



Clark County Local Emergency Planning Committee
500 S. GRAND CENTRAL PKWY
Las Vegas, NV 89106
PUEBLO ROOM

DRAFT MINUTES
Tuesday, November 2, 2011 1:00 P.M.

ATTENDANCE

LEPC MEMBERS PRESENT:

IRENE NAVIS, JANE SHUNNEY, ROY MICHAEL, RIC LAPORTE, CAROLYN LEVERING, KEVIN NICHOLSON, ELAINE HOUSER, DAVE DAHL, KIM FERGUSON, FAITH BORDEN, RYAN TURNER, BRIAN PASSOW, DAN LAKE, SUSAN CROWLEY, MIKE BRYANT, PHIL KLEVORICK, JAMES OLSCHLAGER, FELIX ACEVEDO, JEFF BREWER, MIKE RICHARDSON

LEPC ALTERNATES PRESENT:

RICHARD BRENNER, NICOLE HART, LUCILLE COMPTON, SCOTT EMERSON

LEPC MEMBERS ABSENT:

FERNANDEZ LEARY, DAVID GOSS, PAUL GERNER, LAWRENCE SANDS, GLENN CLOSSON, MANY BAY, BILL RICHARDSON, TIFFANY SIMPKINS, MIKE MURPHY, TOM AXTELL, DENNIS NOLAN, KURT ADAIR, WARREN GLIDEWELL, SANDY SEDA, SCOTT FULLER, KEVIN BRAME, BRETT PRIMAS, JOHN HIGLEY, FRED THOMPSON, DAVID STUHAN, JOEL WILLIS

I. Call to Order

Irene Navis LEPC Chairman called the meeting to order at 1:05 PM. on Tuesday November 2, 2011.

II. Roll Call

Irene Navis: Quorum initially not met, 10 minutes passed and additional members arrived that caused the quorum to be achieved.

III. Public Comments

The Chair spoke about the SLTTGCC that it is a Federal appointment and a committee that focuses on critical infrastructure it is supported by the critical infrastructure branch that handles infrastructure protection at DHS. They work with Gonzalo Cordova and with his help and efforts along with Don Chetham they were put on a list to help put on a workshop that has to do with critical infrastructure, it is called the JCIP joint critical infrastructure partnership which is a partnership between DHS and the FBI and they were looking for host communities in region 9. Las Vegas made the short list along with San Francisco and Phoenix and just today Las Vegas was selected by the executive committee of the council. This is a big honor and they will be working with the State Homeland Security Commission. This workshop will be held sometime next spring. Only 8 to 10 of these workshops are being held nationwide. The two regions with focus are region 9 and region 4 and we were fortunate enough to be selected out of those communities.

** Due to the lack of a quorum at this point in the meeting the Chair changed the order and moved item VI and VII above items IV and V which required a vote. Item VI was also an action item but at the time of the meeting the Hazmat Plan was not updated.*

VI. Approve and Recommend the updated 2011 Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Plan for submission to the State Emergency Response Commission

The Chair advised that a meeting to revise this plan was attempted but those that had volunteered were ultimately not able to make meeting. Richard Brenner and the Chair met for about an hour and decided they would try again between now and the time the updated plan is due in January 2012. If necessary, the Chair stated that they could submit what they have then ratify at a later time. A special meeting could be called to get complete before the deadline. For those that volunteered to help more information to come. No action taken.

VII. Social Medias in Disasters

Lloyd Ziel, American Red Cross PIO narrated through a power point presentation (see attached)

Llyod went on to say that the Red Cross now has a group that does nothing but monitor digital media such as Facebook, Twitter from a program that scans the internet tagging information and bringing it to the attention of the Red Cross headquarters. That information is then sent out to the appropriate field offices and they have made changes in their operations based on the feedback. Llyod discussed the Joplin, MO. event and the overwhelming response and the fact that the local chapter there didn't monitor their Facebook page for a day and a half, there were hoards of postings about supplies and where people should take water etc. This was the first time social media was used for donation and volunteer management as well as other communications.

The presentation became open discussion with the Chair speaking about the County and all of the cities within the jurisdiction using Facebook and Twitter for information sharing and for awareness purposes. The Chair stated that she did not believe social networking had really been used in an emergency situation locally, except for the weather events of December 2010.

The Chair then advised that she had recently recorded a podcast and a video with each of the local emergency managers about the Nationwide EAS Test. The Chair also provided the date for the National Test, November 9, 2011.

Carolyn Levering spoke about launching the *Southern Nevada On Alert* registration portal in September which was National preparedness month. Carolyn talked about the benefits of this system versus the reverse 911 with the trend of eliminating landlines. Carolyn went on to talk about the City of Las Vegas' use of social media Twitter, the lack of manpower to respond back to all of the posts and the fact that this is something that needs to be planned for and taken into consideration in the future.

**Additional members arrived making a quorum*

IV. Approval of August 17, 2011 Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion, by Scott Emerson: To approve the minutes for August 17, 2011 as recorded.

Seconded, by Dan Lake.

No discussion.

Motioned carried.

V. Approval of August 31, 2011 Special Meeting Minutes

Motion, by Dan Lake: To approve the minutes for August 31, 2011 as recorded.

Seconded, by Scott Emerson.

No discussion.

Motioned carried.

VIII. Terrorism Liaison Officer (TLO)

William Brewer, of the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department, Southern Nevada Counter Terrorism Center (SNCTC) presented general information on the See Something Say Something campaign.

The Chair spoke about the desire of the County to focus information towards small business' engaging them as well as the larger strip and downtown properties.

Roy Michael, Clark County Park Police agreed with the Chair about sharing information with small business as well as others to keep people informed. He further stated that all of his officers had received TLO training, and went on to explain the services and information that the SNCTC provided.

IX. A. LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

a. Community Awareness & Emergency Response

Richard Brenner advised that the next meeting will be November 29, 2011 at TIMET at 1:30 PM and they will be discussing the Table Top Exercise (TTX) with Olin Chemical formerly known as Pioneer. That exercise is scheduled for December 7, 2011. They will also be talking about the communication system and the reverse 911.

b. Community Organizations Active in Disaster

No report

c. Community Right-to-Know Subcommittee

No report

d. Emergency Alert System Update

No report

e. Emergency Management Coordinators Group

No report. The Chair announced that the next meeting will be held in Mesquite on November 8, 2011.

f. Training Subcommittee

No report

g. Grants Subcommittee

No report.

h. Public Information Subcommittee

No report - inactive

i. Legislative Subcommittee

No report.

j. Metropolitan Medical Response Update

Carolyn Levering reported on behalf of Chris Sproule. There is a Logistics Section Chief course scheduled November 14-17 there are still some spaces available please contact Chris to register. Chris also wanted to provide an update that there is a 20 bed portable hospital for medical surge that will be delivered to UMC by the end of the year. To follow up on the TLO presentation from earlier there will be a TLO and FLO training pushed out to Fire, EMS and the hospitals. Chris Sproule's office has

now moved to the Fusion Center representing Las Vegas Fire and Rescue and MMRS.

k. NV-1 Disaster Medical Assistance Team Update

No report

l. Nuclear Waste Division Yucca Mountain Update

Phil Klevorick reported that the Government Accountability Office recently released a report about alternative uses for Yucca Mountain, and the GAO will be reviewing those possible suggestions and needs. The Blue Ribbon Commission just issued a draft report back in July, about alternative ideas for the nation's spent nuclear fuel. The Nuclear Waste Division was just made aware of some potential conflicts that came out of some legal suggestions about the Nuclear Waste Policy Act, so we are starting to investigate that. What is really important is a draft sitewide EIS that's going on at the Nevada National Security Site (NNSS) formerly known as the Nevada Test Site. There are a few major things that the group needs to be aware of, particularly shipments. Clark County is actively involved in the transportation working group that is preparing a white paper on the recommendations in review of the sitewide EIS. The City of Las Vegas, Henderson and Boulder City have taken an active role in this as have the State and Clark County. The City of North Las Vegas has been aware but they are just deferring to everyone else's comments because they are all very aligned. In the sitewide EIS there are two potential things: leaving the status quo meaning reduced amount of activities or alternatively increasing the activities. Phil stated that we all know the types of activities he is talking about, none of which are about Yucca Mtn. The DOE is also looking at intermodal transfer locations within Clark County; one would be in the Arden yard the other in Apex. The Nuclear Waste Division is not in support of either of those, Phil stated that nobody is in support of that except the Department of Energy.

