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**MPH 632 – Assignment 9 Reflection**

In this assignment, my group covered Climate Change, and our scenario was a California wildfire brought on by faulty powerlines. In our five-minute breakout, we agreed that our take-home message should be that climate change affects the wildfire and instruct the public to stay calm and listen. However, we were not the best at communicating our take-home messages – while we did discuss a lot about climate change, we did not address the “stay calm and listen” part until prompted to do so. In my opinion, we got stuck on one side of our messaging and could not tie both pieces together. The biggest challenge of this assignment was finding a way to communicate quickly and efficiently to present ourselves as a united front. The five-minute block was rushed, as we scrambled to get our ideas together. Our group could improve on quickly moving through a checklist; we wanted to talk about all possible questions and details, causing us to not be able to talk about key points of the scenario such as the death toll due to the wildfire. However, I believe we did a good job supporting one another during the town hall meeting and we did not contradict each other. Even when questions were structured to get us to contradict, we remained calm and supportive of one another.

Outside of the group, I could personally improve upon making sure I cover all items on the list, such as the “stay calm and listen” message. I found myself having tunnel vision, so I need to improve upon staying on track and addressing the entire problem at hand. After going through this experience, one piece of advice I would give to a colleague is to talk directly to the people and tell them what power they have in a situation.