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CHALLENGE

In 2011, nearly 12,000 people attended a country music concert at the Indiana State Fair. High winds from an approaching thunderstorm caused the collapse of a temporary lighting and audio structure above the main stage. Seven people died and more than 40 required urgent medical attention.

People often panic in a crisis, and panic can then become the crisis.

We train you to be prepared for a potential terrorist attack or sudden emergency. We help you increase resilience with a plan encompassing emergency management, continuity of operations and security operations.

SOLUTION

A few days later, the Governor of Indiana asked us to perform an independent assessment of the Fair's preparedness, including code compliance, emergency plans, training and exercises. It was our goal to ensure the Fair would be prepared for any type of emergency going into the future. We also performed an after-action review, assessing leadership's actions in the lead-up to the collapse, and in the immediate aftermath.

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RESILIENCE DELIVERED

Our report led to substantial improvements in the Fairs' preparedness and response posture. It also helped improve inter-agency coordination and communication at the state and local level. Finally, it led to important changes in international building codes and the ways in which venue managers (including the NFL) handle severe weather events.



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