



North Carolina Department of Public Safety

Governor's Crime Commission

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Governor's Crime Commission Quarterly Meeting

Date: December 2, 2022

Location: Virtual Meeting via WebEx and in-person at 1201 Front Street, Raleigh, NC

In Attendance

Members: Chief Patrice Andrews, Justice Phillip Berger Jr., Sheriff Clarence Birkhead, Sheriff Charles Blackwood, Judge Charlie Brown, Secretary Eddie Buffaloe Jr., Commissioner Leto Copeley, Judge Julius Corpening, Chairman Robert Evans, Mayor Don Hardy, Commissioner Brandeshawn Harris, Judge Andrew Heath (designee), Commissioner Andrew Hendry, Chief Dan House, Commissioner Karen Howard, Commissioner Virginia Lee Jicha, Colonel Freddy Johnson, The Honorable Monika Johnson-Hostler, Deputy Secretary William Lassiter, Commissioner Richard (Ricky) Parks, The Honorable Matthew Scott, Director Angela Smith, Commissioner Lauren Smith, The Honorable Rebecca Spragins, Reverend Bruce Stanley, Sheriff Keith Stone, Councilman Christopher Suggs, Commissioner Hoyt Tessener, Commissioner Pamela Thompson, Commissioner James Williams, Sheriff Calvin Woodard, Chief Michael Yaniero.

Presenters: Michael Fanelly, Liddie D. Shropshire, Mary Vail Ware

Call to Order and Roll Call

Meeting was called to order by the Chair Evans at 10:04 a.m., roll call was taken and a quorum was established.

Reminders

The chair provided an ethics reminder from the General Statute, Chapter 138A-35, and other provisions of the State Government Ethics Act. A reminder for recusal was made.

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Approval of Minutes

The minutes were sent prior to the meeting. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Chief Dan House, Seconded by Chief Patrice Andrews. The members voted and the minutes of the prior meeting were approved.

Executive Director Update

Executive Director Farmer provided an update on the status of grants at the federal level and at the Governor's Crime Commission. GCC has signed a contract for a new grant management system. GCC has established a staff outreach committee to improve subgrantee recruitment. The Juvenile Justice Committee (JJPC) has newly appointed members.

Mass Violence Response/Mass Violence Plan

Mary Vail Ware shared information on services offered from Office for Victims of Crime (OVC). OVC has a technical training assistance center that serves one and a quarter million people a year, on various topics including, board development, strategic planning, domestic violence and vicarious trauma work. The training assistance center also provides direct services in the form of mass violence response, during which they provide training and support subject matter experts to work with communities that have experienced a mass violence event. Ms. Ware also outlined a mass violence plan.

Crime Victims Compensation

Liddie D. Shropshire shared information regarding NC Crime Victims Compensation Services' response to the mass violence incident that occurred in Raleigh. The Crime Victims Compensation office reached out to the Raleigh Police Department Victims Service unit to advise that their program was available to support victims. The services provided by Victim's Compensation are offered to communities after the initial event, to support victim families, responders, and the community. With the collaboration of the Raleigh Police Department, the office provided a range of services to the victims and their families.

Old/New Business

No old or new business was brought before the Commission.

Announcements and Adjournment

Next meeting will be on March 2, 2023
Chairman adjourned the meeting at 11:20.

Attachments

- Agenda

- Roll call
- Minutes from prior meeting
- NC Mass Violence Presentation
- Recusals

Governor's Crime Commission Quarterly Meeting - December 1, 2022 - WebEx Attendees

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In-person and virtual

Thursday, March 2, 2023

9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Commission Meeting

In-Person 1201 Front Street, Raleigh, NC 27609

Virtual via Webex.

9:00 a.m.	Call to Order and Roll Call Approval of December Minutes Ethics Reminder	Chairman Robert A. Evans
9:10a.m.	Executive Director Updates	Executive Director Caroline Farmer
9:15 a.m.	Update: Gangs in North Carolina	Michael Easley, US Attorney Eastern District
10:00 a.m.	Update: Juvenile Gangs in North Carolina	Billy Lassiter, Deputy Secretary of Juvenile Justice
10:30 a.m.	Update: NC GangNET	Jennifer Harmon, Gang Administrator, Highway Patrol
11:30 a.m.	Criminal Justice Analysis Center: Identifying Domestic Violence 2021 Firearm-Related Offenses Justice Data Portal – Traffic Stop	Michelle Beck, CJAC Director Blake Sykes, Research Associate Christina Scarano, Policy Analyst
12:25 a.m.	Old or new business Adjourn	Chairman Robert A. Evans

Next Commission Meeting: June 1, 2023

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Mass Violence: Key Things to Know

Community Recovery from Mass Violence

Mary Vail Ware, Project Director, OVC TTAC



Introduction to OVC

In 1984 Congress established OVC under the USDOJ through an amendment to the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA)

OVC Mission: to enhance the Nation's capacity to assist victims of crime and promote justice and healing for all victims.

