

Tsunami Survival Situation™

TEAM DEVELOPMENT

Create a surge of synergy in your teams



Unlock the secret of synergy to deal with a life-threatening disaster.

WHAT IS THE TSUNAMI SURVIVAL SITUATION?

The *Tsunami Survival Situation* is one of our newest survival simulations. Developed by Michael Gourley of Human Synergistics New Zealand, *Tsunami* places participants around a fire on a sand spit that juts out into the ocean just off the coast of central Chile. Suddenly, there are tremors. A short time later a text message warns that a tsunami has been reported heading toward the coast!

HOW DOES THE TSUNAMI SURVIVAL SITUATION WORK?

Participants are challenged to rank 8 potentially useful items in order of their relative importance to their survival. Solutions are developed on an individual basis and then by groups. Scores are generated by comparing individual and team answers to those provided by a geologist with expertise in these types of catastrophic events. Comparisons between individual and team scores indicate whether teams were able to achieve synergy by using and building on the knowledge and skills of their members.

The *Tsunami Survival Situation* takes approximately 1½ to 2¼ hours to complete, including scoring and debriefing.

APPLICATIONS

The *Tsunami Survival Situation* can be used as an icebreaker, pre-test/post-test, or follow-up activity for programs focusing on:

- Building new teams
- Team development
- Problem solving and decision making

In addition, the *Tsunami Survival Situation* can be used as:

- An icebreaker for an extended offsite gathering
- A kick-off to a group problem-solving session
- A tool for basic survival training

WHO SHOULD USE THE TSUNAMI SURVIVAL SITUATION?

The *Tsunami Survival Situation* is appropriate for all audiences.