The bottom line is that the Department of Energy wants to be able to include an "unconstrained case" transportation scenario. An unconstrained case means that they can ship shipments of any kind of waste, any kind of nuclear material to the Test Site, using the Spaghetti Bowl, or any route that they so choose. Currently there has been an agreement between the DOE and the State through the Waste Acceptance Agreement as well as the Governor's letter that was submitted last month saying we do not support an unconstrained case and suggesting support for SR 160 as the route to ship through Southern Nevada. Phil advised DOE would prefer to ship through 93/95 the Spaghetti Bowl and I-15.

m. Planning Subcommittee

Richard Brenner stated that there were 6 or 8 people who had planned to attend the Hazmat plan update but were not in attendance on the day of the meeting. Richard advised that he and Irene Navis had met and they went through the plan. The plan was updated last year, and there were just some minor changes that were identified. Richard asked the LEPC to take a look at the plan and if they had anything to add or correct to please let him or Irene know. At the next LEPC meeting they will present the changes and submit for approval.

n. State Emergency Response Commission (SERC)

Richard Brenner updated that they just completed the Fire Shows Reno Conference in Reno, this was the second year of it being held in the north. This conference was known previously as Hazmat Explo. There were over a 100 people that showed up for the hazmat portion of the conference and there was good industry support. It is anticipated that 2012 will be another great year for the conference.

Richard also reported that the SERC met and approved the HMEP grant for all those that submitted. There were stipulations for Clark County's two items one for the hospitals and the other for the commodity flow study, as well as sending some people from public safety to the International Hazmat Conference.

o. Satellite Phone Update

Dan Lake reported that the next meeting will be held November 15th from 9:00-11:00 at Vegas PBS on Flamingo Rd. Richard Brenner invited a speaker to talk about new technology; the speaker is in town for the IAEM Conference happening the same week. There will also be an overview for the upcoming communications rodeo scheduled for February 8, 2012.

Richard Brenner spoke briefly about the demonstration that the speaker for the 11/15 meeting will be conducting. This vendor works with the military and the software has a pop up that tracks you similar to a Google earth type map. Radio Frequency tracking software will also be demonstrated.

p. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Report

Mike Ardito provided a written report (*see attached*)

B. CITIZEN CORPS COUNCIL REPORTS

• **Amateur Radio Emergency Service**

Bill Smith spoke about the system for the hospitals that was acquired through a grant, and ARES members assisting with programming the radios with proper frequencies and channels as well as help in training hospital employees how to use the equipment. The grant guidelines require that the hospitals that receive the radios are required to have at least two licensed amateur radio operators per hospital, some hospitals have exceeded that and have four to six employees with licensure. There are two sets of icon radios one is UHF the other VHF they will also receive what is called a hamlink system, which is a pure digital mode packet radio system that is standalone, this resembles emails coming in and out in an Outlook format.

Training for all of the hospitals and for ARES team members is December 1 – 3, 2011. Bill concluded this update by stating that there will be 30 total hospitals with radio capability.

ARES/RACES will be participating in a statewide exercise with Arizona on November 3-4, 2011. The portion of the exercise on Friday will be focused on communication, mostly with hospitals which will allow the local group to test their system and get bed information from local hospitals here for overflow. Then on November 12, 2011 the statewide ARES will conduct the annual simulated test and it will be mainly a communications exercise to simulate earthquakes in Mineral County. This exercise will also be looking to the larger cities for hospital beds, so any hospitals interested in participating are welcome.

The Chair advised that CCOEM made arrangements with Arizona for their use of WebEOC.

• **Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)**

Carolyn Levering reported that there was nothing new or major to report.

• **Fire Corps**

No report.

- **Medical Reserve Corps**

Jane Shunney reported that MRC is offering a combined ICS 100 and NIMS 700 on Saturday November 12 at the Clark County Coroners Office from 9:00 to 1:00. This is the same information presented online but for those that prefer to have in person instruction. Anyone interested please RSVP to Paula Martel at 759-0877

- **Neighborhood Watch**

Nicole Hart reported that there are currently 1438 active neighborhood watch programs because of the continued rise in foreclosures they are focusing on burglaries, auto and ID theft and they are also starting on home security surveys. These surveys are a free service to residents to review their homes security measures.

In the South Central Area Command is initiating door hangers to put on doors of neighborhoods where there is not an active neighborhood watch and they are prone to residential burglaries in that area.

- **Volunteer in Police Service**

Nicole Hart reported that this last quarter there were 458 volunteers and they were only short 3 hours of 22,000 volunteer hours. These volunteers will also be helping at the IAEM Conference.

The Chair at this time thanked all the volunteers that have stepped forward to assist with the IAEM Conference.

Dan Lake reported that North Las Vegas PD is in their 6th month of their Volunteer Citizen patrol. The citizen patrol is comprised of those that have completed the Citizen Academy. These volunteers patrol high crime areas and large box store areas in marked patrol two man units, typically these patrols are during daytime hours up until midnight and there are usually anywhere from 2 to 4 units each day. These additional units have had tremendous impact on calls for service. These volunteers take field incident reports and they are looking forward to future expansion of these units.

VIII. **Public Comments**

- The Chair congratulated Ryan Turner for his new position with Henderson Emergency Management.
- Carolyn Levering thanked volunteers who are helping with IAEM, she further announced that she was recently elected Vice President of region 9 and her and the President were hosting a hospitality suite during the conference and she would like to invite everyone to stop by even if they were unable to attend the conference for budget reasons.
- Richard Brenner advised that he was recently in Apex where they are building a new pipeline for liquid fuel. The company expressed interest in becoming members of the LEPC. This is 12 inch pipeline coming from Salt Lake City Utah, they are just about to hook in to the terminal in Apex.

Next LEPC meeting: Wednesday February 15, 2012 at 9:00 A.M., Pueblo Room Clark County Government Center 500 S. Grand Central Pkwy.

XI. Adjournment

Motion, by Jane Shunney: To adjourn the meeting.

Seconded, by Kevin Nicholson.

Meeting adjourned at 3:07 PM

In accordance to Nevada's Open Meeting Law, this meeting was properly posted and electronically recorded.

Social Media in Disasters and Emergencies

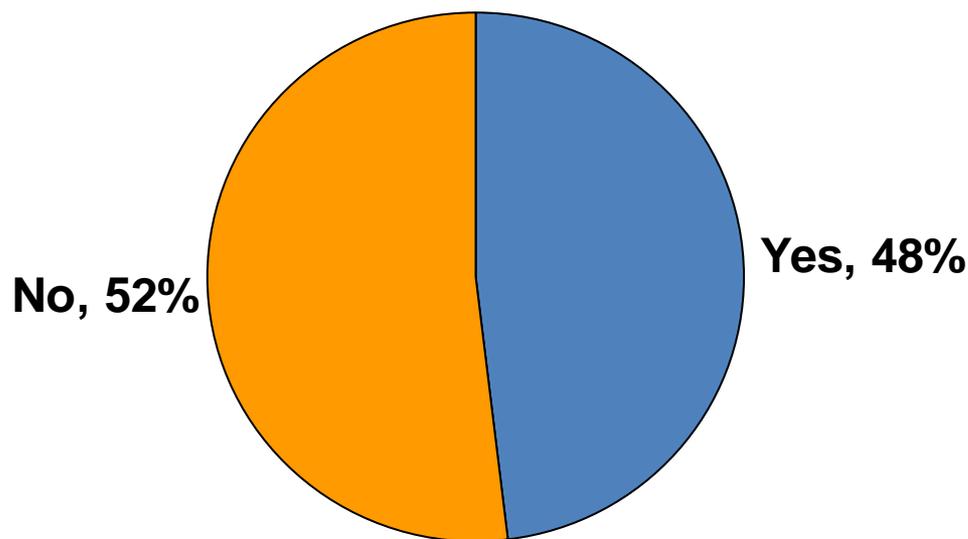
Online Survey of 1,046 respondents and telephone survey of 1,011 respondents.

