

Group 1: Air Crash Scenario

On today's date, at 2 pm, a National Airlines passenger jet with 224 passengers and a crew of 12 was flying from Pittsburgh to its hub in Dallas, Texas. A small jet carrying six people and a crew of three was flying from Houston, TX, to Chicago, IL. The jets collided over Memphis, Tennessee.

The small jet crashed immediately, and debris fell into the Interstate 40 Pilot Travel Center in West Memphis, Arkansas. There are no reported survivors from the small jet, but there are numerous injuries on the ground as well as structure fires.

The passenger jet sustained significant damage and declared an in-flight emergency. The collision caused one engine of the big jet to fall off and land in a field at the Memphis Botanical Gardens. A small brush fire erupted. The large jet crashed while attempting to land at Frederick W. Smith International Airport in Memphis.

The debris field from the big jet extended west and north of the airport. There are no survivors from the big jet, but numerous people are injured on the ground, and there are structure fires.

GROUP MISSION:

Prepare and deliver a news conference regarding the jurisdiction's response to the event.

Your news conference should start 4 hours after the plane crash.

The expectation is that there will be a lead PIO, city/county officials, and subject matter experts, as required

The news conferences will be organized as a multi-party briefing with time for questions by reporters. The news conference will be limited to 10 minutes, with a 5-minute question-and-answer period after the news conference concludes.