OVC TTAC

- OVC TTAC is the gateway to training and technical assistance for victim service providers and allied professionals who serve crime victims. Our aim is building the capacity, sustainability and expertise of organizations that serve victims and survivors.

OVC TTAC

To improve your capacity to serve crime victims in your community, here are some ways OVC TTAC might work with you:

Provide skilled trainers with specific subject matter expertise for your upcoming training event

Conduct an organizational needs assessment and design a targeted response through training, technical assistance, or peer support.

Develop a basic evaluation strategy for determining your program's effectiveness

Mass violence TTA, AEAP assistance

Strengthen advocacy programming that helps assure equal justice for victims and produces a positive, sustainable impact.

Mass Fatality—Defined as four or more casualties in a single incident (FBI);

1 in 4 Mass Violence victims are children and teens;

Communities and institutions are secondary victims, limiting their response capacity;

Overwhelms a community's resources for response and recovery;

Results in “fracturing” in a community: isolation, civil suits, increased crime, loss of first responders, conflicts caused by donations etc.

Sustaining recovery is difficult and expensive for impacted communities



Context:



Trauma's Impact on Communities

- The three defining characteristics of a traumatic event (or situation) are that it was:
 - Unpredictable
 - Overwhelming and
 - Created Powerlessness



Phases of Response to Mass Tragedy

- PLANNING
- Immediate (“Acute”)
 - During incident
 - Immediate aftermath
 - Completion of rescue
 - Notification/Reunification Center
- Intermediate (“Transitional”)
 - Up to first anniversary
 - Completion of prosecution phase
 - Family Assistance Center/Community Resilience Center/Safe Haven
- Long Term (“Recovery”)
 - Up to 18 months +
 - Appeals, parole hearings, penalty imposition
 - Memorial dedications and anniversaries
 - Community Resilience Center
- PLANNING

Everyone and their dog shows up



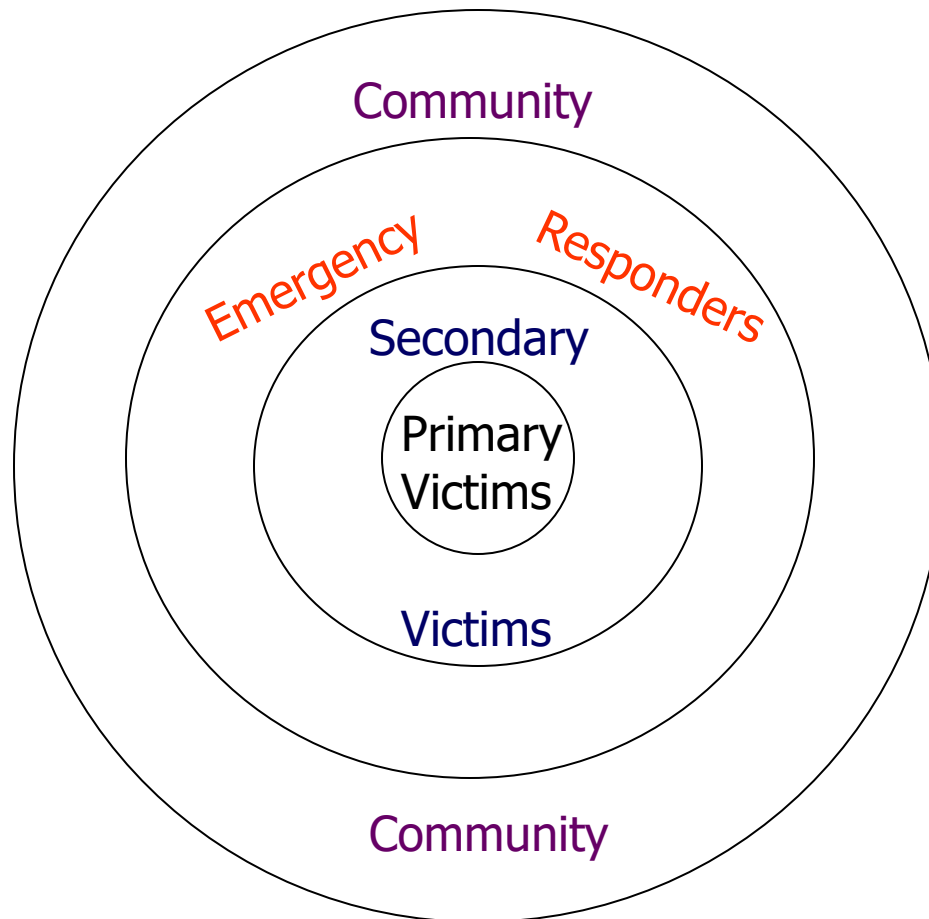
Response Challenges:

