool chemical balance and temperature OK?
  - Locate emergency call phone and numbers
  - Locate: backboard, blood spill equipment and AED
  - Ambulance - on campus or external? Directions to the pool available?
  - Note dangerous areas including loose cords or electric wires - resolve
  - Forms – Are Report of Occurrence forms available?

- 911 and Lightning Protocols
  - Learn - Convey to coaches, officials
  - Who monitors lightning? Are there “Safe” areas?

- Marshals
  - How many? Is coverage adequate? Distinctively dressed?
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  - Is diving board blocked off, and not hazardous?
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  - Are ladders safe?
  - Is training equipment out of the way?
  - Are there any open pole or starting block holes?
  - Touch Pad and Anchors: sharp edges, projections
  - Consider accommodations for swimmers with disabilities
  - Is there sufficient gathering area behind the blocks?
  - Are Spectators separated from Meet Operation areas?
  - Can Officials operate safely and without interference?
  - Shade, Hydration and Chairs for Officials and Timers.
  - Warmup Pool – don’t forget all of above that’s applicable.

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