

## **Crisis Communications Checklist**

## **Pre-Crisis Planning**

- Create a crisis communication response team
  - o Identify at least three people who should be on this team
- Identify topics and events that could generate a communications crisis
  - Identify two examples
- Craft messages in advance to manage those crises
  - Craft a message around one issue no more than one paragraph

## **Crisis-Communications Action Plan**

- Mobilize crisis communications team
  - Map a chain of communication (who calls whom?)
- Assess situation and develop a strategy and message
  - Should the message be communicated internally, externally, or both?
- Communicate strategy and message
  - Identify two ways to communicate the strategy
- Identify ways to monitor a crisis communications situation
  - o Provide two examples of when and how an update might be warranted
- Evaluate efforts and results
  - Identify two sources that could demonstrate results