Report Date: Summer, 2011

Methodology:

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 - Telephone survey of 1,011 U.S. Adults 18 years and older on June 24-27, 2011 conducted by CARAVAN® ORC International. Margin of error is +/- 3.1 percentage points at the 95% confidence level.
- A telephone methodology is industry standard and data from this sample offer insight into perceptions, behaviors, and expectations of the overall U.S. population. In the following poll summary, telephone survey respondents are referred to as the general population. Data from the online sample give a detailed view of perceptions, behaviors, and expectations of people who spend time online.
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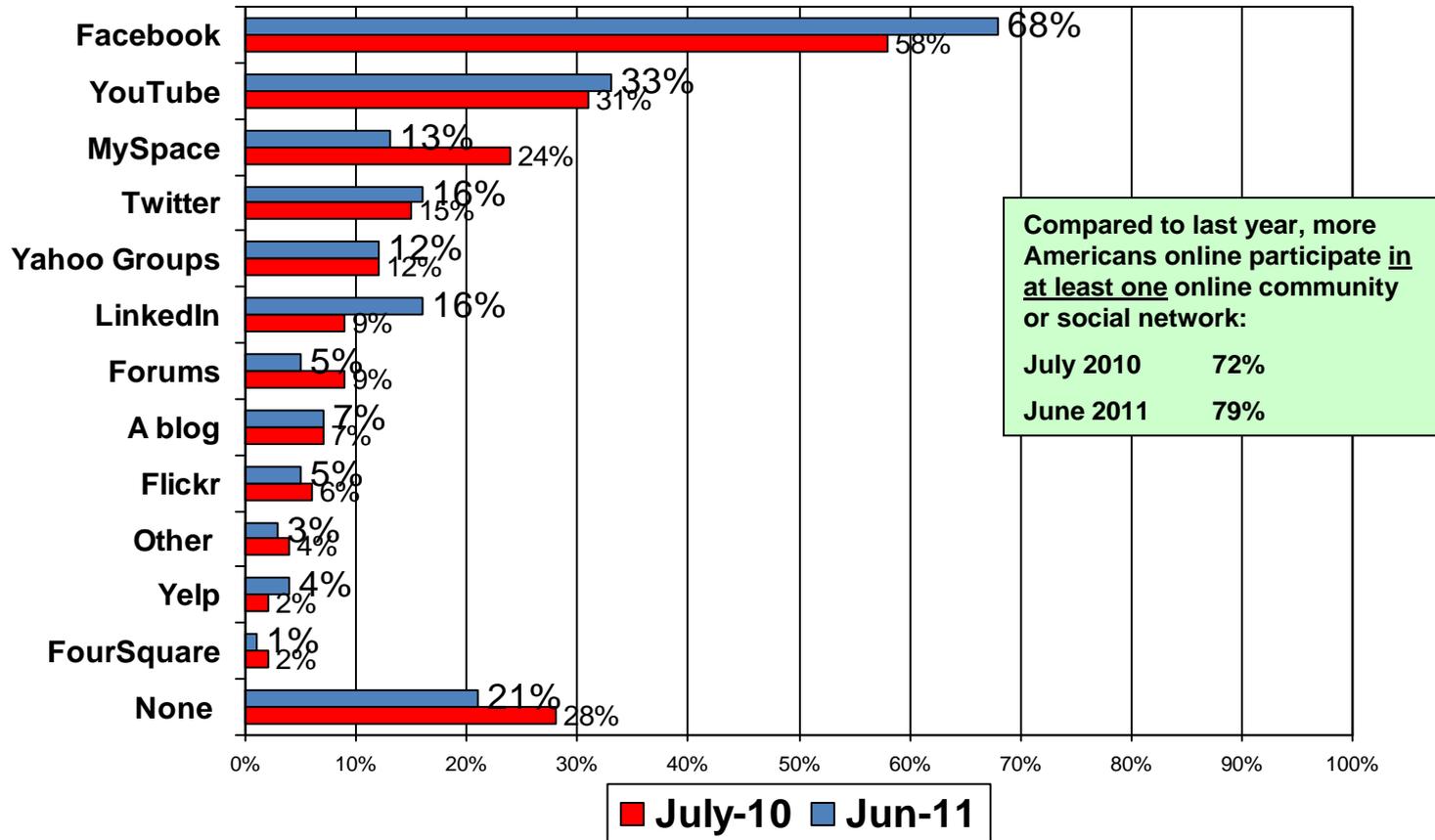


Those in the general population who reside in *metropolitan areas* are more likely to participate in online communities or social networks (51 percent vs. 40 percent for those who reside in non-metro areas).

Do you participate in any online communities or social networks, such as Facebook or Twitter ?

Nearly 8 in 10 (79 percent) of the online population participates in at least one online community or social network.

Facebook is by far the most popular social media channel.



Which of the following online communities or social networks do you participate in?



For both the general and online populations, differences in who uses social networks are similar.

- Respondents with children in the household are more likely to use social media:
 - Online: 87% vs. 76% for those without children in the household.
 - Telephone: 62% vs. 41% for those without children in the household.
- College-educated respondents are more likely to use social media
 - Online: 83% vs. 73% for those with a high school diploma or less.
 - Telephone: 56% vs. 39% for those with a high school diploma or less.
- Younger respondents are more likely to use social media:
 - Online: 93% of respondents 18-34 vs. 72% of those 35 years and older.
 - Telephone: 79% of respondents 18-34 vs. 37% of those 35 years and older.

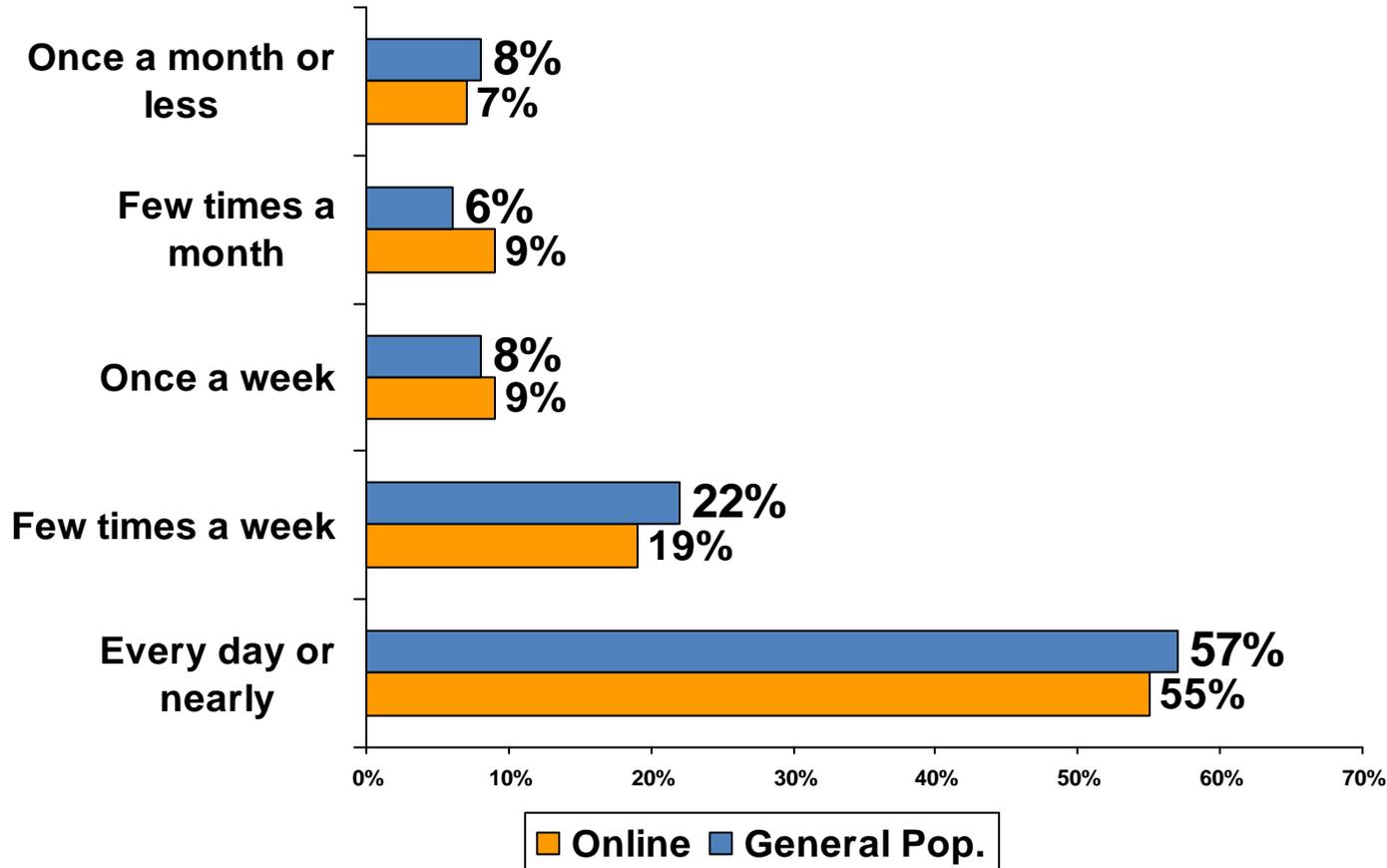
Which of the following online communities or social networks do you participate in?





