

What's in your PIO Backpack?



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It is imperative for the PIO to be equipped with the proper tools and resources to use during an incident. SummitET™ experts put together an example of what a PIO Go Kit might include.

Technological Hardware

1. Agency radio (if applicable)
2. Smartphone (128 GB minimum)
3. Smartphone headset with microphone
4. Smartphone stabilizer gimbal
5. Smartphone and/or tablet tripod mount
6. Receiver/listen only headset earpiece
7. Portable power bank (100 mAh minimum)
8. Laptop or tablet and accessories
9. Lavalier microphone for smartphone or tablet
10. Thumb drives and/or portable hard drive
11. Mobile Wi-Fi hotspot

Physical Hardware

12. Tactical backpack
13. Media staging scene tape
14. Tripod
15. Flashlight
16. Surge protector/power strip

Software

17. Basic video editing app
18. Basic language translation app
19. Hemingway Editor App bookmarked on your laptop and smartphone

Personal

20. Notepad, pencils, pens, highlighter
21. Business cards (physical and electronic)
22. Make-up (compact w/mirror, etc.)
23. Cash – money
24. Toiletries (mouth wash, toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant, brush, comb, toilet paper, soap)
25. Towel (wash cloth)
26. Change of clothes (minimum under clothes)
27. PIO vest and/or jacket
28. Compact umbrella
29. Bottled water
30. Energy bar or quick snack

