

Mobilizing Influencers to Mitigate a Crisis in Real-Time

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PREPAREDNESS.





Brands can avoid 90% of communication crises if they plan ahead.

(American Marketing Association)



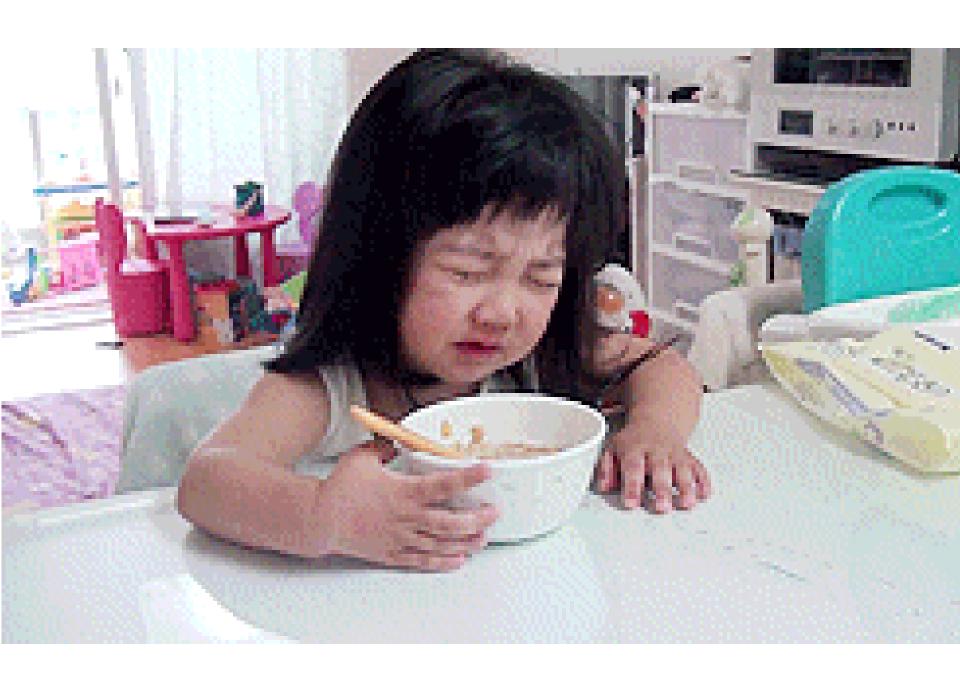


"There cannot be a crisis next week. My schedule is already full."

(Henry Kissinger)







"The 'influencer ecosystem' in business marketing is a specialized group of people for each company, an industry-specific and well-connected few who can reach the purchase decision makers."

 Molly Soat, American Marketing Association





92% of people trust recommendations from individuals (even if they don't know them) over brands.

(Source: Nielsen)