More than half of those who use social media participate every day or nearly every day.

Base= 79%(online) and 48% (phone) who participate in any online communities or social networks

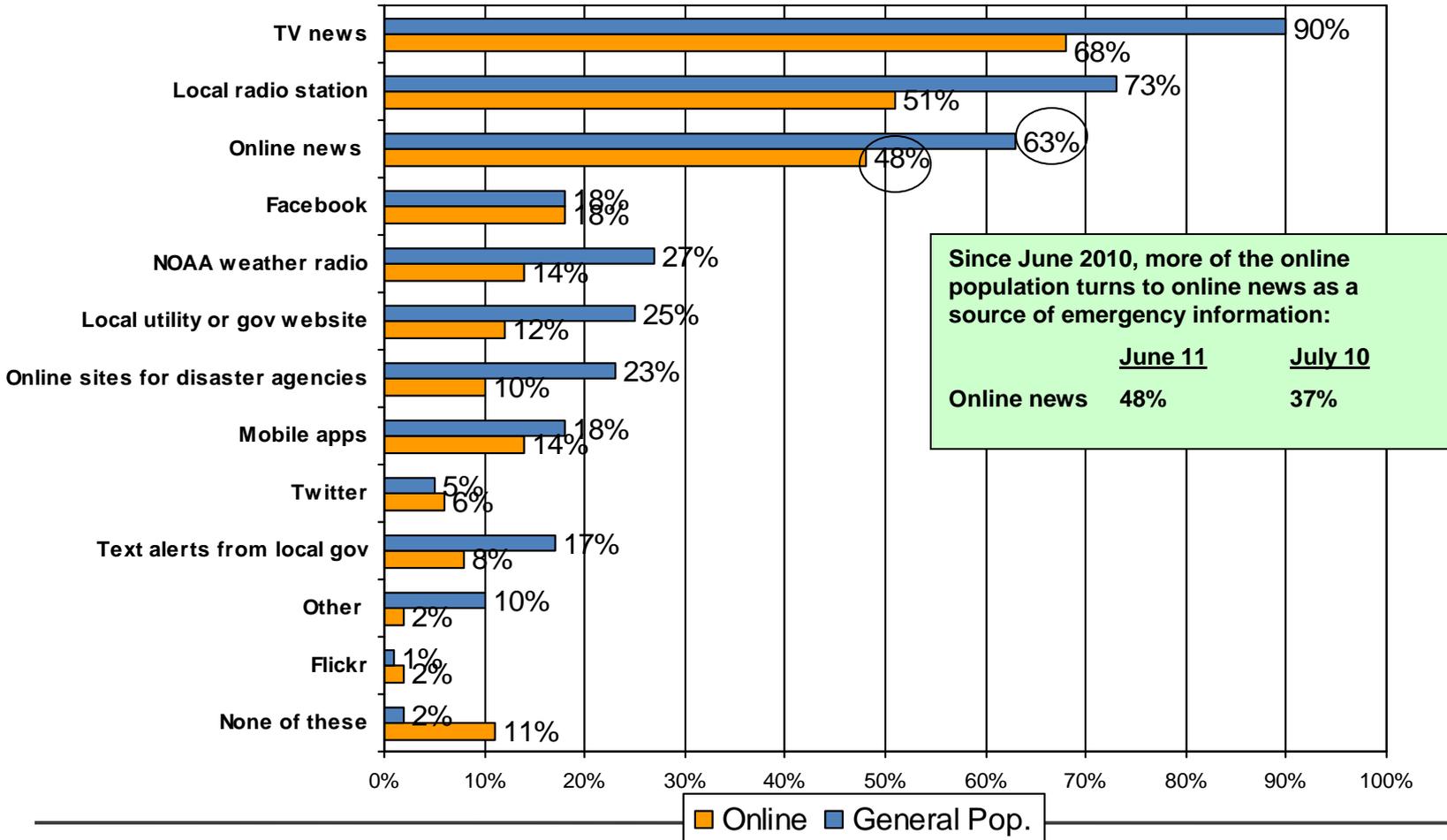


How often do you participate in these online communities or social networks?





While TV news is the preferred source of emergency information for both groups, more than six in ten of the general public and nearly half of the online population rely on online news.

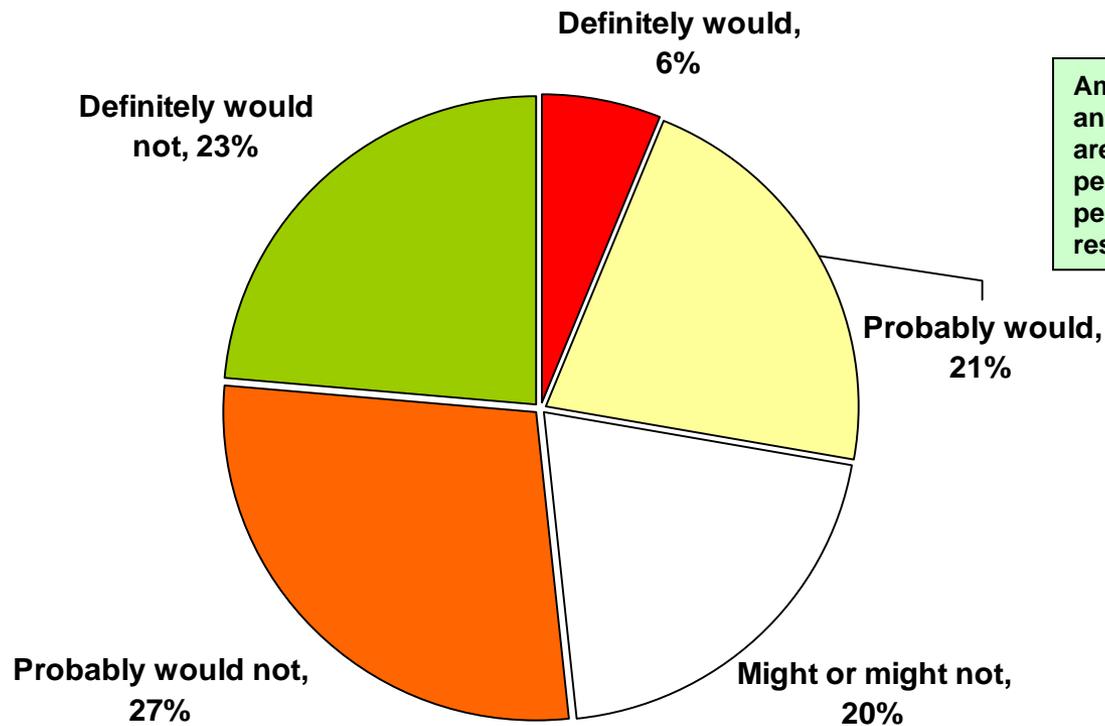


Which of the following communication channels have you ever used to get information about an emergency such as a power outage, severe weather, flash flood, hurricane, earthquake, or tornado?





General population: Nearly half of respondents would sign up for emails, text alerts or applications that provided safety information.



Among the general public, women and those residing in metropolitan areas are more likely to sign up: 32 percent vs. 23 percent for men and 30 percent vs. 20 percent for those residing in non-metro areas.

