

Risk Assessment Scenario

Scenario 1: In the morning staff meeting, the chief Meteorologist mentioned about the possibility of a catastrophic hurricane impacting the Southeastern United States late next week, 12 Days from now. *“Conditions look prime for this storm to develop into a monster over the next few days.”*

Multiple sources including the National Weather Service are preliminary forecasting that the storm is expected to be a CAT 5 on landfall and maintain the strength of a CAT 5 up to 200 miles inland where it then is expected to break apart into a tropical storm. Major flooding, storm surge, power outages and major structural damage is expected.

Your station wants to send three crews to multiple locations up and down the east coast.

Scenario 2: It is Wednesday, your station just received email notification that in a few days, during the 89th annual “Old Town Festival” former resident of your state, Jim “Shotgun” Smith, a profanely vocal and outrageous state politician is intending to announce his candidacy for President of the United States of America just before the closing fireworks on Saturday evening.

Jim Smith is a bit of a hot-head and has been very confrontational against his opponents and the media. A few weeks’ ago, video surfaced of what is believing to be Jim Smith from when he was in college using racial slurs and hate speech to describe a fellow student.

Jim Smith is also well known for punching a reporter in the state capital hallway following budget hearings. In several social media advisories, multiple civic and social organizations vow to protest this announcement event and supporters of Jim Smith claim they will be on location to provide security for him against the groups who will be there to protest.

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Scenario 3: Its 6:30 on a Friday evening in the summer and a police involved shooting just occurred in your area. This incident is an hour drive from your station.

A stringer called into the desk and stated that *“it’s getting tense out here, I got video of the shooting aftermath, the guy was full of bullet holes, it looks like he might have been shot int the back, it’s hard to tell, if you look it’s on snapchat. Someone just smashed the window of a cop car!”*

The victim was transported to a trauma center by medical helicopter. The hospital is a 45 min drive in the opposite direction from the incident location.

There is already a crowd gathering at the police department headquarters, the shooting scene and outside the hospital. Rumors are circulating that the person killed was a well-known former high school sports athlete in the community.

Scenario 4: A huge storm just swept through your community. Initial reports are suggesting 3 separate tornadoes spanning a very large area, one tornado making direct impact on a nursing home, shopping center and a residential community.

Scanner reports are suggesting major structural collapse and many destroyed businesses. Cellular communications are spotty at best and it is believed that something damaged your stations transmitter tower.

A station meteorologist just sent a companywide email saying there are more storms capable of producing similar severe weather due to hit the area in the next two hours and then again in 12 hours.

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