# Welcome to the Crisis Communications BOOT CAMP!!!

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Our Broad Categories:

Stakeholders Channels Tactics Physical Resources Human Resources, Internal Human Resources, External

### Stakeholders

- Victims
- Family/friends
- Clients in group
- Clients in other groups
- Future clients
- Past clients
- Staff at scene
- Staff NOT at scene
- Staff at other programs
- First Response (police, fire, SAR,EMS, etc.)

- Regulatory agencies
- Licensing agencies
- Competitors
- Vendors
- Government
- Academia
- Special Interest Groups
- News Media
- The Public



#### **Communications** Channels

- Telephone calls, individual V
- Telephone calls, conference Snail Mail
- News Media, broadcast
- News media, print/online
- Social Media
- E-mail, individual
- Email, distribution lists
- Text messages
- Meetings, face-to-face
- Meetings, online



- Website
- Snail MailPaid placement

#### Tactics

- Buy-time statements
- Press Releases/Backgrounders
- Press Lists or distribution services (e.g., PR Newswire)
- Email Distribution lists
- Press Conferences
- Phone calls
- Voicemail systems
- Fax Machines/Fax broadcasting
- Snail mail
- Website, particularly if enabled to easily manage text, stills, video and audio



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## Physical Resources

- Computer networks
- Phone systems
- Vehicles
- Meeting places
- Fax machines
- Copy machines
- Office space/Command Center
- Tracking mechanisms (logsheets etc.)
- The "Go Box"



### Human Resources - Internal

- Incident Commander
- PIO
- Spokesperson
- Press Conference Setup
   personnel
- Press Triage
- Story trackers, News Media
- Story trackers, Social Media
- Internal communications (staff)
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- Client Relations (onsite)
- Client Relations (offsite)
- Venders/other Stakeholder
  - Finance/Control
- Site Security
- Survivor/Family support
- Switchboard
- Administrative Support
- Archivist

#### Human Resources - External

- Legal Counsel
- Insurance Company
- Outside PR Counsel
- Law Enforcement
- SAR
- Fire/EMS
- Trade Associations (e.g. ACCT)
- Suppliers/Vendors
- Concessionaires and contract operators

- Engineering/Architectural
- Other units under your brand
- Competitors
- Local government
- Chambers of commerce
  - State/Federal agencies –
    e.g., US Forest Service,
    Maine Warden's Service,
    Fish and Wildlife, etc.



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# Channels – Identify the ones you have to work with. Optimize them, to the best of your ability.

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Moving forward:

# Tactics – in addition to optimizing systems, try to create flexible templates for statements and releases



Moving forward:

# Physical Resources – identify them, know where they are, and know how to access them 24/7.

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# Human Resources, Internal: Match the roles with the best people to fill them

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# Human Resources, External: Establish relationships with your external resources before anything happens.



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## The Goal of the Emergency Communications Plan

- Identify the HUMAN resources you need, and how to reach them
- Identify the PHYSICAL resources you need, and how to access them
- Identify the OUTSIDE resources you need, and how to mobilize them
- Identify the MECHANISMS you need, and how to activate them
- Put as many functions as possible on autopilot, so that you can focus on decisions that MUST be made specific to THAT EVENT.

