Risk Management Nightmares

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Industry Nightmares – What are you going to do about it?

- Additional Insured on Certificate
- Lac Megantic
- BART Strike
 - Tarnished reputation

What risks are we worried about?



- City block acquired for construction of BART
 Phase 2 – underground
 extension through
 downtown San Jose
 - Existing buildings on site are in poor state of repair
 - Potential for trespassers' injury – litigation
 - Reputational threat



- Highway Projects Temporary Structure for flyover collapse during peak commute hours

 Mass casualties – Litigation
 Media coverage – Reputational Risk
 - Impact on project and community

- Signal failure or Operator error leading to bus versus light rail collision
 - 100s of injuries which lead to litigation
 - Media coverage Reputational Risk
 - Loss of community trust and loss of ridership







- Officer involved shootings
 - Potential injuries/death to officer
 - Potential injuries/death to others
 - Workers' compensation issues
 - Lawsuit issues
 - Publicity, public perception



"The Trifecta"

- Crew inspecting sidewalk after a trip & fall accident.
- Truck stolen.
- Employees follow truck.
- Car thief hits a third party while in the City's truck.
- Damaged party files a claim with the City.



The Trifecta

- Potential injuries/damage from car thief
- Potential injuries/damage from City employees following
- Potential WC issues
- Auto theft loss/Auto physical damage
- Reporting of hazard

- Water Pollution Control
 Plant
 - Chlorine
 - Environmental losses
 - Physical plant losses



What are Your Nightmares?

So, how do we sleep at night?





Sleep Remedies – The Risk Management Steps

A decision-making process:

- 1. Identify loss exposures
- 2. Analyze loss exposures
- 3. Examine feasibility of RM techniques
 - Risk treatment
 - Risk financing
- 4. Select appropriate RM techniques
- 5. Implement selected RM technique
- 6. Monitor results and revise RM program



Sleep Remedies

- Change policies and procedures if necessary
- Good training
- Good communication and reporting
- Avoidance (if possible and reasonable)
- Strong risk transfer
- Quality insurance if sufficient amounts