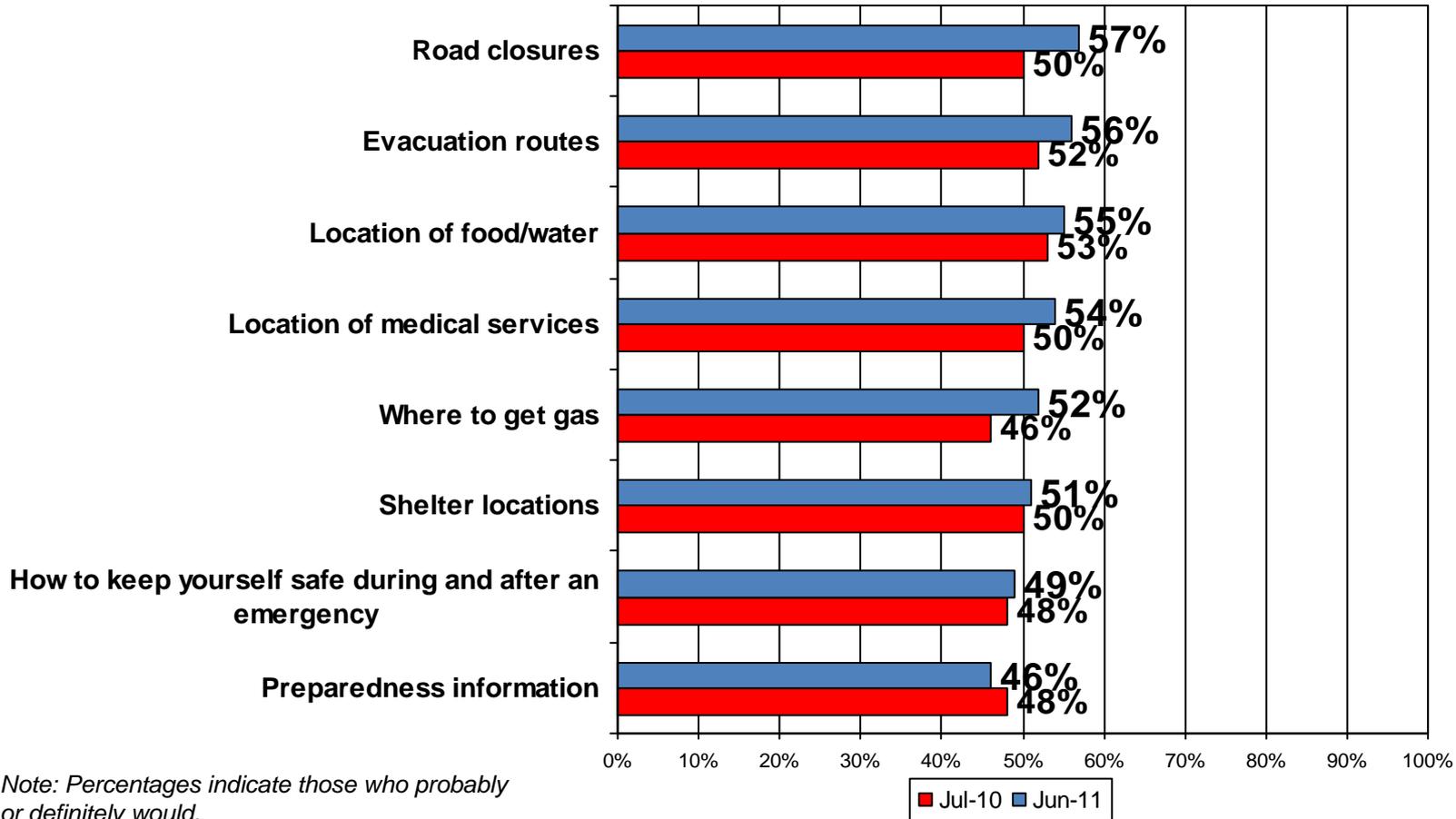
Balance=Don't Know

How likely would you be to sign up for emails, text alerts or applications that provided you with information on how to keep yourself safe during and after an emergency? Would you say you...?





Online population: Compared to last year, more respondents would sign up for emails, text alerts, or applications for information on road closures.



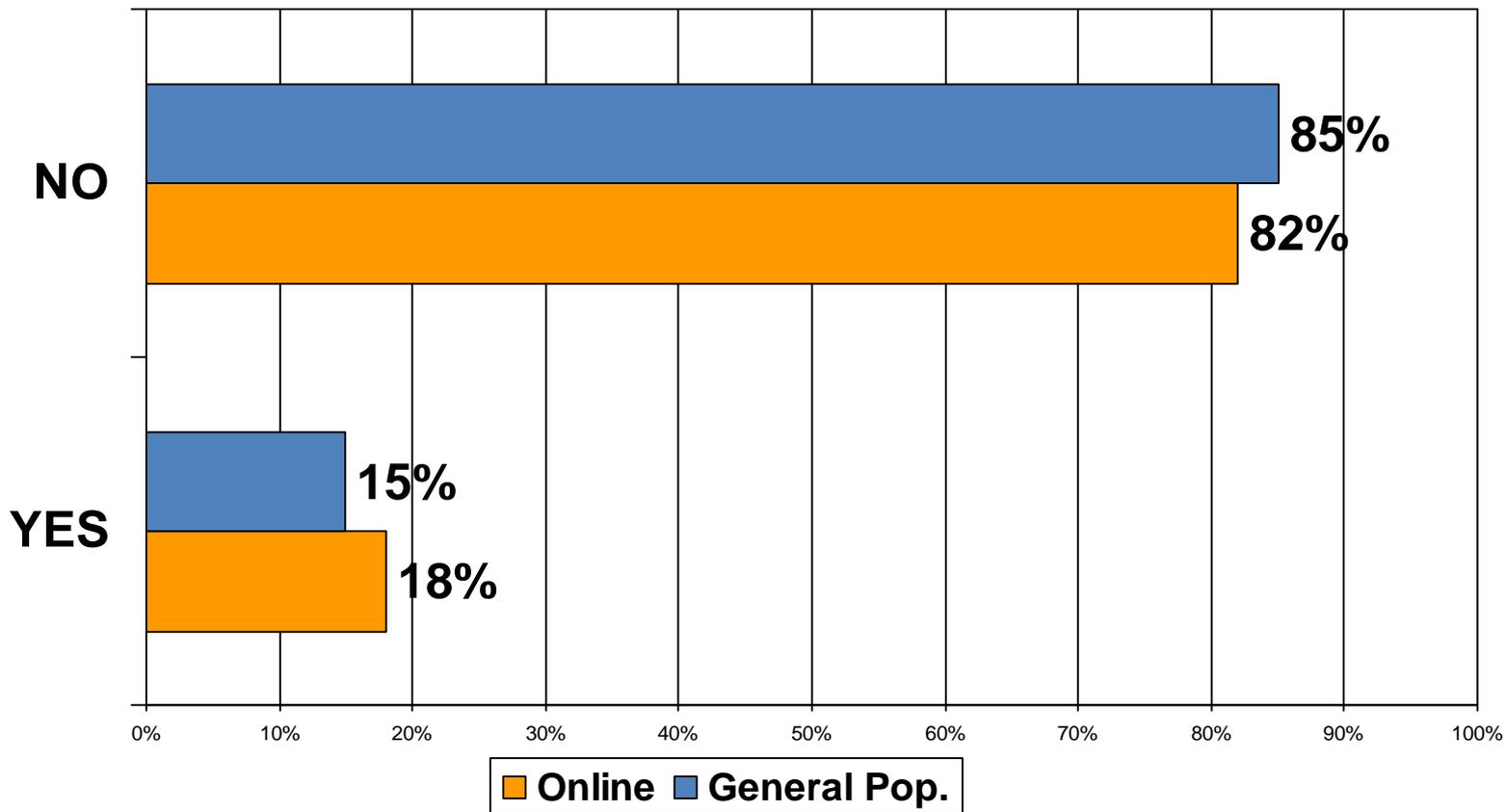
How likely would you be to sign up for emails, text alerts, or applications that provided you with the following information in an emergency?





Nearly one in five online and one in seven general public respondents experienced an emergency or witnessed a newsworthy event and posted information or photos about that event to a social media site.

Base= 79%(online) and 48% (phone) who participate in any online communities or social networks



