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HEALTH & SAFETY ISSUES IN THE NEWS INDUSTRY

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Television Anchor/Reporter

Overview of TV News Obligations

- Connect with Community
- Discuss Controversial Topics on a Public Platform
- Neighbor Oneself to Active, Unpredictable Crime Scenes
- Communicate with Known Criminals & Families of Violence Victimization

Expansion of “Multimedia Journalist” Positions

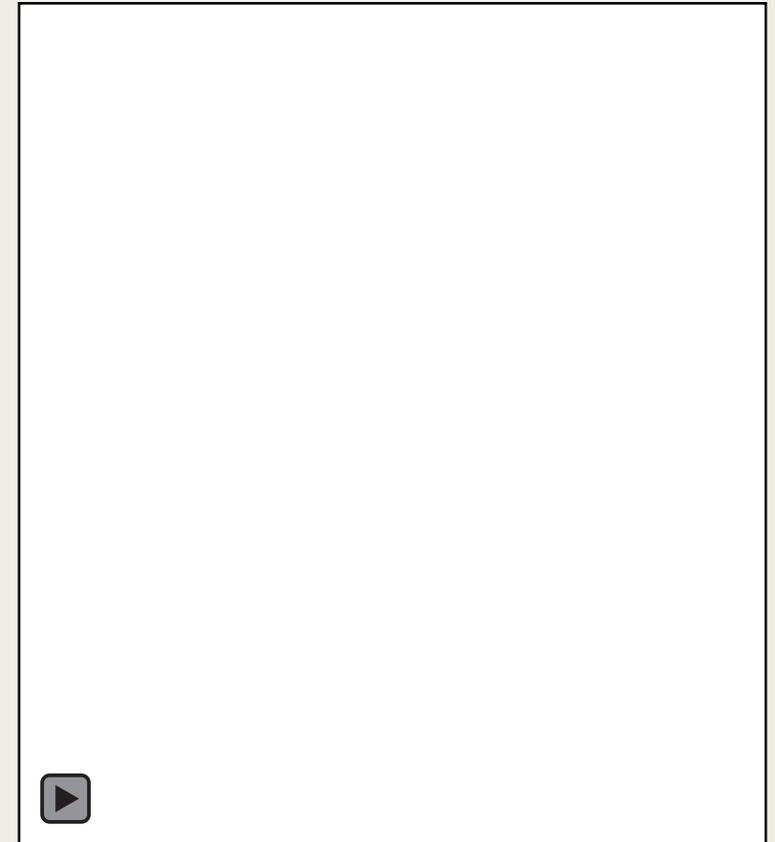
- Multimedia Journalists, or “MMJs” are Also Known as “One Man Bands.”
- Regularly Shoot, Edit and Write Stories in the Field Alone
- Carry Camera Equipment/Technology Worth \$10-\$40,000
- Vulnerable to Physical and/or Verbal Attacks

Examples of Multimedia Journalists Physically Attacked



Source: YouTube/Mercury News

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Nx_PZUS8Xo



Source: Twitter/Paige Pauroso

The Uncertainty of Door Knocking

- Exposure of Approaching A Stranger's Private Property
- Interaction with Accused & Convicted Criminals
- Interaction with Grieving, Mentally Instable Persons
- Reports of Dog Attacks, Threats with Firearms, Etc

”Man on The Street” Interviews

- Required to Approach Unknown Persons/Strangers on the Street
- Inquiry on Sensitive/Controversial Topics
- Reports of Attempted Verbal & Physical Attacks

Perceptiveness & Vulnerability of Live Shot Practices

- Requisite Focus on Live Shot In Open, Potentially Dangerous Locations
- Inability to Notice Immediate Changes to Surroundings
- Probability of Delayed Physical Reflexes or Reaction Time
- Proximity to Traffic Thoroughfares

Examples of TV Journalists Nearly Hurt or Killed During Live Shots



Source: YouTube/KTVU

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4kxYeJxRqkw>



Source: YouTube/CBS Evening News

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Susceptibility to Stalking & Unwanted Sexual Advances

- On-Air Personalities Vulnerable to Mentally Unstable Viewers
- Reports of Stalking, Physical Harm & Unwanted, Sexual Advances
- Online Attacks, Beratement

Personal Example of Unsolicited Attention

1-29-17
 Dear Dasha,
 I greet you with the hope that you are in good health of body, mind and spirit. I am praying gratefully for you and your family. Please Dasha, I want to be your friend. I know how to be a friend. Please don't be frightened of me. I will never hurt or harm you in anyway shape or form. Dasha if you don't want me writing you just send this letter back to sender and I promise you, as God as my witness you'll never hear from me or see me. I'll live for you, I'll die for you, I'll give my life for you Dasha. You're a beautiful and lovely lady. I care a lot about you. I have to let you know Dasha I like you and want you as a person. Please be my friend. Could you please send me a picture sign with your autograph on it. I sure would appreciate it. You mind if I ask you a personal question. Are you married? If you are I'll leave you alone. But

I hope we could still be friends. Oh! Boy would I like to take you to dinner and a movie someday. Just want you to know you're in my thoughts, prayers and dreams every time I go to bed at night. Someday I would like you for my wife and to bear my children. I guess what I'm trying to say is that I love you. Very much. Dasha, I know you have secrets, but whatever they are, they can't change what I feel or what I want. I want you with me, and if you cannot truly be my wife, then you will be the wife of my heart. I liked Erin Jordan but I guess she didn't feel the same. This is all for now. Take care and God bless you.

Sentence County	Court Cause#	Offense Date	Sentence Status	Crime	Crime Info	Felony Class
PIMA	0035428	09/04/1991	IMPOSED	THEFT	ND/NR	CL6
PIMA	0043934	11/01/1993	IMPOSED	HARASSMENT	ND/R1	CL6
PIMA	000043618	08/30/1993	IMPOSED	HARASSMENT	ND/R1	CL6
PIMA	000043618	08/30/1993	IMPOSED	HARASSMENT	ND/R2	CL6
PIMA	0048224	11/16/1994	IMPOSED	HARASSMENT	ND/R1	CL6
MARICOPA	2004136869001D	11/20/2004	IMPOSED	STALKING	ND/R1	CL3
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Psychological Effects of Exposure to Trauma

- Consistent, Intimate Witness to Gruesome Crime Scenes
- Viewing of Murdered or Severely Injured Persons
- Direct Communication with Families of Violence Victims
- Articulation of Horrific & Disturbing Content for Public Digestion

Precautions Presently Implemented

- Aggressive Action Taken Amid Reports of Unwelcome, Public Contact
- Willingness to Take Different Story Direction Once Discomfort is Voiced
- Willingness to Involve Law Enforcement or Other Professional Protection

Recommendations for Improvement

- Implementation of Psychological Resources
- Deviate from Traditional Door Knocking Practices
- Use of Social Media to Bridge Necessary Content Gaps
- Effort to Provide Protection & Physical Assistance
- Education & Preparedness at Internship/University Level