



Navy Fire & Emergency Services Loss Modeling

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1. Introduction

1.1 Background

Navy Fire & Emergency Services (F&ES) protects 70+ installations worldwide via four functions: Fire Protection, Fire Prevention, EMS Transport, and Aircraft Rescue & Fire Fighting. However, in a fiscally constrained era, the Navy is required to more carefully budget and trim their resources and the F&ES are not exempt. In order to make decisions regarding a reduction in assets and services, the Navy needs to be able to quantify the risk of loss of infrastructure, property, and lives.

In the Fall 2011 semester, a team of students from George Mason University (GMU) developed an Excel-based simulation of a generic installation with a simplistic loss function driven by historical call data. This model uses loss as a measure of the ability of F&ES assets to reach the location of an emergency. To expand on this model, a second team of GMU student developed a probabilistic loss model of the residential fire scenario during the Spring 2012 semester. This model provides a more realistic simulation of a two story single-family dwelling fire.

1.2 Problem Statement

The two previously built models provide a basis for quantifying loss on an installation given a reduction in F&ES assets. However, they are currently disconnected and simplistic. The Navy needs a unified tool that can realistically quantify loss.

1.3 Sponsor

The sponsor for this study is Mr. Fred Woodaman, Principal Analyst at Innovative Decisions Inc.

1.4 Objectives

The Fall 2012 GMU team is committed to the following objectives:

- To construct a model of a generalized installation that can be made specific given simple data for a particular installation.
- To build an efficient simulation model that will calculate expected losses using probabilistic loss models of various emergencies.
- To include and expand on the residential fire probabilistic loss model.
- To provide an interface to allow for simple addition of new probabilistic loss models for other emergency scenarios.

In summary, the study team intends to create a simulation model of an installation that is based on simple facts, rather than a grid, and is capable of calculating partial loss, rather than assuming loss to be binary. This will involve combining the two previous models and making the original simulation more closely reflect reality. While the Fall 2012

GMU team will not be able to complete a probabilistic loss model for every emergency, they will provide a basis for easy integration of such models in the future.

2 Technical Approach

2.1 Scope

This study will seek to build a generalized model of an installation. The study team will confine the model to a simulation of incident mitigation based on assumptions about the composition of the installation. There will be no attempt to optimize fire station locations, specify building materials or weather, or model incident prevention.

2.2 Assumptions

The previous GMU teams used the assumptions that follow. These will form the basis for the current GMU team's analysis, however they are subject to change as necessary.

- Complex and varied Navy installations can be generalized and simplified, such that they can be described adequately by a small set of parameters.
- Loss from fire follows a Weibull distribution using a random draw for parameters of distribution and a given building size.
- First fire company to respond only uses water on truck, allowing a limited amount of fire-fighting time. Second company to respond hooks up to hydrant to assist. Third company acts as a reserve. (NFPA requires 3 companies).
- F&ES forces are relatively small, such that forces cannot necessarily be reduced by a given percentage to match a desired budgetary outcome. (i.e. One cannot reduce a fire truck by 90%).
- Each infrastructure on an installation is within 5 minutes of a fire station.
- There are one to three fire trucks in each fire station.
- There are 4 fire fighters per company one duty at any given time.

2.3 Limitations

Since the study team does not contain any subject matter experts on F&ES, it will not be able to build probabilistic loss models for all emergency scenarios that can occur on an installation within the course of the semester. Therefore, the simulation model will include an interface to connect with future scenario models.

2.4 Methodology

The study team will begin by researching the structure of Naval installations and the responsibilities of F&ES. This research will provide information for building a simulation model of a generalized installation and various emergency situations. The team also plans to explore ways to expand the Spring 2012 GMU team's residential fire probabilistic loss model to include buildings of various types. The resulting model, written in Visual Basic for Applications in Excel, will be able to provide a measure of expected losses for a given installation and its F&ES assets.