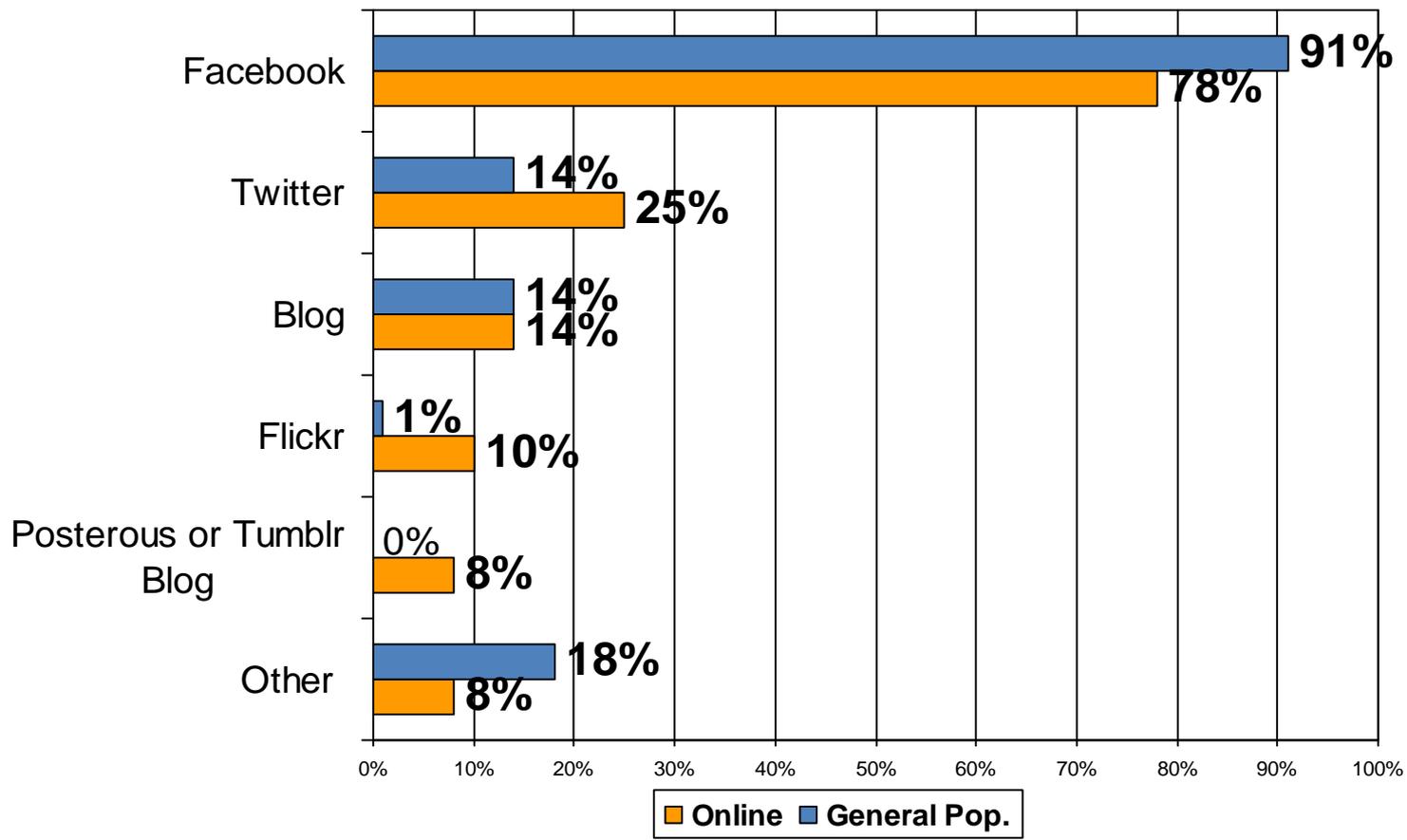
Have you ever experienced an emergency or witnessed a newsworthy event and posted information or photos about that event to a social media site?





Facebook was the most popular site by both the general and online populations for posting emergency or newsworthy information. The online population was more likely than the general public to post on Twitter, Flickr, or Posterous/Tumblr blogs.

Base=Those who use social media channels have posted information or photos about an emergency or newsworthy event to a social media site.



On which sites did you post this event? (Select as many as apply.)



If unable to reach local EMS, more than one in five of the general public would try to use an online channel to convey their need for help.

- Online usage (e.g. send email, post on website) 22%
- Walk to nearest police, fire or EMS station 20%
- Drive 15%
- Cell Phone/Phone 8%
- Text Message 3%
- In person/Walk there 3%
- Send someone/Have someone else contact them 2%
- Smoke signals 1%
- CB Radio/Ham radio 1%
- Social Networking Channels 1%

Imagine that someone you know needs help urgently and you haven't been able to reach the local emergency medical services, police or fire department by telephone. What other ways would you try to get in touch with local emergency services to ask for help? Anything else? (Open-ended)



About one in four of the online population would try an online channel for help, if unable to reach local EMS.

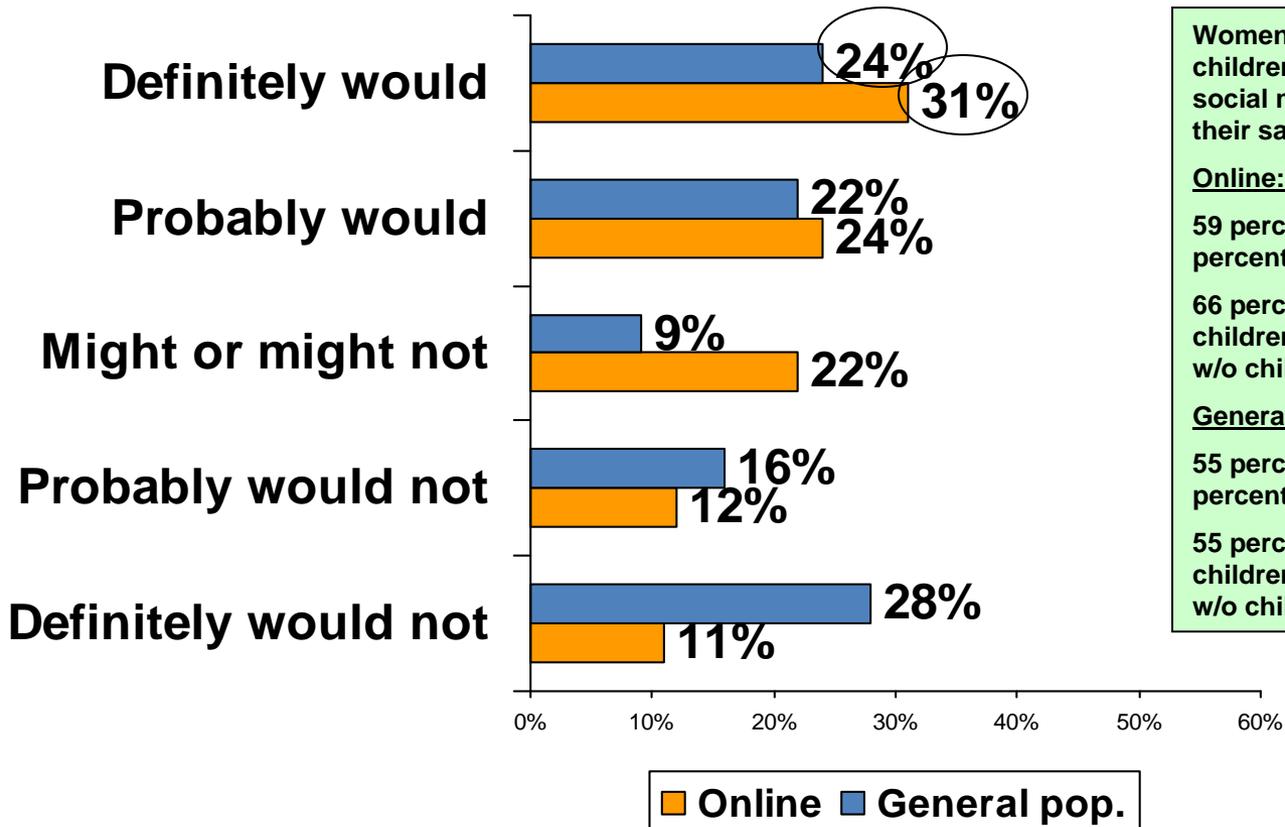
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Nearly a fourth of the general public and a third of the online population would definitely use social media to let loved ones know they are safe.



Women and households with children are more likely to use social media channels to inform of their safety.

