# EMERGENCY & SECURITY PREVENTION PREPAREDNESS





## One of the tests of leadership is the ability to recognize a problem before it becomes an <a href="mailto:emergency." - Arnold H. Glasow</a>

- Many organizations today have poor BCP and Emergency Response Programs
- Resilient organizations not only have well maintained programs but good performance measurement of their programs



## Why Have Them?? Nothing is going to happen...

Emergency and security management programs are vital for the protection of the public, your employees, the environment, industry growth and shareholder confidence.

### Effectiveness vs Prevention

What are the main elements of measurement for the effectiveness of an emergency or security program?

- Regular management review
- Exercising the plans and documentation of results
- Documentation of plan activation results
- Thorough incident review process

### Regular Management Review

### **Operational benefit**

Regulatory compliance

Current and up to date information



#### **Prevention benefit**

- Organizational confidence during an incident
- Lowers risk of notification complications and procedural errors

### Regular Management Review

### **Operational benefits**

Senior leadership awareness and support of programs



#### **Prevention benefits**

Senior ownership of programs drives increased focus to details and prevents duplication of resources

### Crisis Leadership During Non-Disaster Periods

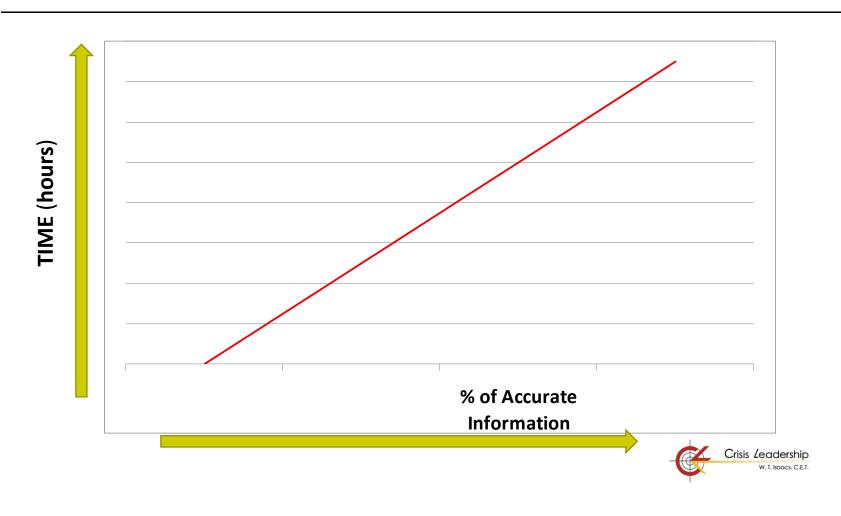
- Keeps emergency mgmt. on the agenda
- An advocate for risk reduction programs
- Understand the legislative policy process which can build coalitions
- Communicate effectively about risk
- Take advantage of windows of opportunity

### Leading Under Uncertainty

- Look for quick wins
- Leaders accept failure not assign blame
- Focus on what you can control
- Have the ability to listen to bad news;
   don't shoot the messenger
- Expect misinformation put out by others;
   and deal with it

Leaders make tough decisions, that's why they are there, if it isn't tough they shouldn't be making it. General Rick Hillier

### Golden Hour Decision Making



## Exercising the Plans and Documentation of Results

### **Operational benefits**

- Increasedemployeeawareness of the plans
- Practices critical thinking

### **Prevention benefits**

- Lowers risk of poor detection or response to an incident
- Prevents crisis
   leaders from poor
   or untimely
   decision making

### Why Are We Having Another Exercise?

Nothing is going to Happen.....

Not on my watch anyway.....





## Exercising the plans and documentation of results

#### **Operational benefits**

Finding any gaps in processes and procedures



#### **Prevention benefits**

□ Finding areas of improvement before an incident prevents damage control after one

## Exercising the Plans and Documentation of Results

### **Operational benefits**

#### **Prevention benefits**

Prevents
duplication of
efforts and key
findings being
missed

## Documentation of Plan Activation Results

### **Operational benefits**

- Regulatory compliance
- Supports critical function areas prioritization & decision making

#### **Prevention benefits**

- Prevents regulatory agency orders
- Reduces the risk of issues not being acted on or in a timely fashion

## Documentation of Plan Activation Results

### **Operational benefits**

- Efficientmanagement of resources
- Accuratedocumentation of actins taken

#### **Prevention benefits**

- Preventsduplication &untimelyresponse
- Reduces impact
   of inaccurate
   accusations after
   the fact

## Documentation of Plan Activation Results

### **Operational benefits**

 Ensures incident closure has been safely and effectively performed

#### **Prevention benefits**

 Closes the loop on all areas of activation to prevent safety and reputational issues

### Crisis Leader Checklist

- Guiding Principles
- Strategic Mapping
- Stakeholders
- Implementation
- Recovery Strategies

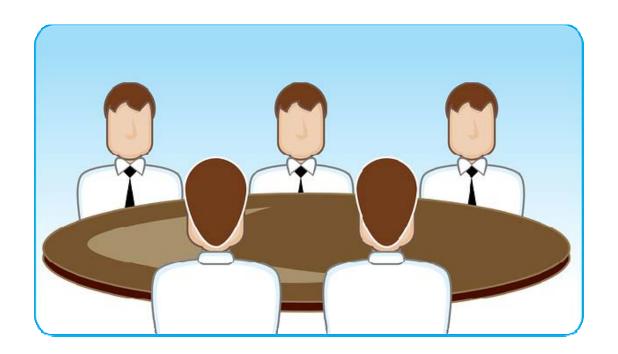


### Recovery Strategies

- Speedy, timely and ethically based response
- Listening / gathering information
- Clear overarching vision of a "caring solution"
- Outward communication that demonstrates caring
- Honesty and transparency
- Available, visible and addressing the needs and concerns of all impacted stakeholders
- Taking responsibility to resolve the crisis
- Making a sacrifice
- Unselfishness
- Emotional calm

### Incident Review Process

### Why do an incident review???



Success is built on a mountain of failure

## Thorough Incident Review Process

### **Operational benefits**

- Thorough review of company performance during the incident
- Not about finding fault but identifying gaps in processes

#### **Prevention benefits**

- Identifies areas of improvement to reduce reoccurring issues
- Forces open and honest discussion and prevents distrust

## Thorough Incident Review Process

### **Operational benefits**

Identifies root
 cause of the
 incident or
 systemic issues

#### **Prevention benefits**

Clear
 understanding of areas of improvement to prevent reoccurrence

## Thorough Incident Review Process

### **Operational benefits**

Protecting the organization

### **Prevention benefits**

Protect the information and organization reputation

## Incident Review Process Guidelines

- Include key players
- Perform as soon as possible after the event
- Perform in an operational setting, stay focused
- Use a disciplined approach i.e. develop timelines of the incident, the gold is in the details
- Capture learnings, knowledge and attitudes
- Prepare report soon after c/w follow up ownership

## Preparedness Will Assist In Prevention

### Because "Stuff" Happens