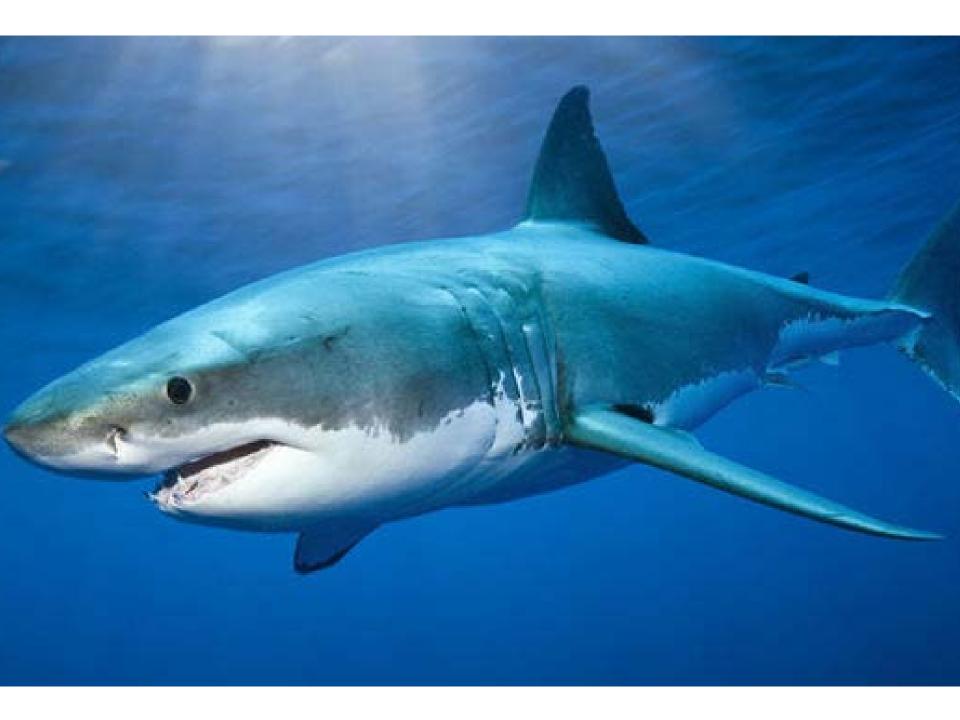


81% of professionals who have used influencer marketing judged it to be effective.

(Source: eMarketer)







NORTH CAROLINA SHARK ATTACKS

7 ATTACKS IN 1 MONTH



Two teens lose limbs in separate shark attacks at North Carolina beach





By Kevin Conlon and Janet DiGiacomo, CNN Updated 9:48 PM ET, Mon June 15, 2015 | Video Source: CNN













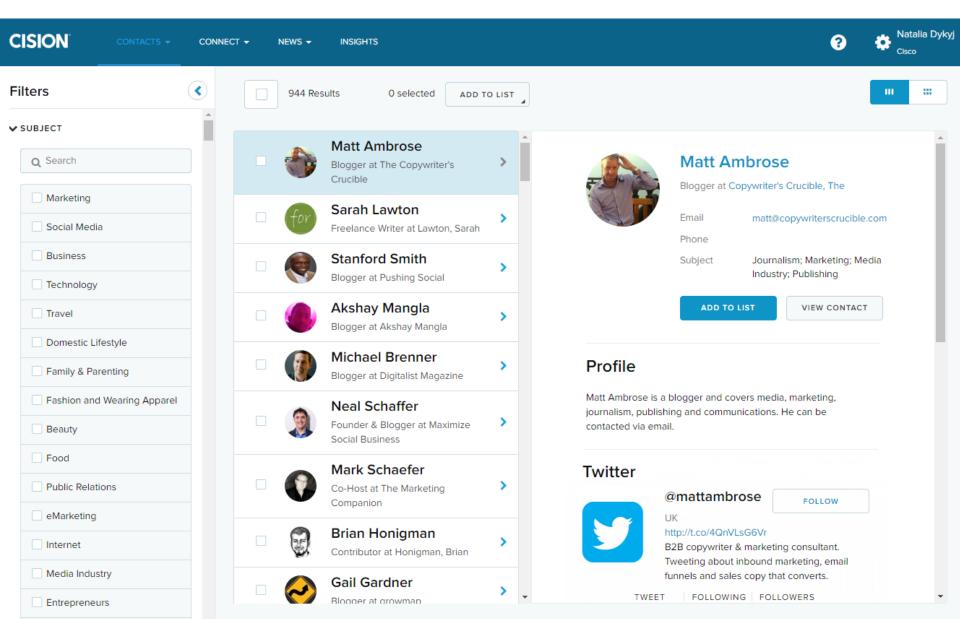
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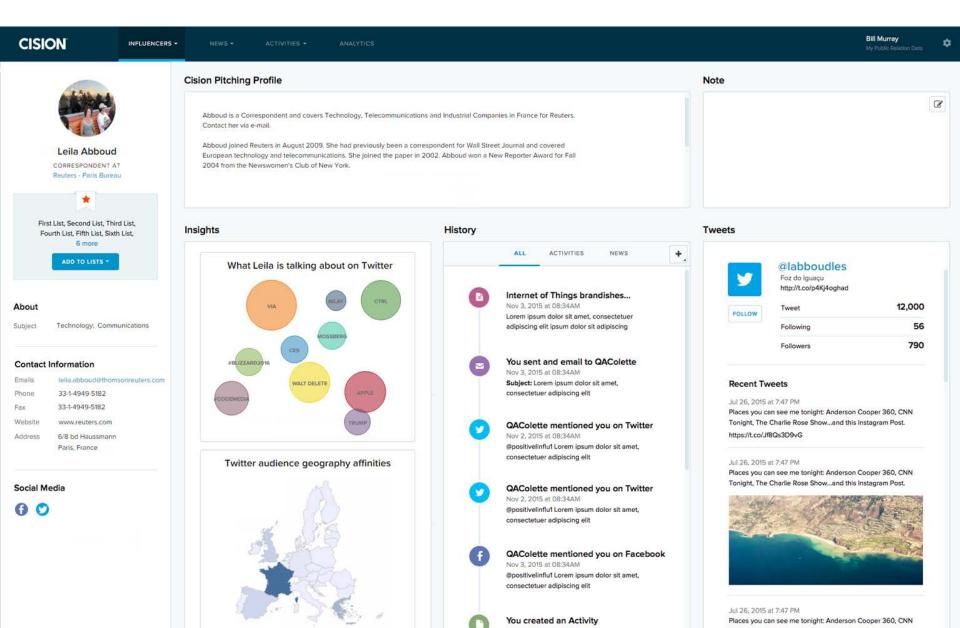


