Training Scenarios

1. On Monday after school let out, a drunk driver failed to stop at a light and crashed into a school bus with 15 students on board. The driver and three students are killed instantly. A brother and sister are seriously injured. The emergency medical squad is called to the scene. The father of the brother and the emergency medical squad is called out. The father of the sister and brother is on the emergency team enroute to the scene. A mother of one of the children who was killed was driving by the accident site. The crisis intervention mental health team is called out to the school.

2. The Ohio river has hit flood stage and several counties have been affected. People have been asked to evacuate their homes. The river is causing homes to be disengaged from their foundation and several cars have been swept into the river. The mental health team has been assigned to the high school gymnasium e river. The mental health team has been assigned to the high school gym and is being met by the Red Cross.

3. A well-respected and loved teacher was gunned down while making a deposit at his bank during a robbery. The students were not immediately informed. One child’s mother works at the bank that is being robbed. The gunman took her as a hostage. The mental health team was mobilized to the high school gymnasium.

4. There is an earthquake and the local hospital is trying to get patients to a safe area. There is smoke in the corridor, causing concern that a fire has broke out. Rooms to room checks are in progress. The hospital is being evacuated by emergency medical teams and hospital staff. The mental health team has been mobilized to the local YMCA.

5. There is a train collision of two trains. One is carrying lethal contents. There is concern of a rupture of the tank. There is an evacuation of the neighborhood that is being enforced by the local police and fire department. House to house and emergency broadcasts are being sent out. The evacuation is for a five mile radius. The YMCA and high school gym is being used for emergency shelter. Other homeless shelters in the area are taking in families affected by the evacuation. The mental health team have been mobilized to the professional football stadium where most of the evacuees have also been assigned.

6. An autistic child drowns in a retention pond. The child is well known in the subdivision, as everyone has come together to watch and care for the child. The community has called for a CISM team intervention at the local community center.

7. A homeless shelter / domestic abuse shelter / any shelter catches fire during the night and residents cannot escape. Many lives are lost. The cause seems to be from a resident falling asleep while smoking in bed. The smoke detectors were not well maintained. The operators of the shelter have called for a critical incident stress management team to respond to the local YMCA for families of the deceased and workers.
8. A large church has just let out from services and a car bomb explodes in the parking lot, six children are killed, along with 4 adults. The church has been going through some unrest among parishioners dealing with the discharge of the youth pastor. The church has called for a critical incident stress management team to respond.

9. A gasoline tanker and a school bus collide. There is a fire and the fire department can only save a few. They could have saved more but they had a problem with traffic. The street was congested and people did not pay any attention to the siren and warning lights. EMT’s had a problem receiving their call since their transmitter was down and they had to be called in on a landline.

10. A new parent was at the doctor’s office for a routine visit. The infant suddenly died (SIDS) in the office. Resuscitation efforts were not successful. The doctor has called for a critical incident stress intervention for his office staff and himself.

11. The newly elected county officials are being sworn in at the courthouse in an elaborate ceremony as it has been a hotly contested race. A member of the audience jumps up, grabs one of the law enforcement officer’s gun and shoots 2 of the newly elected officials before he himself is shot. The county commissioners call for a critical incident stress management team to come to the courthouse for an intervention.