

Appendix E:

Additional Resources from the National Mass Violence Victimization Resource Center

The National Mass Violence Victimization Resource Center, based at the Medical University of South Carolina, serves to provide communities access to evidence-based information and resources needed to effectively prepare for and respond to mass violence incidents. A primary focus of the National Mass Violence Victimization Resource Center (NMVVC) is to address the mental health and victim assistance needs of victims, survivors, family members, and communities impacted by a mass violence incident. In the aftermath of a public mass shooting in your community, we encourage you to reach out to NMVVC to learn more about best practices and to ask your staff and partners to consult the following recommended resources from the Center.

Preparation

- NMVVC, “The Role of Victim Assistance Professionals in Preparing for Mass Violence Incidents,” is a tip sheet that will help you understand the resources and roles of your partners that provide victim assistance. <https://www.nmvvc.org/media/0ddft0pn/tipsheet11.pdf>
- NMVVC, “At-a-Glance: The Role of Victim Service Professionals,” provides an overview of the services and aid that victim services professionals bring to a mass violence incident response, for those in your community and/or staff that may need a background/primer on the subject. <https://www.nmvvc.org/media/pobdrf1n/role-of-vsps-rrr-matrix.pdf>

Response

- FBI and Penn State, “We Regret to Inform You: Providing Sensitive Death Notifications with Professionalism, Dignity and Compassion.” This is a training course for law enforcement professionals, medical examiners, and victim assistance professionals outlining a four-step process for compassionate delivery of death notifications to family members and other loved ones. <https://www.nmvvc.org/media/pghaczss/tipsheet6.pdf>
- NMVVC, “After the Death Notification: Ten Guidelines for Assisting Victims & Survivors of Mass Violence” describes a continuum of quality care for families whose loved one was murdered in a mass violence incident. <https://www.nmvvc.org/media/fmcb5jxo/tipsheet10.pdf>
- NMVVC, “After a MVI: Helpful Hashtags and Social Media Accounts,” provides information to reference via the City’s social media accounts. <https://www.nmvvc.org/media/fu2j4is3/tipsheet7.pdf>
- NMVVC, “Tips for Community Leaders: Establishing a Family Assistance Center (FAC),” provides best practices for establishing an FAC in the immediate aftermath of a mass shooting. <https://www.nmvvc.org/media/tkgfidqq/tipsheet19.pdf>

Recovery

- NMVVRRC, “Rebuild Your Community,” is a webpage providing links to resources that will be helpful throughout the recovery phase.
<https://www.nmvvrc.org/community-leaders/rebuild-your-community/>
- NMVVRRC, “Unexpected Challenges for Communities in the Recovery Phase of a Mass Violence Incident,” provides a list of 17 challenges you will likely face along with helpful solutions for preventing or mitigating each challenging circumstance.
<https://www.nmvvrc.org/media/00tbio4n/tip-sheet-unexpected-challenges-for-communities-in-recovery-phase.pdf>
- NMVVRRC, “Resilience Following Hate Crimes: Information and Tips” provides five tips for your response to a hate-motivated incident in your community.
<https://www.nmvvrc.org/media/hcnphst3/tipsheet16.pdf>
- NMVVRRC, TRANSCEND, a self-Help app for victims and survivors), is available here:
<https://www.nmvvrc.org/survivors/self-help/>