Once a simplified base layout is identified, such as the one shown in Figure 1, the team will apply loss modeling to each building based on the likelihood of a fire event occurring, driven by past service calls for that base, as derived from the Program Compliance Assessment records, such as those shown in Figure 2. Initial loss modeling will be performed by utilizing a scalable version of the Spring 2012 team's residential model (shown in Figure 3) and applying it to larger and different typed buildings. When or if new models become available, they will be substituted as appropriate.

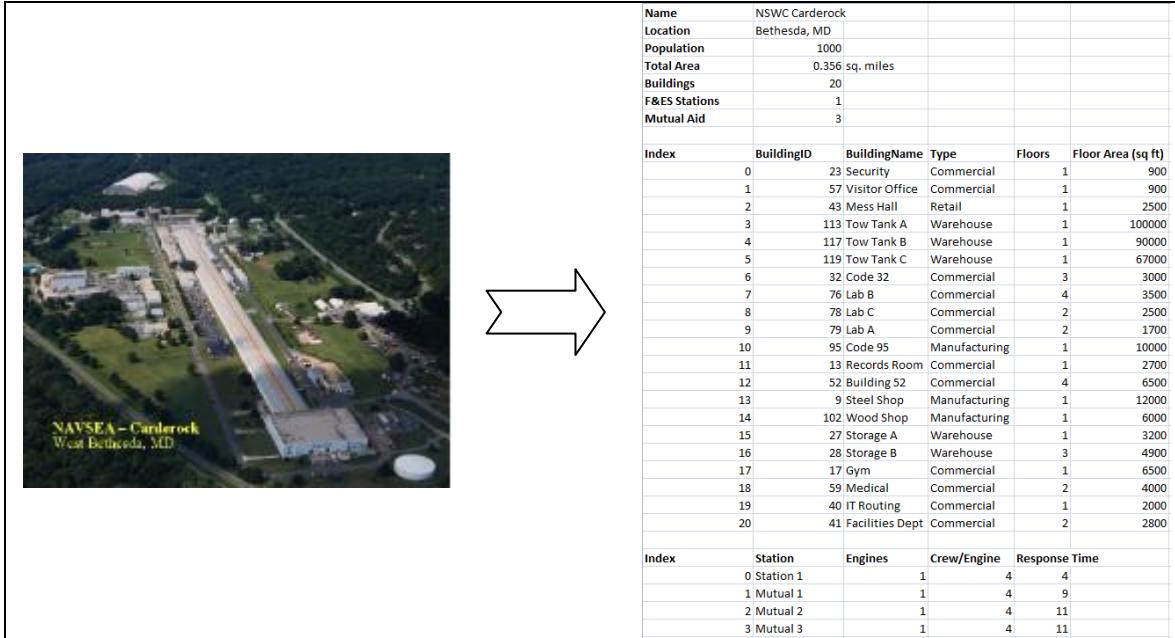


Figure 1 Navy installation transformation

Summary By Incident Type

Report Period: 1/1/04 - 12/31/06

Calls By Incident Type	Frequency	Percent Of Total Calls	Mutual Aid None	Mutual Aid Given	Mutual Aid Received	Other Aid Given	Invalid Aid Flag	Exposures	Total Incidents
FIREs									
Building Fires (110-118, 120-123).....	25	0.30%	16	0	9	0	0	1	26
Vehicle Fires (130-138).....	8	0.10%	5	0	3	0	0	0	8
Others Fires (160, 140-179).....	27	0.30%	25	0	2	0	0	0	27
Total Fires.....	60	0.73%	46	0	14	0	0	1	61
Overpressure Ruptures, Explosion, Overheat (200-251).....	2	0.02%	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
RESCUE CALLS									
Emergency Medical Treatment (300-323).....	319	3.88%	142	0	177	0	0	0	319
All Others (331-381).....	37	0.45%	35	0	2	0	0	0	37
Total Rescue Calls.....	356	4.31%	177	0	179	0	0	0	356
Hazardous Condition Calls (400-482).....	7037	85.51%	7028	0	9	0	0	0	7037
Service Calls (500-571).....	43	0.52%	43	0	0	0	0	0	43
Good Intent Calls (600-671).....	58	0.70%	57	0	1	0	0	0	58
Severe Weather or Natural Disaster Calls (800-815).....	3	0.04%	3	0	0	0	0	0	3
Special Incident Calls (900-911).....	6	0.07%	6	0	0	0	0	0	6
Unknown Incident Type (UUU).....	0	0.00%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
FALSE CALLS									
Malicious Calls (710-715, 751).....	10	0.12%	10	0	0	0	0	0	10
Other False Calls (700, 721-746).....	654	7.95%	652	0	2	0	0	0	654
Total False Calls.....	664	8.07%	652	0	2	0	0	0	664
TOTAL CALLS	8229	100.00%	6024	0	205	0	0	1	8230
Total Incidents With Exposure Fires.....	1				Total Fire Dollar Loss.....				\$1,119,584
Total Exposure Fires.....	1				Total Dollar Loss.....				\$1,620,048
Casualty Summary									
			Civilians		Fire Service				
Fire Related Injuries			3		0				
Non-Fire Injuries			3		0				
Fire Related Deaths			1		0				
Non-Fire Deaths			1		0				

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NFIRS 5.0 National Reporting System

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Figure 2 NAS Key West Incident Reports from March 2007 PCA

