

So Now You Have an Emergency Plan. What Next?

A Pessimist's Guide to getting
ready and staying that way

Attitude Adjustment

- This is important.
 - Given the right combination of circumstances, nothing you have done or will ever do for your organization will be more important.

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 - It's inevitable. You are doomed. Deal with it.

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 - You are simply not as important as you think you are.

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- It will be your fault.
 - You have volunteered to be the organizations scapegoat.

Integration

- Make emergency preparation a formal part of someone's job.
- Communicate the plan to staff in multiple ways and repeat frequently.
- Establish safety committee.
- Drills. While it's not the real thing, going through the motions matter.
- Plan for and conduct periodic review and update of your plan.
- Get to know community law enforcement and emergency services providers.

The Stuff

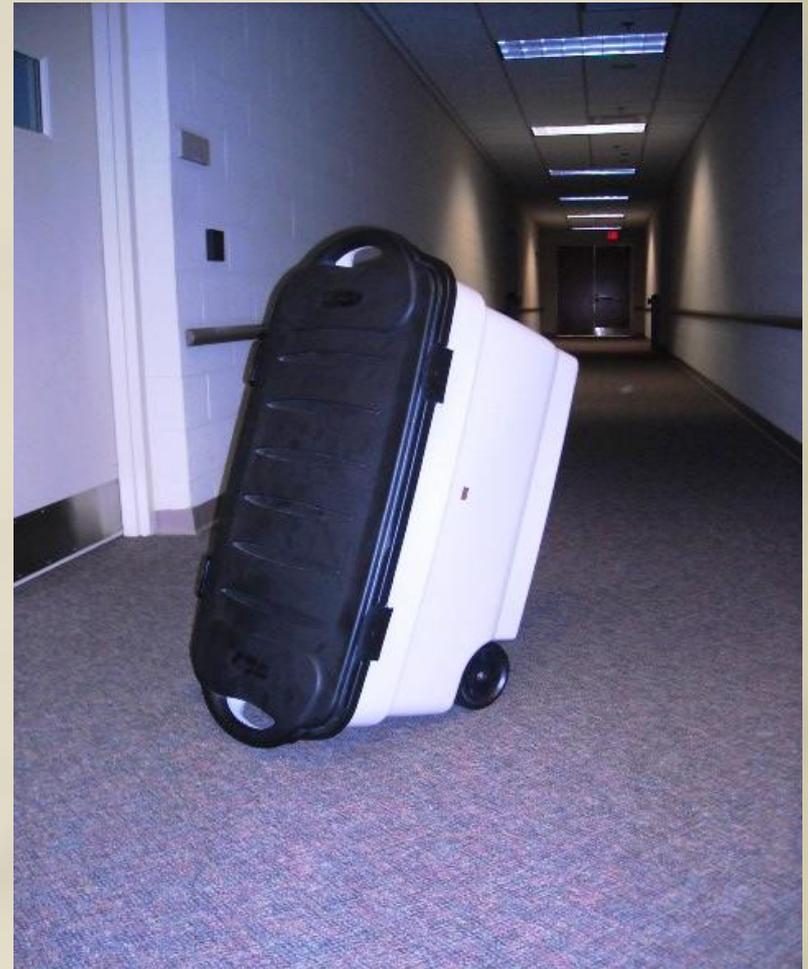
- What are the most likely threats and what supplies, equipment, and tools do you need to mitigate the damage/loss?
- What type of needed materials may be difficult to find after a community wide emergency?
- How much emergency materials should you stockpile?
- How will you insure those materials are kept secure until needed and at the same time remain easily accessible.



