## **SURVIVAL THRU BRAINPOWER!**

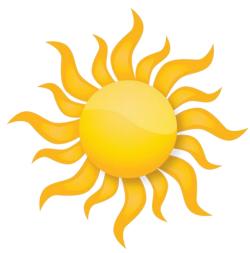
## WHAT ARE YOUR CHANCES?

## THE PROBLEM

- 10am in mid-August in the Southwestern Desert
- You were 65 miles off course and are 70 miles from a mining camp
- The weather report predicted 110F which means <u>130F</u> on the ground
- You are dressed in lightweight clothing short sleeve shirt and lightweight pants
- Everyone has a handkerchief
- All together you have \$85 in bills, \$2.33 in change, a pack of cigarettes and a pen
- You were able to salvage 15 items from the plane. All in good condition.
- Burned wreckage is too low to ground and damaged to be used as shelter



These are the 15 items you salvaged. Rank the 15 items in order of their importance to your survival



- \_ Flashlight w/batteries
- \_ Swiss Army jackknife
- \_ Air Map
- \_ Plastic Raincoat
- \_ Magnetic Compass
- \_ Compress First Aid Kit w/gauze
- \_ Loaded 45cal. pistol
- \_ Red & white parachute

- \_ Bottle of 1000 salt tablets
- \_ 1 qt of water per person
- \_"Edible Animals of the Desert" book
- \_ 1 pair of sunglasses per person
- \_ 1 topcoat per person
- \_ 1 cosmetic mirror
- \_ 2 qts of Vodka

## List your items in order of importance Put 1 beside most important and so on.

The first 5 items are critical! Rescue is your most important goal. <u>With just the first 2 items your survival</u> <u>time can be extended by 3 days.</u>

- The most important factor is to use common sense.
- Your greatest concern is to protect yourself against sun and dehydration
- If you are not familiar with the desert and panic, death is almost certain
- But with basic knowledge the desert is not as formidable as it seems
- 70 miles to mining camp is too far to walk. Street shoes and lack of water would mean certain death