

Severe Weather Events

Solution Sheet

Severe weather events range from an inconvenience to life-threatening scenarios. The severity, location, magnitude and window of response time are unique to each event. The ability to efficiently and effectively communicate key information and instructions to your staff is critical.

To minimize risk and ultimately return the organization to a normal operating state requires crisis management to be adaptable and ready to work in a predefined or ad hoc fashion. DAKS is the answer! DAKS will:

- Activate emergency conferences among crisis response personnel to coordinate activities and determine the messaging for alerts
- Automatically dial out to office, home and/or mobile phones with alert notifications and instructions
- ♦ Send text, desktop, pager or email alerts
- Track recipient acknowledgements and automatically escalate based on the number of responses
- ♦ Complement outbound notifications with dial-in service for delivering up-to-date information to callers



Coney Island Hospital (of the New York City Health and Hospitals Corporation) used the DAKS system to prepare for Hurricane Irene. When the Hospital Incident Command System (HICS) was activated, DAKS

sent an alert to all Team Members for a strategy session concerning the probable evacuation of the hospital. When the evacuation became necessary, the DAKS HICS All Call was initiated to get the evacuation team assembled and in motion. Once the imminent danger was past, the DAKS was again triggered to assemble the team facilitating the return of patients to Coney Island Hospital. According to Wayman Caliman, Director of Telecommunications, "The DAKS allowed us to gather all of the people needed to make sure that our patients were moved to safety in an orderly manner. It provided instant notification of all required personnel."



A SOLUTION FOR ALL ENVIRONMENTS

DAKS allows you to tailor a solution that aligns with your environment and business requirements. Do you only have a few dozen employees to notify in a single city or do you have thousands employees across

many regions? DAKS scales from 4 channels to 480 channels to support timely notifications for a single site or complex communications strategies for multiple regions.

DAKS also offers flexibility with a variety of interfaces – SIP, SIP-Q, NI2, QSIG and CorNet-NQ for switch connectivity. In other words, DAKS works seamlessly with your

preferred platform – Cisco, Unify, Avaya and more. With DAKS, you can deploy a small, targeted solution today and then expand the scale and functionality beyond severe weather response as your business requires.