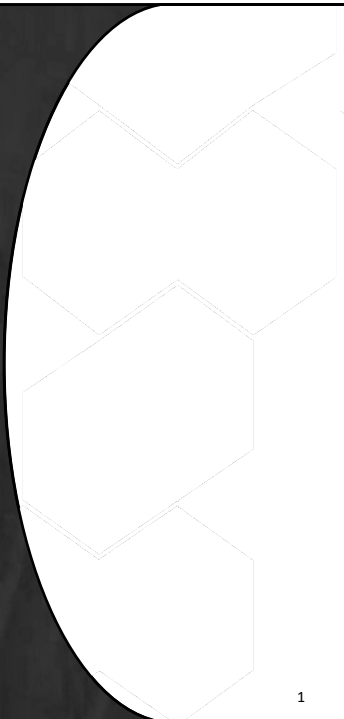


Mass Fatality Preparedness – Lessons Learned from 1 October



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- Medicolegal Systems
- Overview of Clark County Office of the Coroner/Medical Examiner
- Certification and Accreditation
- Overview of 1 October Shooting
- Missing Persons Call Center
- Family assistance center (NOK notification)
- On-going employee wellness and resiliency efforts
- Discuss strengths and areas of improvement

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Medicolegal Systems

Coroner vs Medical Examiner

- Accreditation
- Certification
- Training
- Planning
- Resources

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Clark County Office of the Coroner/Medical Examiner

Clark County Statistics - 2018

Total Deaths - 17,998

Reported- 13, 152

Exams - 3,172

Homicide – 224

Suicide - 506

Accident - 1,339 (598 Overdoses and 262 MVA)

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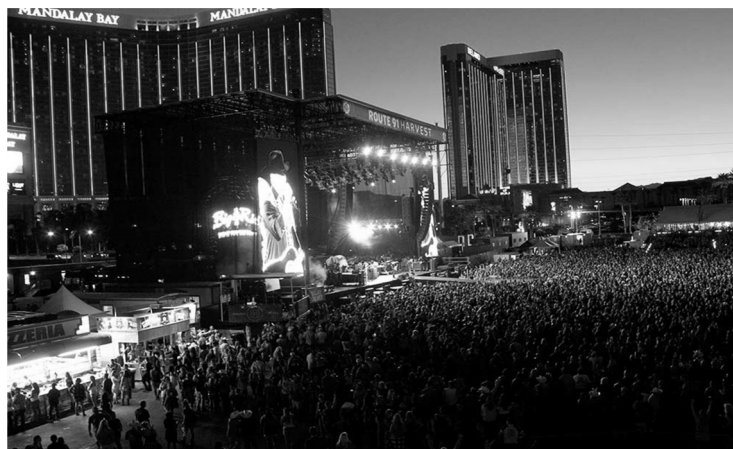
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- Over 22,000 attendees with up to 2,000 vendors and employees
- 17.5 acre open-air site
- Shooter broke out two windows from a suite on the 32nd floor and began shooting more than 1,100 rounds into the crowd below
- Shooting - from approximately 10:05 pm to 10:16 pm
- The shooter left 58 dead with over 1000 injured before killing himself

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1 October - Shooter

- Name - ?
 - 64 years old
 - Born in Iowa, Raised in Tucson
 - Work briefly for the USPS & IRS, Ret. Accountant, avid gambler, very wealthy
 - No criminal history
 - Father Benjamin, convicted bank robber, escaped prison 1969