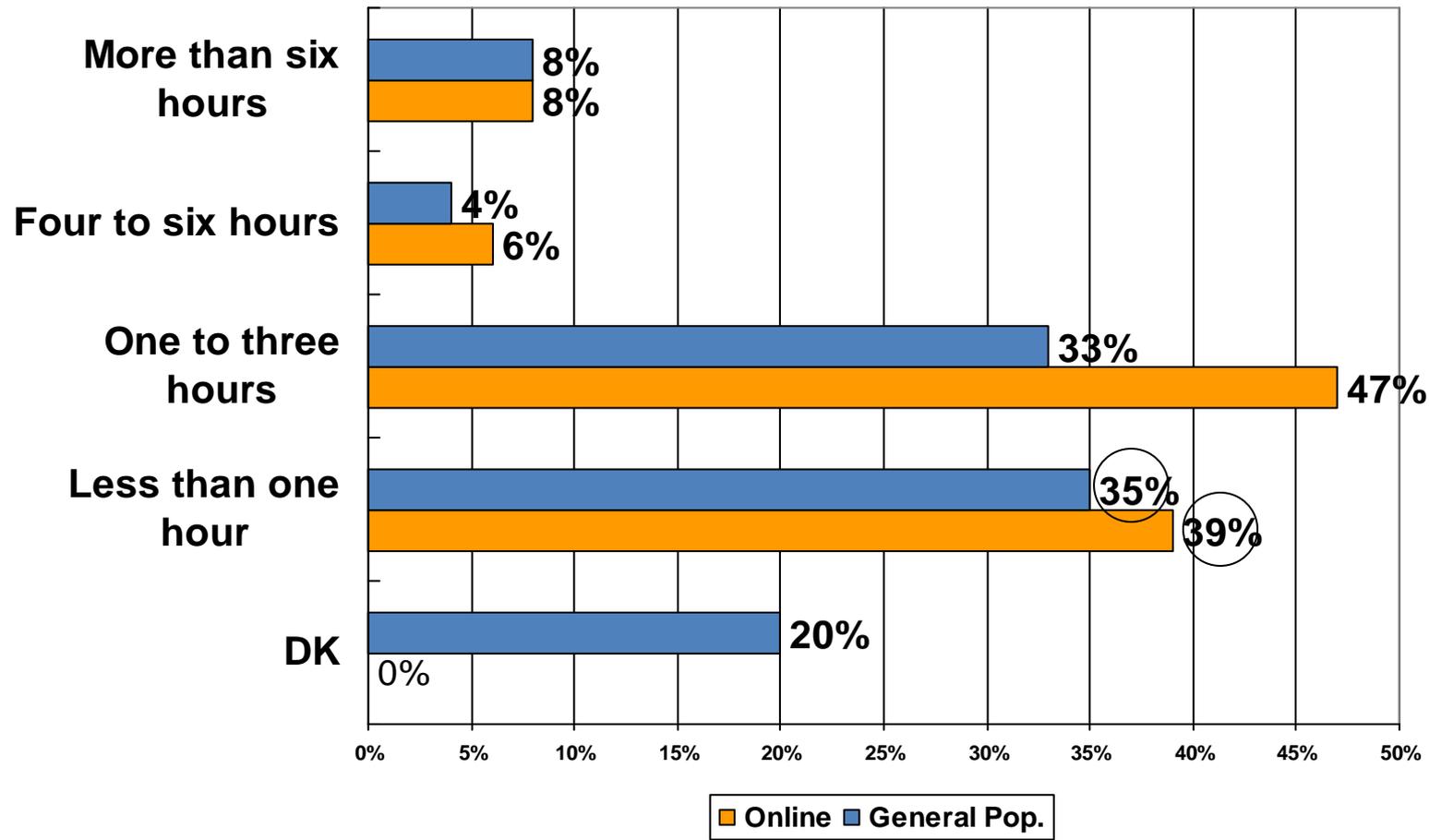
Online:
 59 percent for women vs. 51 percent for men
 66 percent for households with children vs. 51 percent for those w/o children

General:
 55 percent for women vs. 37 percent for men
 55 percent for households with children vs. 42 percent for those w/o children

In an area-wide emergency, how likely would you be to use social media channels, such as Facebook or Twitter, to let your friends and family know you are safe?



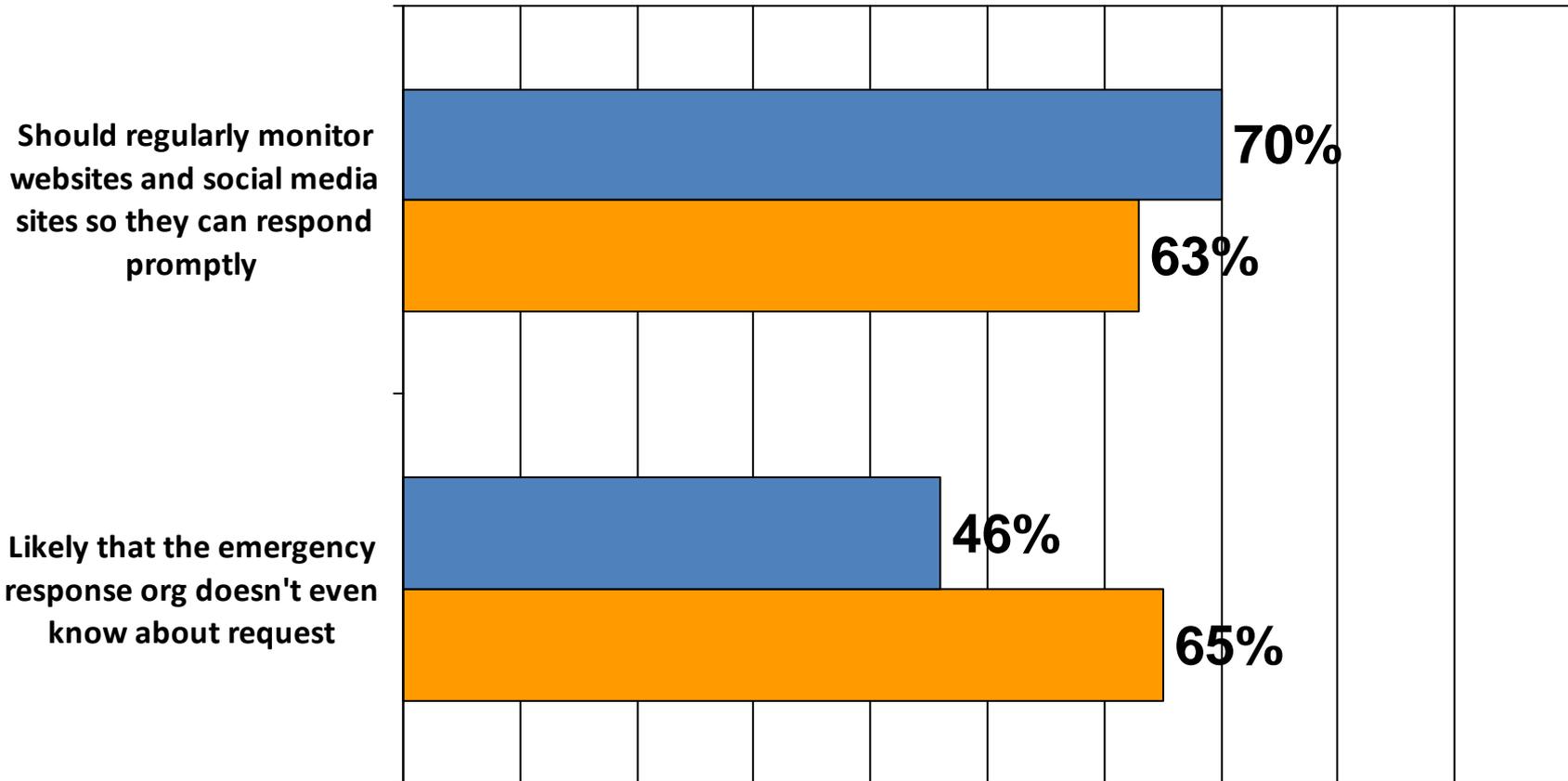
At least a third of the general and online populations would expect help to arrive in less than one hour.



If you posted a request for help to a social media website, how long do you think it should reasonably take for help to arrive? (Open-ended)



While the majority in both populations feels that local emergency response organizations should regularly monitor their websites for emergency requests, 46 percent of the general public and nearly two-thirds of the online population doubt that they do.