Find the right influencers





Understand influencers







2. Give your influencer a call, an email or just stop by to brief them on the situation.





3. Arm your influencers with messaging and data (if needed).





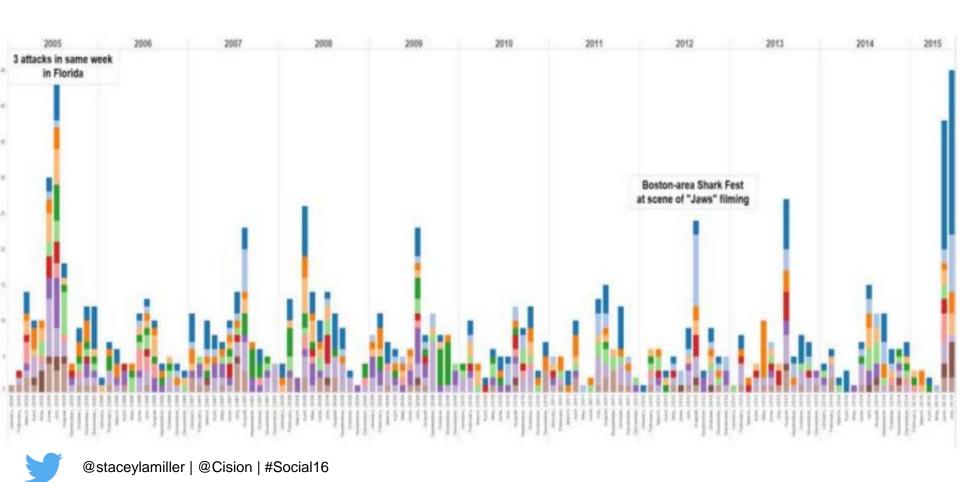


- Stick to the facts
- "Bite" not "attack"
- Expert is in Florida
- We support; as a guiding voice for coastal communities





Finding: The Biggest Shark Story in a Decade



4. Start with network sharing, then pitch the influencers to media, or let the influencers go to the media.







5. Reward influencers with incentives that add value to their careers.





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Story highlights



Man in latest attack identified as former Boston newspaper editor



Drought, warmer water may be factors in increase in shark attacks, shark expert says

11 people have been bitten this year off the coasts of North and South Carolina (CNN) — Sharks have attacked 11 people off the coast of North and South Carolina this year, according to the International Shark Attack File at the University of Florida, including a man bitten Wednesday on the Outer Banks' Ocracoke Island.

That's higher than the average of six attacks a year off the coasts of those two states.

What's behind the increase?

A number of factors could be contributing to the apparent rash of attacks, such as warmer water and drought conditions, said George H. Burgess, director of the Florida Program for Shark Research at the Florida Museum of Natural History.

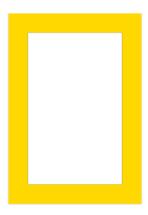
Drought conditions reduce the amount of freshwater making it to the sea, which creates an environment along the shore where higher salt levels attract more fish and sharks, Burgess said.

Warmer waters have sharks in North Carolina ahead of schedule, which is a recipe for more attacks. At Oak Island, North Carolina, two teenagers were bitten 90 minutes apart on June 14.

Burgess said people are going to the beach in higher numbers, now that school is out for the summer.

"This is a situation that we can't ignore, as we've had a number of attacks that are serious within a short period of time," he told CNN's "Anderson Cooper 360°" on Wednesday night.





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6. Your best influencers will act on their own. Identify and elevate them.





"No matter your business, you need a good network and colleagues in the industry who you can rely on to help you because you never know when you will need them."

(Scott Peacock, Visit North Carolina)





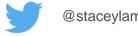
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