Judging Criteria EMPA Awards for Excellence in Emergency Communications Media Category



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community understanding (25 marks)	 To what extent did the reporting: result in better community understanding of a hazard/risk/opportunity/desired behaviour in an emergency/how to access assistance present complex information in ways that make it easier for a lay audience to understand acknowledge and accurately represent underlying research or scientific knowledge support positive behaviour change that will help save lives or enhance recovery acknowledge uncertainty, where new research has altered advice or where a situation is evolving
Timing (15 marks)	 To what extent did the timing of the reporting contribute to public safety?
Behavioural influence (10 marks)	To what extent did the media coverage minimise the promotion of unsafe behaviour (for example by <u>not</u> publishing/broadcasting footage or photographs of people doing the wrong thing)
Tenacity (10 marks)	• To what extent did the complexity of the story/coverage require a sustained commitment to research/write/produce the coverage?
Integrity and alignment to New Zealand Media Council principles (20 marks)	 Was the reporting accurate fair and balanced? Did it uphold the media council principles and guidance for your country? https://www.mediacouncil.org.nz/principles/
Alignment to EMPA Principles (20 marks)	The work of EMPA is guided by seven key principles which are outlined below. Choose as many as are relevant to your entry and write a short paragraph for each which explains how your entry upholds that principle. A comprehensive downloadable guide to the EMPA Principles can be found at https://www.empa.org.au/our-objectives