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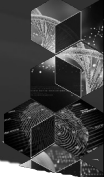
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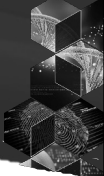
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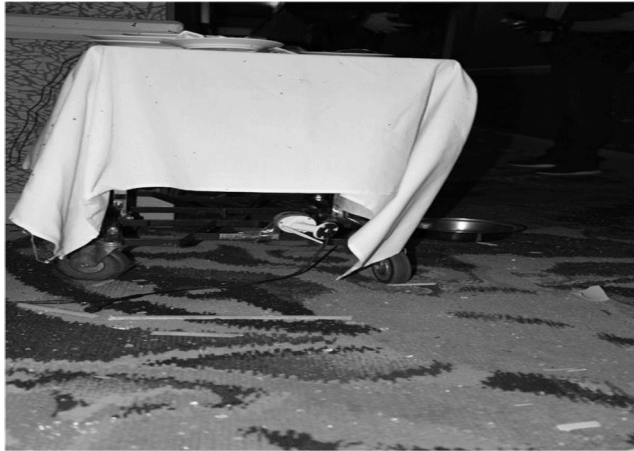
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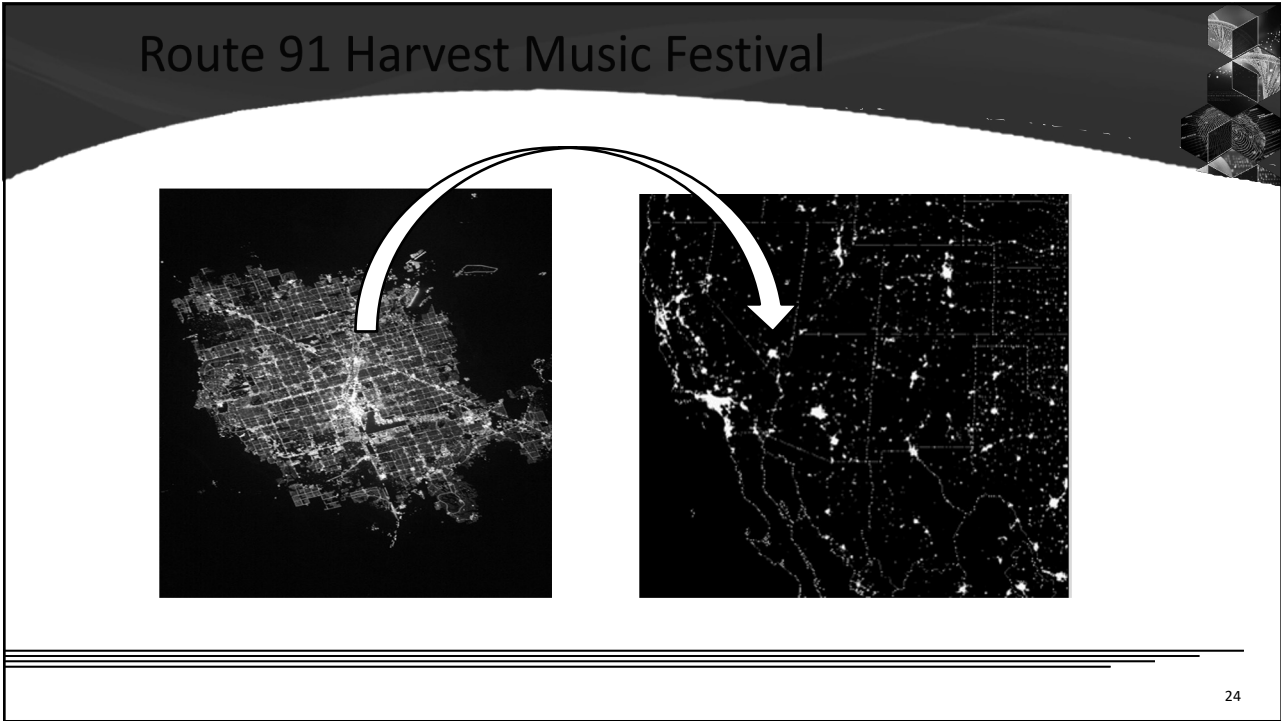


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➤ Outside help

- Los Angeles County Coroner's Office
- New York City-Office of the Chief Medical Examiner
- San Bernardino Coroner's Office
- Denver County Medical Examiner's Office
- Reno Police Department
- Washoe County Health District
- Carson City Health Department

