Digital Security Breaches:  
Arming Crisis Organizations with New Insights  
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20 people per minute fall victim to physical violence by an intimate partner in the United States  
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RESEARCH QUESTIONS:  
1. What assets or characteristics within crisis organizations are vulnerable?  
2. How do advancements in technology impact the organizations’ risk for digital security breach?  
3. What existing or potential impacts can a breach have on a crisis organizations?  
4. What ways can crisis organizations prepare or respond to a digital security breach?  

RESULTS:  
1. Need for Pre-Event, During-Event, and Post-Event Strategies;  
2. Dispel the myth that security is 100% flawless 100% of the time;  
3. Encourage staff, victims, and stakeholders look at their individual security;  
4. Investigate network security solutions including VPNS, firewalls, IDS/IPS technologies;  
5. Understand motives for attacks;  
6. Assess current the computer systems are within the crisis organizations is a point of future research;  
7. Assume a breach will happen;  
8. Invest in Protection that is reasonable for the risks;  
9. Educate and Train for Staff, Clients and Stakeholders.  
10. MORE RESEARCH!  

APPROACH:  
* Reviewed of over 100 academic and general media articles reviewed  
* Assessed of 20 US, non-government domestic violence, human trafficking, and/or stalking organizations  
* Conducted conversations with an Executive Director of a domestic violence shelter for women in Cambridge, MA.  

What’s at RISK?