Basic Kit

Wheeled tote

- First aid kit
- Towels
- Plastic sheet
- tools
- Copy of plan





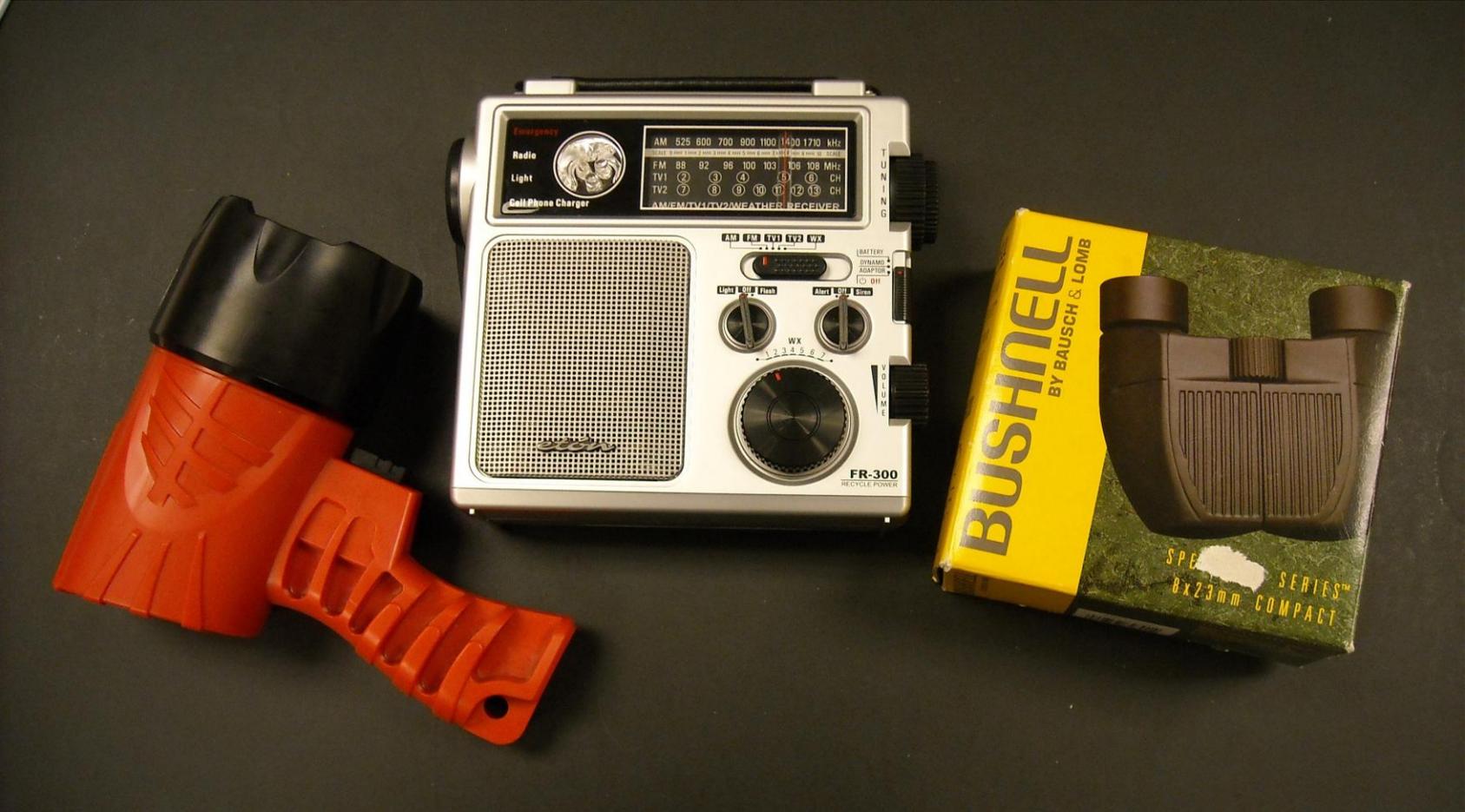






Communications

- Emergency contact lists
- Weather radio or other weather monitoring
- Megaphone/bullhorn
- 2-way radios.
- Calling trees/One Call Now
- Air card
- Cameras







Batteries

- Use batteries that have a “best if used by” date. Be skeptical.
- Replace if “use by date” comes before your next inventory.
- Get a battery tester.
- Do not store batteries in devices.
- Avoid rechargeable devices/batteries unless they are frequently used and recharged.
- Dynamos – very smart, but way less efficient during an emergency.

Other Useful Equipment

- Humidifiers
- Dehumidifiers
- Portable air conditioners and heaters
- Large fans and dryers
- Freezers
- Plastic boxes
- Work lights
- Emergency generator
 - Electrical safety/GFI's



Staying Prepared

- Periodic checks of emergency equipment and cabinet inventories
Safety committee/evacuation team
- Updates due to staff changes and office moves
- Staff training (fire safety/extinguishers, evacuation, missing kids, etc...)
- Incident reports
- Check seals



Pulling The Trigger

- Who will monitor conditions?
- Access - The balance between security and emergency response
- Who initiates an emergency response?
- Who's in charge during an emergency?
- Who determines when the emergency is over?
- After incident evaluation.