

Circle The Wagons

*Coordination with Off-Site Agencies
and the Media*

THEN AND NOW

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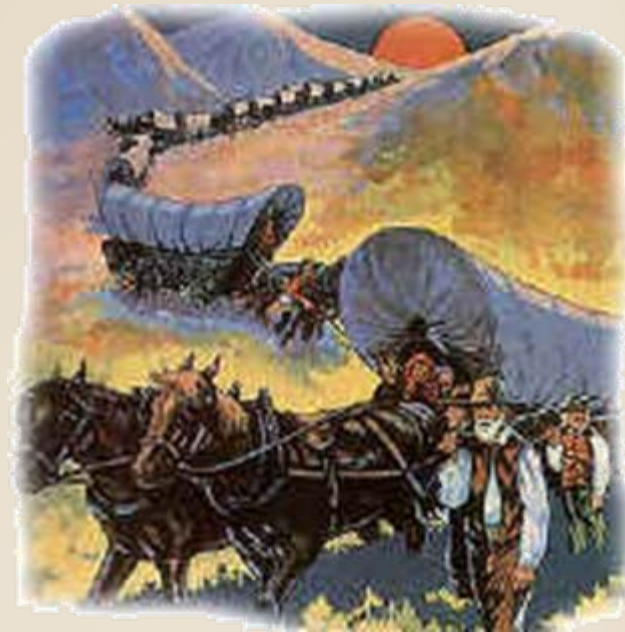
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THEN – The Old West

- Circle the Wagons as a Defensive Term
 - To Protect
 - To Safeguard



NOW – Modern Times

- Public's Perception:
 - Information is being withheld.
 - Public's safety is at risk:
 - You can't trust "them".
 - The Media will tell us the "truth".

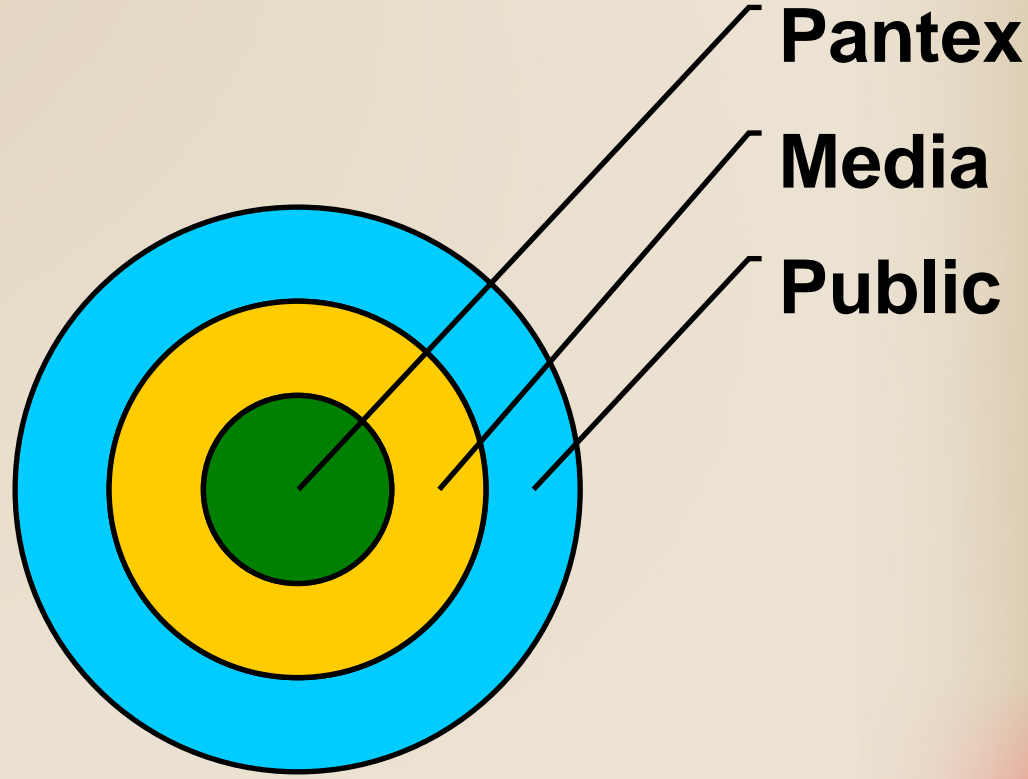


NOW – Modern Times

- Media's Perception:
 - Get it/something out there quickly.
 - Tell it first – correct/clarify later.
 - There's always something "they" aren't telling us.



It's All About Perceptions!



Perception Is Reality!



Reaching Out

- Fact: Pantex is prepared for credible events.
 - Emergency personnel respond.
 - Categorize/classify the event.
 - Notify off-site agencies, warn the public.
 - Work to resolve the event.
 - Keep the public informed through the media:
 - Periodic press conferences.
 - One-on-one contacts.
 - Phone contacts.



It's All About Working Together

- Partnering with Off-Site Agencies:
 - Participate in Agreement-In-Principle (AIP).
 - Participate in Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPC).
 - Develop joint response capabilities (mutual aid agreements, etc.).
 - Participate in/conduct drills and exercises:
 - Assist with planning.
 - Provide controllers/evaluators.
 - Use site-specific scenarios.