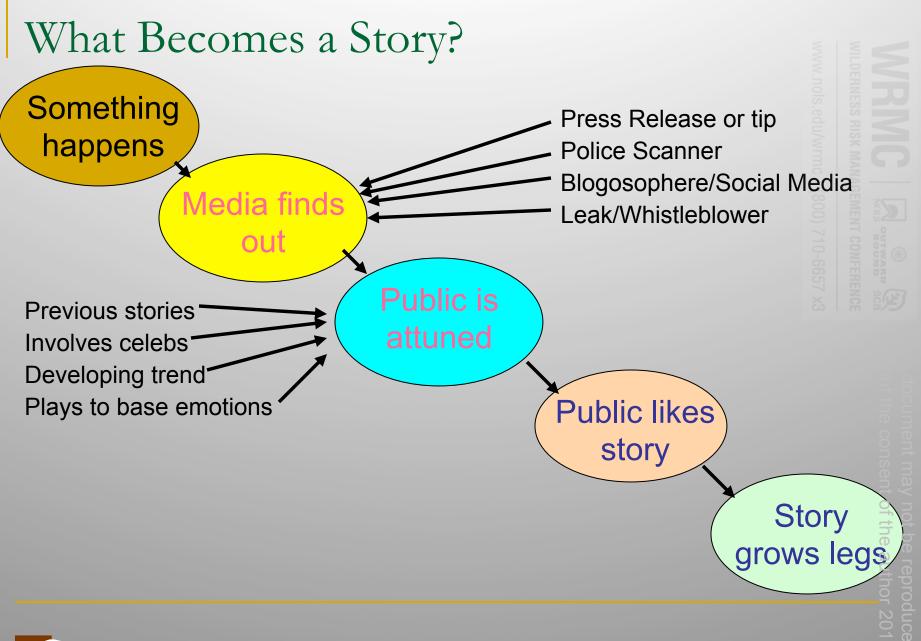


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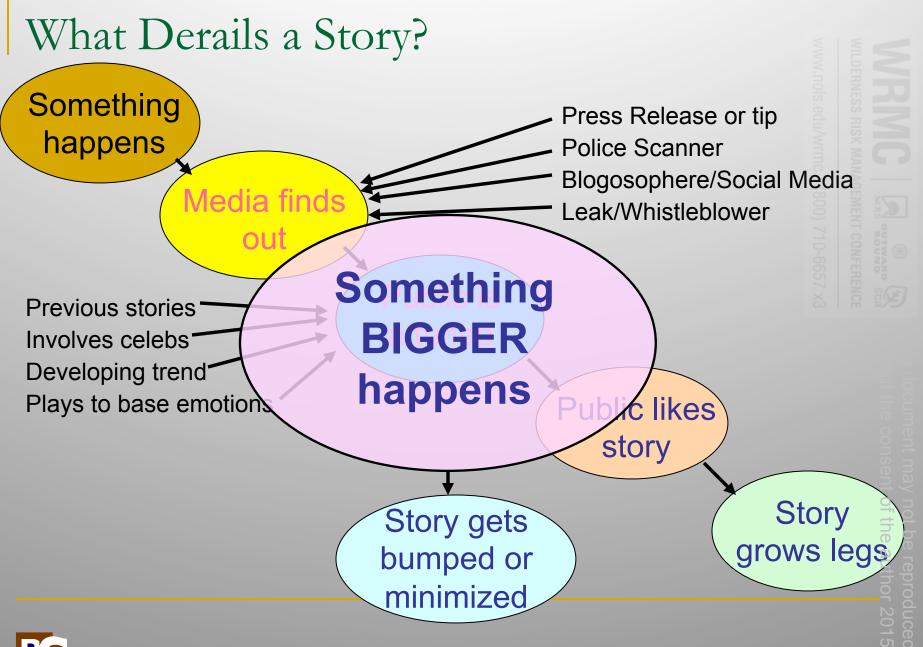


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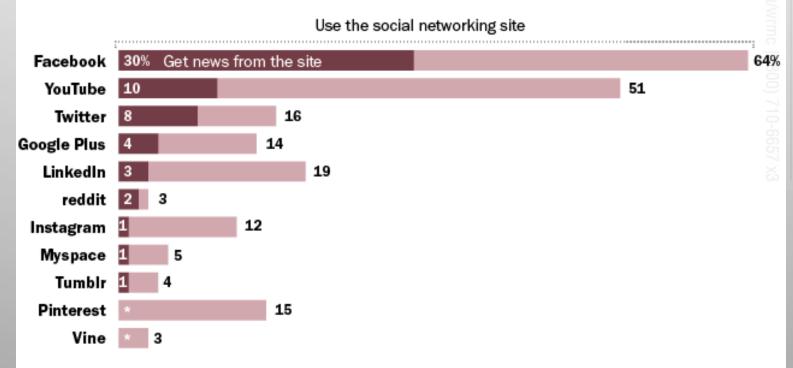
# Tricks Reporters Use to Get the Goods