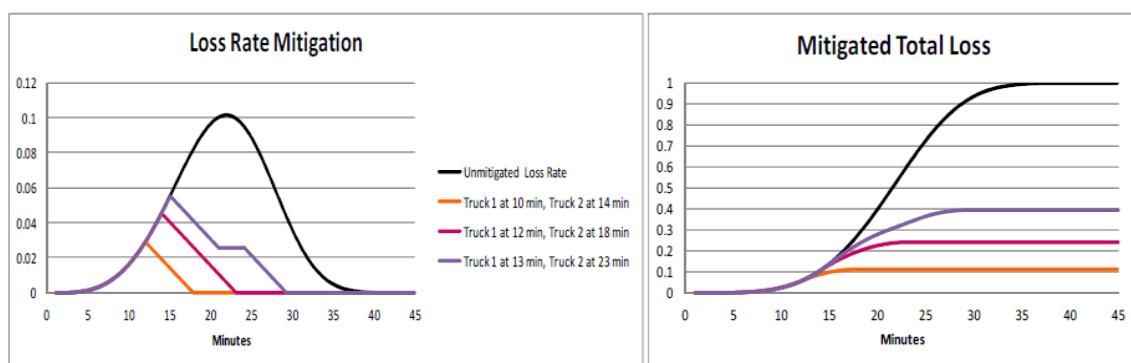


Figure 3 Residential Loss Model

3 Project Plan

3.1 Deliverables

Project Proposal and Presentation: 10/4

Status Report: 10/11

Design of Web Pages: 10/11

In Progress Review: 10/18

Draft of Final Presentation: 11/1

Project Report: 11/29

Simulation Model: 11/29

Final Website: 11/29

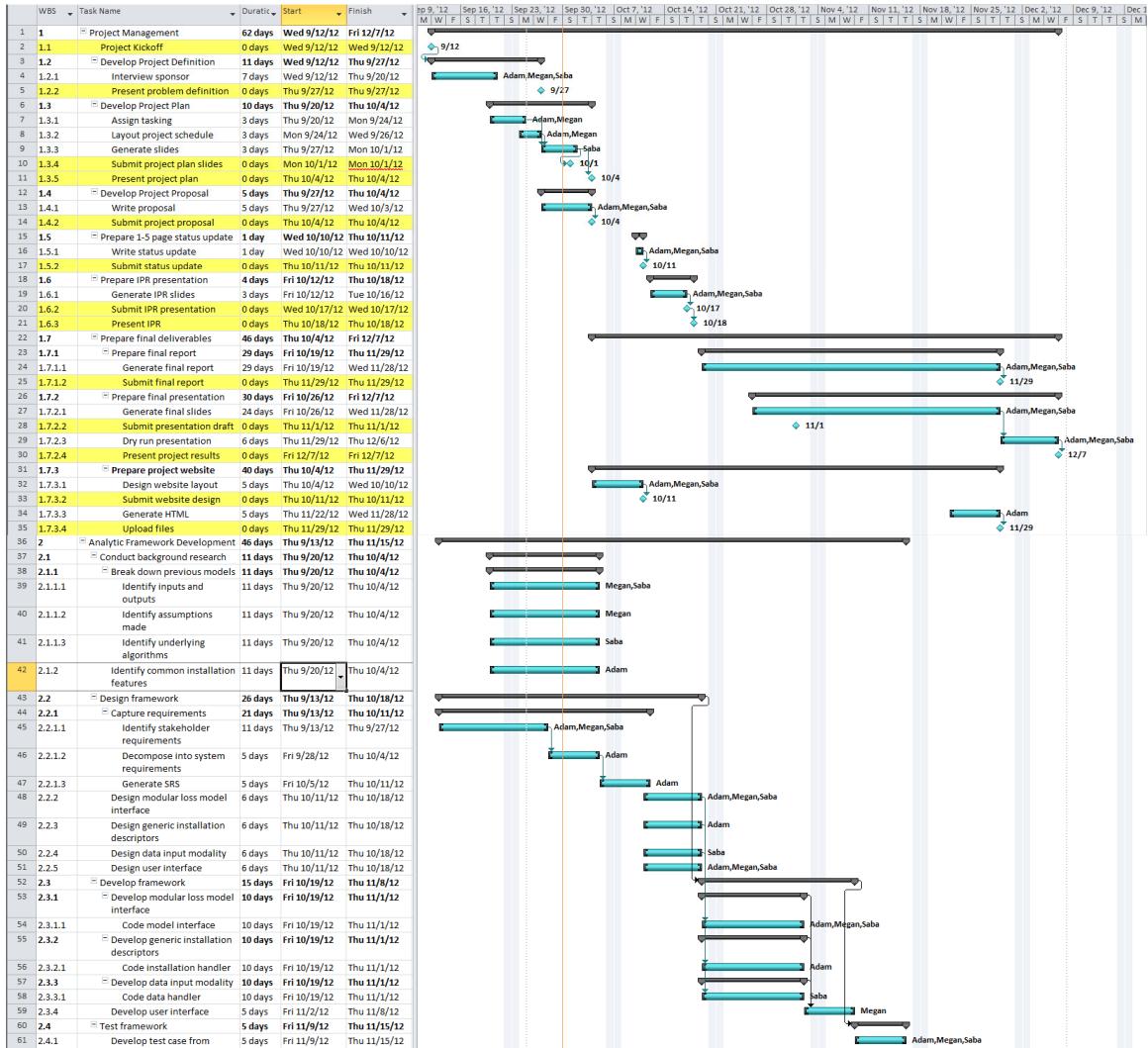
Final Presentation: 12/7

3.2 Work Breakdown Schedule

1. Project Management
 - 1.1. Project Kickoff
 - 1.2. Develop Project Definition
 - 1.2.1. Interview sponsor
 - 1.2.2. Present problem definition
 - 1.3. Develop Project Plan
 - 1.3.1. Assign tasking
 - 1.3.2. Layout project schedule
 - 1.3.3. Generate plan slides
 - 1.3.4. Submit project plan slides
 - 1.3.5. Present project plan
 - 1.4. Develop Project Proposal
 - 1.4.1. Write proposal
 - 1.4.2. Submit project proposal
 - 1.5. Prepare 1 page status update
 - 1.5.1. Write status update
 - 1.5.2. Submit status update
 - 1.6. Prepare IPR presentation
 - 1.6.1. Generate IPR slides
 - 1.6.2. Submit IPR presentation
 - 1.6.3. Present IPR
 - 1.7. Prepare final deliverables
 - 1.7.1. Prepare final report
 - 1.7.1.1. Generate final report
 - 1.7.1.2. Submit final report
 - 1.7.2. Prepare final presentation
 - 1.7.2.1. Generate final slides
 - 1.7.2.2. Submit presentation draft
 - 1.7.2.3. Dry run presentation
 - 1.7.2.4. Present project results

- 1.7.3. Prepare project website
 - 1.7.3.1. Design website layout
 - 1.7.3.2. Submit website design
 - 1.7.3.3. Write HTML
 - 1.7.3.4. Upload files
2. Analytic Framework Development
 - 2.1. Conduct background research