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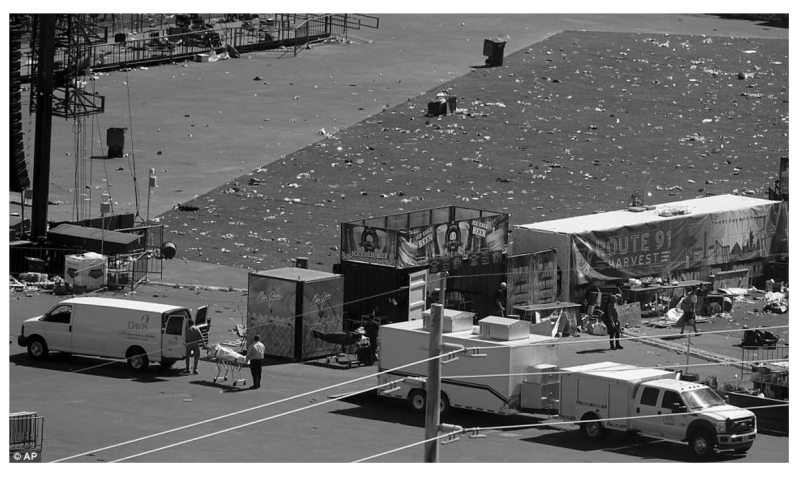
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1 October – Missing Persons - Call Center

The centralized call center 211-

- UVIS – Call Center Module
- All missing persons reports in one database
- Coroner/ME needs data – ID
- Allows the efficient investigation MP reports

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Family Assistance Center (FAC)

- Messaging and the use of press conferences
 - Who does them?
 - What is the message?
 - Prepared statement?

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Family Assistance Center (FAC)

- CCOCME Responsible for Family Assistance Center
 - Who is responsible?
- 2009 Full Scale Family Assistance Exercise
 - 300+ participants
 - 43 Organizations
- 2011 Reno Air Race Crash (11 Dead)
 - Informal FAC Mgr group
 - UVIS Deployed

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Family Assistance Center (FAC)

- October 1st, Organic reunification at UNLV T&M
- October 2nd,
 - 3:00 am, UVIS Deployed
 - 4:00 am, a family reunification location was announced at the LVMPD HQ.
 - 6:00 am, CCFD DC (OEM), LVMPD and I agreed that OEM and the Coroner's Office would assume command of family notification, reunification, and assistance as these were functions better aligned with OEM and Coroner than PD.
 - 8:00 am, The LV Convention Center open, laying out the footprint of FAC
 - 1:30 pm, the FAC officially opened to the public

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Family Assistance Center (FAC)

Terminology FAC vs VIC

- Reception
- Family escorts
- Food
- Child care
- Release of personal effects found on decedents
- FBI Victim Assistance
- Ante Mortem Interviews – Who?

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Family Assistance Center (FAC)

- Air and ground transportation
- Onsite childcare
- Lodging
- Crime victims benefits and compensation
- Legal aide
- Identification services
- Counseling and spiritual care
- Personal effects return
- Donation Management

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Family Assistance Center (FAC)



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Family Assistance Center (FAC)

- October 4th 9:34 pm, All 58 - ID'd and Notified
- October 5th , Victim Information Center (VIC) opened (CCOCME) Hotline
- The FAC at the Convention Center closed on October 20th
- The Vegas Strong Resiliency Center opened for services on October 23rd

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Family Assistance Center (FAC)



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Family Assistance Center (FAC)

1 OCTOBER FAC 10/20/1
TOTAL
SERVED
4,356
#VEGASSTRONG!

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Miscellaneous Issues

- Storage of Shooter / Building Security
- Disposition
- Hotline
- Media
- Death Certificates
- Reports
- Name of Incident
- Established Unified Command
- Agency Coordination

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- Call center capacity
- Multi-operational periods – Staffing
 - Multi-agency coordination
- Preparation (Exercises)
 - Morgue – Tracking bodies/specimens
 - Scene Response – Case numbering system
- Pre-identified reunification center/FAC

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Wellness/Resiliency Efforts

- Group Debriefings
- Individual Counseling
- Non-Traditional Services
 - Art Therapy
 - Therapy Dogs
 - Potlucks
 - Family Day – Offsite
 - Massage Therapy
 - Trauma Meditation - 1400 meditations to over 4000 First Responders
 - Trauma Yoga

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Wellness/Resiliency Efforts

- 2019 NV Legislation – Senate Bill 463

- UNLV SOM/CCOCME - Mediation Research Study
 - Matrix – Scene type vs support response

- UNLV SOM/CCOCME – Mental Health/Wellness Program



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KINDNESS

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1. Loaning someone your strength instead of reminding them of their weakness.



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