Examples of Critical Incidents:

- Line of Duty Death
- Off Duty Death (in some instances)
- Suicide or homicide of a co-worker or colleague
- Entrapment/Burn-Over/Shelter deployment
- Shooting
- Serious accident or injury
- Incidents that attract extremely unusual or critical news media coverage
- Exposure to fatalities and injuries
- Any incident that can be considered a serious physical or psychological threat to an employee in the line of duty.
- Loss of life that follows extraordinary and prolonged expenditures of physical and emotional energy in a rescue attempt.
- Significant event involving children
- Acts of Terrorism
- An incident in which the circumstances are so unusual or so distressing as to produce immediate or delayed emotional reactions that surpasses normal coping mechanisms
- Events charged with profound emotions
- A series of incidents that may have cumulative effects