 - 2.1.1. Break down previous models
 - 2.1.1.1. Identify inputs and outputs
 - 2.1.1.2. Identify assumptions made
 - 2.1.1.3. Identify underlying algorithms
 - 2.1.2. Identify common installation features
 - 2.2. Design framework
 - 2.2.1. Capture requirements
 - 2.2.1.1. Identify stakeholder requirements
 - 2.2.1.2. Decompose into system requirements
 - 2.2.1.3. Generate SRS
 - 2.2.2. Design modular loss model interface
 - 2.2.3. Design generic installation descriptors
 - 2.2.4. Design data input modality
 - 2.2.5. Design user interface
 - 2.3. Develop framework
 - 2.3.1. Develop modular loss model interface
 - 2.3.1.1. Code model interface
 - 2.3.2. Develop generic installation descriptors
 - 2.3.2.1. Code installation handler
 - 2.3.3. Develop data input modality
 - 2.3.3.1. Code data handler
 - 2.3.4. Develop user interface
 - 2.4. Test framework
 - 2.4.1. Develop test case from existing base information and call data

3.3. Project Schedule



4 System Requirements

The system defined by the following requirements consists of the analysis tool, algorithms, and external interfaces that will allow expected annual loss to be computed probabilistically for various installation configurations, including variable F&ES force sizes.

1. System Objective – The system shall consist of a modular analysis tool that enables the Navy to establish an estimated annual expected loss for any given installation as a function of the level of Fire and Emergency Services available to that installation.

1.1. User Interface Requirements

