

Scenario No. 5: “Zombie Apocalypse”

Understanding how to respond to even the strangest and unbelievable situations is critical when responding to emergencies. Even the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention understand that no matter what the disaster, the protocols are the same. They have implemented a Zombie Preparedness protocol in the event we have a Zombie Apocalypse (CDC, 2015). (See the reference below for the link to the CDC’s page on Zombie Preparedness.)

Toward that end, we have created a Zombie invasion for your enjoyment but for you to handle as if it were any other disaster that could possibly occur.

Brief Demographics: This apocalypse takes place in New York City with a population of 8.4 million people, but specifically it has affected Manhattan, which a population of 1.6 million. The year is current, so you need to do some research on the area to know what buildings and industries may be involved with this crisis.

The Scenario:

Biohazardous waste has gotten into the water system and turned Manhattan into a Zombie Kingdom. It was something in that waste that created the undead population, who now must feed on human brains in order to survive. So far, more than 1,000 people in New York City have been killed and their brains removed. Police cannot kill these Zombies through traditional means as the only way to kill a Zombie is to destroy the brain (stabbing, shooting, crushing, etc.). Out of the 1.6 million people in Manhattan, 1 million of them are Zombies and the number is spreading quickly.

The Problem: You have a Zombie Apocalypse in Manhattan. So far, it is just contained to Manhattan, but after the entire community is either killed or turned into Zombies, the population will spread. What do you do? How do you contain the city? How do you keep the Zombies from spreading?

Your Review: Factor out the issues, follow official protocol and consider the questions above. What do you tell the public, especially those in and surrounding Manhattan?

Help on understanding Zombies:

Zombiesalive.com (n.d.). Retrieved from <http://www.zombiesalive.com/#>

Reference:

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. (2015). Zombie Preparedness. Retrieved from <http://www.cdc.gov/phpr/zombies.htm>.