Crisis Management, a Real-World Look Part 2 Marching Band Competition Scenario

The purpose of this scenario is to engage participants in the concepts of site assessment and emergency operations planning for larger-scale performing arts events. The information provided below is not intended to be a comprehensive description of the event, but acts as a primer for our conversation next week. Additionally, if your area of interest is not associated with marching band competitions, the participant, attendee, and location characteristics are relevant to a variety of performing arts activities

In this scenario, you are the local event coordinator for a marching band competition that will involve 20 marching bands from around the state. This competition with be conducted over the course of two days, starting on Saturday and ending on Sunday.

Each marching band will consist on average of 180 participants, including 160 band members and 20 crew members. Additionally, there will be an average of 150-200 spectators per school.

Each marching band will be transported to the competition with an average of five busses and two large equipment trailers per band. Additionally, you will be anticipating at least 2000 spectator vehicles over the course of the two days.

With the above information and the maps provided below, each participant should contemplate the topics in the right-hand column from an emergency management standpoint.

Our intent is to build upon your existing event coordination skills and develop emergency operations planning and site assessment capabilities. In order to enhance our interactive discussion next week, each participant should be prepared to share the information they generate from the topics in the right-hand column.

Form a Collaborative Planning Team

Create a list identifying the members of your emergency operations planning team.

Understand the Situation

Create and prioritize a list of potential threats and hazards for this event.

Determine Goals and Objectives

Create a list of desired outcomes that specifically address the identified threats and hazards. Create a list of actions that are necessary to accomplish the goals.

Plan Development

Create a list of stakeholders that are necessary to achieve the desired outcomes and potential courses of action for each.















