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Long-lasting and extensive Interruption of Electricity – effect of cascade



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1 Key scenario – Power Cut

Why is electricity one of the weak points in our daily living / city?

"Almost all technological, administrative and social activities depend on a constant, adequate supply of electricity." (Green Paper)

Think of ICT (Information Communication Technology) without electrical power.

1.1 Nothing works without electricity

The central aspect of infrastructure for the operation and control of industrial processes is the power supply.

Without electricity the supply (water, food), the disposal (waste, sewage), the communication (telephone, data) and much more is not available/working.

1.1 Nothing works without electricity (2)

In case of a power cut (section of a city or bigger) the fire & rescue service and other services as well are paralysed.

Think of:

- People in the subway/tunnel, an elevator or behind automatic doors
- Traffic lights
- Automatic fire alarms ...

1.1 Nothing works without electricity (3)

How realistic is such scenario (long lasting power cut in a region)?

The evidence is already given: 25th Dec. 2005 Münsterland (several days) 4th Nov. 2006 western Germany (Belgian ...) 14th July 2011 Hannover 1.1 Nothing works without electricity (4)

A "power cut" is the key scenario for critical infrastructure, because other elements of the infrastructure depend directly to the power supply.

1.2 Basic assumptions

The electrical energy has to be produced at the same time when it is need, the storage is very limited (physical/technical related).

In case of a shut down of power plant the electrical grid can be threatened. In a timeframe of seconds the network has to be stabilized otherwise we are facing a domino effect of a power cut.

1.2 Basic assumptions (2)

If that domino effect occurs, a part of the power network will collapse.

"The larger and more widespread the damage, the more difficult it is to restart the delicate balance of electricity generat (Green Paper)



1.3 Effects of a power cut

Generally the effects of a longer lasting power cut are nowadays serious and complex.

There are massive consequences for all critical infrastructures. The effects of a power cut influence:

- ICT
- Traffic, transport (fuel service)
- Manufacturing
- Health service, emergency service
- Communication to the people/inhibitants

1.3 Effects of a power cut (2)

In case of a power cut the information and commination to/with the public becomes one of most challenging tasks.

The complexity of a power cut in a modern technology-base society can be pointed out as a cascade effect. Almost all critical infrastructures are based on a reliable power supply.

2 Preparations for a power cut in Frankfurt









2 Preparations for a power cut in Frankfurt

Assumptions

- widespread power outage in the city of Frankfurt am Main
- timeline > 3 days
- cold weather conditions

2.1 Risk analysis

Processes in a fire and rescue service:

- Communication / alarm calls
- Buildings / infrastructure
- Running the fire service fleet
- Supply / Disposal
- Staff





2.1 Risk analysis (2)

Critical processes within the Fire & Rescue Service Frankfurt/Main:

- Communication / alarm calls
- Buildings / infrastructure
- Running the fire service fleet (fuel supply)
- Supply / Disposal
- Staff



2.1 Risk analysis (3)

- Fuel supply
- Assessment of the emergency power supply of all fire stations
- Emergency power generators of the voluntary fire service
- Exchange of liaison officers
- Action plan "Power cut"

2.1 Risk analysis - Fuel supply

The amount of fuel witch the Fire & Rescue Service Frankfurt needs for 24 h is approximately 10.000 liters of Diesel.

no own fuel station

 no fuel station in town with an emergency power supply

2.2 Strategic planning



2.2 Strategic planning (2)

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2.2 Strategic planning (3)

Goals of the strategic planning

- Increase the capability of the voluntary fire service in case of a power cut
- Information point for the public
- Reachable (by feet/witout ICT) point for alarm calls



Timeframe ICT

Generelles Zeitschema zum Ausfall der Kommunikations- und Datennetzwerke

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2.3 Plan of action

Who is doing?

What?

Where?

When?

2.3 Plan of action (2)

- Categorising a power cut by spread and time
- Level of command
- Chain of command
- Flow chart



2.3 Plan of action (3)



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3 Conclusion

- Fast and reliable reference
- Easier planning needs/resources
- Probability between Category 2 and 3
- Training and exercises is needed
- periodic survey is fundamental as well as the extension/addition



List of reference

Green Paper of the Forum on the Future of public safety and security in Germany

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Thank you very much for your attention!

Questions?