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## Review of active shooter resources and training

The scope of the Las Vegas shooting this week is disturbing and brings the worry of copycats. It is a good time to review active shooter or mass violence incident plans and hold training or drills to run through them. It's also a good time to re-establish inter- and cross-jurisdictional partnerships with other responding agencies. Good interagency cooperation doesn't happen accidentally.

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has a dedicated site with active shooter response resources, documents and training available for [first responders](#) and the public. The resources for the public are [translated into eight languages](#). They also have information specifically for those in the human resources and security fields.

The [FBI](#) has a similar site with resources and training, including the "Run. Hide. Fight." video training and an overview of the FBI's roles in an active shooter incident. In addition, they have a section of studies on past active shooter incidents and guides to developing emergency operations plans for schools, institutions of higher learning and houses of worship.

[Firefighters played a significant role in the response](#). Firefighters and EMTs should have working knowledge of their role in violent incidents well before being in the middle of one. The U.S. Fire Administration (USFA) published a [report on operational considerations for fire and EMS](#) during such incidents and the [National Fire Protection Association \(NFPA\) is currently working on a standard](#). [FireRescue1](#) and [EMS1](#) both have numerous articles on this topic.

In July, Lexipol hosted three chief fire officers from Prince George's County, Maryland, West Webster, New York, and Dallas, Texas, to learn about their tragic active shooter incidents first hand. The [hour-long webinar includes information and downloads](#).

Finally, [concertgoers were very instrumental in initial patient care, hemorrhage control and moving victims](#) to ambulances and other transport. These actions can be highlighted as part of an effort to educate the public in your jurisdiction on rendering aid to a bleeding victim, whether from violence or other means. See [BleedingControl.org](#) for more information and resources.

(Source: [DHS](#))

## TRACIE resources page for mass violence incidents

The Las Vegas shooting is in some ways a worst-case scenario many agencies have feared for years. After action reviews will not be done for some time, but we know hospitals were taxed beyond capacity in response to this mass casualty incident. The Technical Resource, Assistance Center, and Information Exchange (TRACIE) site put together a page of [information and resources related to mass violence](#). As mentioned above, it would be a good idea to review your jurisdiction's mass casualty incident plans, run some drills, and make changes as needed.

One featured topic collection is [Patient Movement and Tracking](#). Patient tracking and transportation is chaotic without proper coordination and communication, and those looking to strengthen their plans should find this information helpful.

Other featured topic collections include Emergency Public Information; Explosives

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and Mass Shooting; Hospital Surge Capacity; Trauma Care and Triage; Fatality Management; Family Reunification and Support; and Responder Safety and Health.

TRACIE is managed by the Department of Health and Human Services. It has many [Topic Collections](#) (PDF, 105 KB) currently available and many more planned.

(Source: [TRACIE](#))

## MS-ISAC provides cybersecurity help to SLTT governments

October is National Cyber Security Awareness Month. Cyber security-related concerns are growing by leaps and bounds every year and have become a thorn in the side of local governments who may not have the money and resources to combat such threats.

The [Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center](#) (MS-ISAC) offers state, local, tribal and territorial (SLTT) governments state-of-the-art tools and resources for cybersecurity prevention, protection, response and recovery. They can assist with malware analysis, log analysis, forensic analysis and vulnerability assessments.

Through a free membership, SLTT governments also have access to up-to-date cyber threat and vulnerability information, training resources, educational opportunities, members-only webcasts and more.

Most importantly, [the MS-ISAC can help SLTT governments with cyber incidents whether they are members or not](#). Their highly trained staff can assist your agency or department if you experience disruption or defacement of websites; compromised passwords; any types of malware; and unauthorized use of system data.

Visit the MS-ISAC website for more information on joining and how they can assist with your cybersecurity problems.

(Source: [MS-ISAC](#))

## National Fire Prevention Week: focus on escape planning

Fire Prevention Week is October 8-14 this year, and the campaign focus is “Every Second Counts...Plan 2 Ways Out.” According to USFA, people may have less than two minutes to get out of their residence once a smoke alarm sounds – and it is vital people have two ways out of every room.

USFA has handouts and other resources such as [cards and videos for fire departments to share via social media feeds](#) discussing things to think about when creating an escape plan. Some are also available in Spanish.

Hoarding situations pose a threat to people living under those conditions and firefighters alike. Heavy accumulation of materials block exit routes and provide a lot of fuel for fires. USFA features informational materials on hoarding as a safety issue and how to deal with the problem if you find it in your community.

The [NFPA](#) information on Fire Prevention Week includes a house map to teach kids to find two ways out of a room and other public education infographics and media.

(Source: [USFA](#))

The U.S. Fire Administration maintains the Emergency Management and Response – Information Sharing and Analysis Center (EMR-ISAC). For information regarding the EMR-ISAC visit [www.usfa.dhs.gov/emr-isac](http://www.usfa.dhs.gov/emr-isac) or contact the EMR-ISAC office at: (301) 447-1325 and/or [emr-isac@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:emr-isac@fema.dhs.gov).

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