- 1.1.1. System Modality - The user interface shall be in Microsoft Excel.

1.1.2. Input Requirements

- 1.1.2.1. Data file – the system shall utilize a data file describing the installation to be analyzed. The data file will include building type and size parameters.

- 1.1.2.2. Force size – the system shall allow the user to vary the force size

1.1.3. Output Requirements

- 1.1.3.1. Expected loss – the system shall output expected annualized loss estimates for the installation as a percentage. The final total will be an aggregate of the losses from each individual building within the installation.

1.2. Algorithm Requirements

1.2.1. Loss Model Requirements

- 1.2.1.1. The model shall compute expected loss for a single building for a single event.

1.2.1.2. Input Requirements

- 1.2.1.2.1. The algorithm shall use at least the following items as inputs: building size, number of floors, estimated fire team response time.

1.2.1.3. Output Requirements

- 1.2.1.3.1. The algorithm shall output the percentage loss of the building and its contents as an estimate of lost value.

1.2.2. Installation Model Requirements

1.2.2.1. Input Requirements

1.2.2.2. Output Requirements

1.2.3. Data Model Requirements

- 1.2.3.1. The system shall utilize Program Compliance Assessment (PCA) data to establish a baseline risk profile for a given installation.

2. System Training – The project team shall provide training on usage of the system to the Navy or its representatives prior to final delivery.
3. System Maintenance – The system shall be maintained by the Navy or its representatives following delivery.