# Off the Record

- Going silent after you answer
- Asking the same question in a different way
- Asking vague or wide open questions
- Repeating what you say (almost) or getting you to repeat what they say
- Establishing false rapport
- Asking for expansion or broad description

#### Let's talk about social media

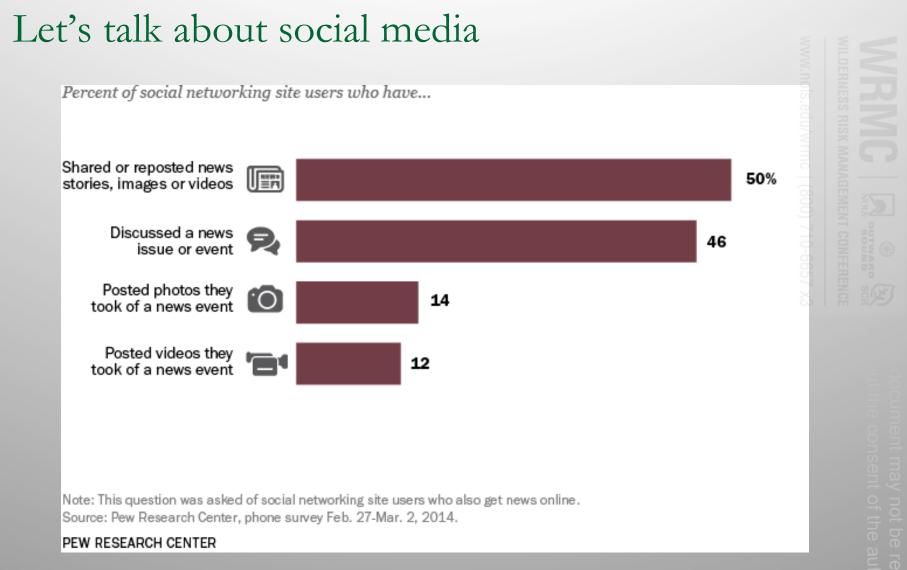
Percent of U.S. adults who **use** each social networking site and percent of U.S. adults who get **news** from each social networking site



Note: The percent of U.S. adults who get news on Pinterest and Vine each account to less than one percent. Facebook News Survey, Aug. 21-Sept. 2, 2013 (N=5,173)

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Let's talk about social media

# News outlets and individual reporters are increasingly using Twitter to break news.

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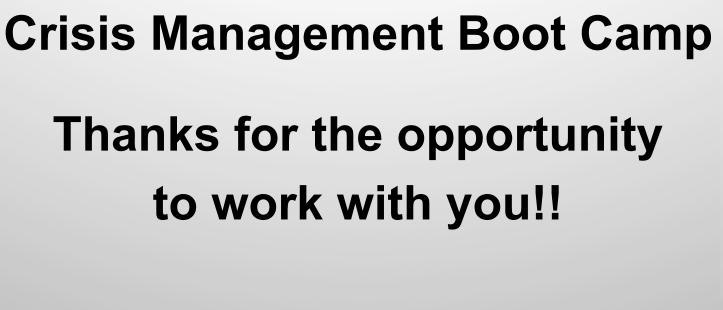


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Use social to your own advantage – even if the story is bad.

- Monitor by using hashtags
- Social media is now where news goes to break, and reputations go to die
- Build your community before anything happens
- Tend the garden, even in the middle of a blizzard
- Talk in the language of the network
- Avoid ALL comment on Twitter. Simply use simple descriptions and links





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