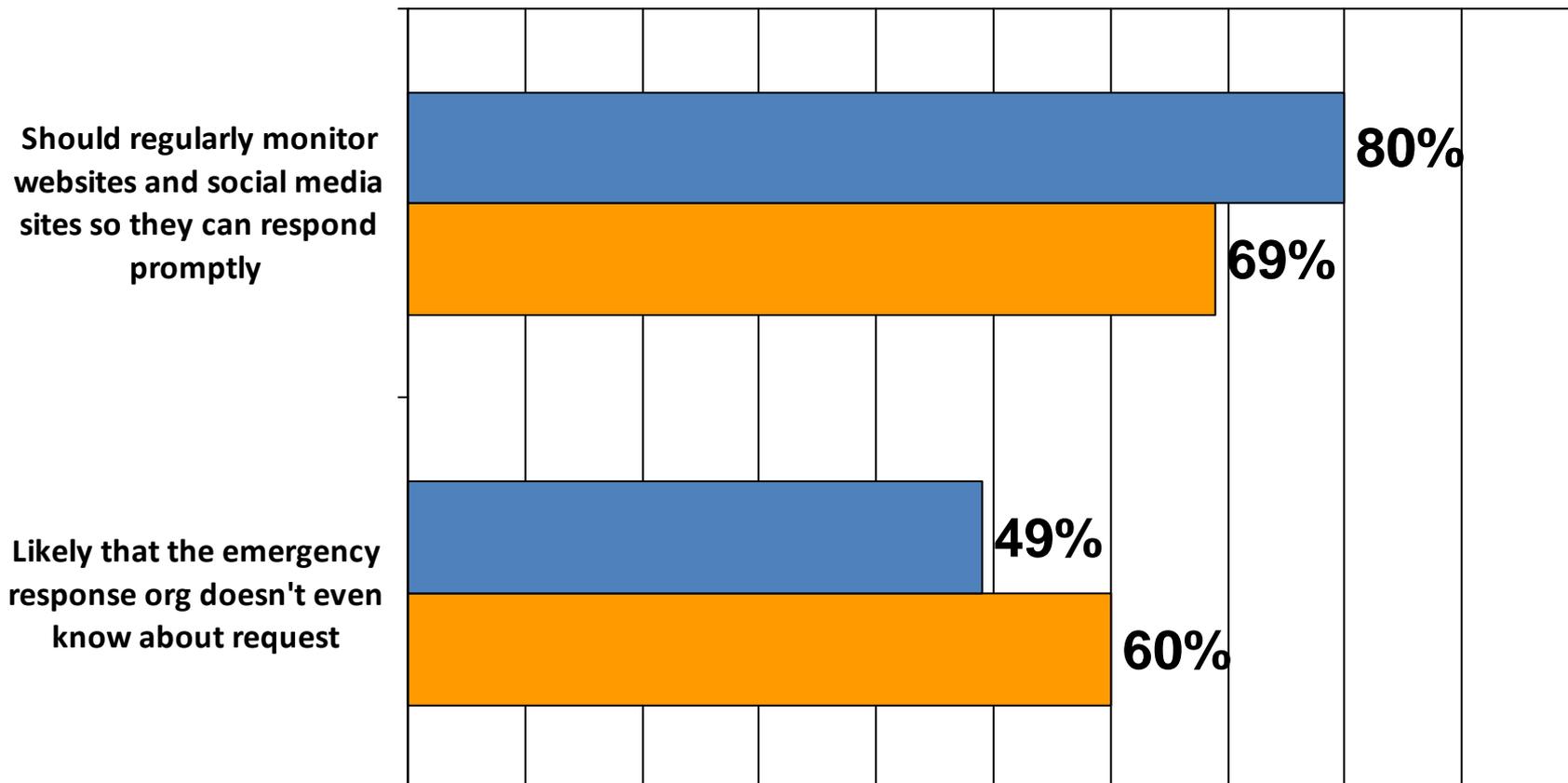
Note: Percentages indicate those who strongly agree or agree

■ Online ■ General Pop

Imagine that you posted an urgent request for help on a social media site of a local emergency response organization such as your local emergency management, fire department or police department. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements? *Split Sample*



Among the general public, expectations are higher for national emergency response organizations, as eight in ten expect regular monitoring.



Note: Percentages indicate those who strongly agree or agree

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Imagine that you posted an urgent request for help on a social media site of a national emergency response organization such as FEMA or the American Red Cross. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements? *Split Sample*



Executive Summary

Background

People and emergencies both come in all shapes and sizes – and increasingly so do the technology tools used in the face of emergencies. People are turning to social media, mobile technology and online news outlets to learn about ongoing disasters, seek help and share information about their well-being after emergencies.

Over the past year, the American Red Cross began studying how people use social media and technology during emergencies. This interest in this subject has grown out of the organization's own experience of engaging social web users during emergencies. Over that time, it's become apparent that more people are using the social web during emergencies to ask for help and organize ways to help those in need. In August 2010, the Red Cross commissioned its first social media survey to start benchmarking the use of the social web and other technologies during emergencies. The Red Cross polled 1,000 online users to gauge their habits and followed the survey with a Social Data Summit in 2010. This summit helped launch a discussion across the response community looking at how to answer requests for help made in the social space and how to use crowdsourced information in response efforts.

Survey 2011

In its second year, the Red Cross expanded the survey to look at wider population of web users. The 2011 survey polled individuals both online and through telephone interviews (referred to as general respondents). The results show there's a high expectation that response organizations are or should be monitoring social media during disasters and quickly acting to help (see slide 15). If unable to reach local EMS, one in five general respondents would try an online channel (see slide 12-13). Almost a third of the online population would definitely use social tools to let their family and friends know they're safe after an emergency (see slide 14), and nearly 20% has experienced an emergency or witnessed a newsworthy event and then posted information about that event to a social media site (see slide 10). Facebook is the most popular site for posting emergency or newsworthy information (see slide 11).

Snapshot of Key Findings (replace with infographic if possible):

- 18 percent of both the general and the online population use Facebook to gather information about emergencies;
- Nearly a fourth (24 percent) of the general population and a third (31 percent) of the online population would use social media to let loved ones know they are safe;
- 80 percent of the general and 69 percent of the online populations surveyed believe that national emergency response organizations should regularly monitor social media sites so they can respond promptly;
- For those who would post a request for help through social media, 38 percent of those polled online and 35 percent of those polled via telephone said they would expect help to arrive in less than one hour.

The survey results show those in the general population who reside in metropolitan areas are more likely to participate in online communities or social networks (see slide 3), and compared to last year's survey results, more online Americans participate in at least one online community or social network (see slide 4). People with children, college graduates, and younger (18-34) people are more likely to use social tools (see slide 5), and more than half of those who do visit their networks nearly every day (see slide 6).

While TV news is the preferred source of emergency information, more than six in ten of the general public and nearly half of the online population rely on online news during emergencies (see slide 7), marking an 11% increase over last year's results (see slide 7). Nearly half of the population would sign up for emails, text alerts, or applications that provided safety information –

with women and those who reside in metropolitan areas indicating they're more likely to sign up (see slide 8-9).

Summary

In summary, the survey confirms that the public is using social media as mainstream communication vehicles to get help, distribute information and find ways to help their neighbors. This year's survey results show an increase in the opportunity for disaster managers to see and empower the public as a resource in preparedness and emergency response.

For all people who use social media, more than half indicate that they are participating every day. The mainstream and ubiquitous nature of the social web means that response agencies have a responsibility to use these tools to educate people prior to emergencies, providing them with useful information about evacuation routes, shelters and safety tips before disasters strike.

Responders-including the Red Cross-should share information during an emergency through a variety of media, including social networks, online news outlets, and through texting and other mobile applications to reach those individuals who are more likely to utilize social data and mobile devices than listen to the television or radio.

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**U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Pacific Southwest Region
Emergency Prevention and Preparedness Program Update
For the Clark County Local Emergency Planning Committee Meeting
in Las Vegas, Nevada on Wednesday, November 2, 2011**

EPCRA 25th Anniversary

The U.S. EPA's Office of Emergency Management (OEM) launched a Web page to commemorate 25 years of the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA) on its anniversary date, October 17, 2011. The Web page is at www.epa.gov/emergencies. It includes a new three-minute video that describes EPCRA through the experiences of actual hazmat responders. One responder is Roberta Runge, currently at EPA Headquarters in Washington, DC. However, earlier in her career she served as an EPA On Scene Coordinator which included several years on assignment to the EPA's Environmental Response Team in Las Vegas.

Also part of the new EPCRA 25th anniversary web page is a news release and extensive, interactive timeline. The timeline includes descriptions of relevant events, video clips, photos, and hyperlinks for additional information on EPCRA and related topics. The video clips include remarks from EPA Administrator Lisa Jackson. There are also remarks from EPA Assistant Administrators Mathy Stanislaus (with Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response), Malcolm Jackson (with Office of Environmental Information), and Cynthia Giles (with Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance). Also now available on-line are the full-length videos including "EPCRA: What It Means to You" and "Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPCs): Guarding the Safety of Your Community," both EPA productions.

Proposed Revisions to EPCRA Emergency and Hazardous Chemical Inventory Reporting Forms

On August 8, 2011, the EPA proposed a rule to revise the emergency and hazardous chemical inventory reporting forms (Tier 1 and Tier II) under section 312 of the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA). The rule adds new data elements and revises existing data elements. For more details, please see the Federal Register for August 8 in Volume 76, Number 152. Comments were due October 7, 2011. For comments or questions about this proposed revision, you may contact Sicy Jacob of the U.S. EPA Office of Emergency Management at 202-564-8019.

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