- Self-deployment
- Legal Action
- Death Notification
- Donation Management
- Fraud
- Directed Donations
- Transportation-Remains, Property, Family
- Ability of Responders to Maintain Response

Response Challenges

- **Timely Information and Updates**
 - Victims and Family Members
 - Media and Social Media
- **Volunteer Management**
 - Spontaneous Volunteers
 - Community Desire to Help and Support
- **Donation Management**
 - Monetary
 - Goods and Services

Concentric Circles of Trauma



Recovery Challenges



Benefits of Partnerships & Planning

- Ensures that a comprehensive mass violence and terrorism emergency response plan is in place.
- Essential to community readiness when everyone is at the table.
- Includes victim assistance strategy, capacity for an effective response, and sufficient resources.

Community Based Response to Mass Tragedy

- Collaboration
- Multi-disciplinary
- Multiple doors to reduce trauma
- Recognize and respect needs of each entity
- Victim focused/trauma informed
- Includes first responders

Planning a Community Response

- Meeting victim needs
 - Basic needs
 - Information
 - Support and referrals
- Media management
- Crime victim compensation
- Donor response
- Memorials
- Commemorations
- Maintaining integrity of community



Assistance During and After and Incident

- Notification/Information Center
- Family/Community Assistance Center
- Community Resiliency Center
- Hospitality Center (trial)

Who Should be Included?

- Law Enforcement
- Emergency Management
- Coroner's/ME Office
- ER Coordinators
- Victim Advocates
- FBI
- VOAD
- Leadership
- Non-profits
- PIOs
- EVERYONE!!!!

AEAP Introduction

Antiterrorism & Emergency Assistance Program

- General introduction to AEAP & video at: <https://ojp.gov/ovc/AEAP/index.html>
- Grants and TTA
 - When is AEAP appropriate?
 - Grant types
 - Training and Technical Assistance (TTA)
 - Expenses often funded under AEAP grants
- Mass Violence Toolkit

AEAP

- Helps supplement overwhelmed areas
- Grant types:
 - Crisis Response (up to 9 months)
 - Consequence Management (up to 18 months)
 - Criminal Justice Support (up to 36 months)
 - Crime Victim Compensation (any time) to reimburse victims for eligible expenses
- Training & Technical Assistance (consultants)
 - ID resources; assess needs; coordinate victim services; develop response strategies; draft grants

AEAP

- Physical and vocational rehabilitation
- Employer and creditor intervention
- Some victim-related law enforcement and ME costs
- Support for victim participation in criminal justice proceedings
- Victim outreach, awareness, and notification systems
- AEAP Funded Expenses:
- Counseling and group therapy
- Compensation for medical and mental health costs, lost wages, funeral expenses, and co-payments
- Temporary housing
- Repatriation of remains
- Cleaning and return of personal effects
- Child and dependent care

Tasks for Partnerships & Planning

Establish or expand the core planning group for developing a victim assistance plan.

Review local, state, and federal emergency response plans and Incident Command System (ICS) protocols to understand which victim assistance response protocols, if any, are included.

Identify existing resources and resource gaps within the community.

Develop the necessary victim assistance protocols.

Planning: Family Assistance Center Protocol Checklist Snapshot

Partnerships & Planning Checklist			
PARTNERSHIPS & PLANNING PHASE			
	Family Assistance Center Protocol	Agency Responsible/Partner Name	Current Status
	<p><i>Key issues to consider:</i></p> <p>Identify potential centralized locations (e.g., church, school, municipal building) that could house the FAC in your community. (Note: Hotels have proven to be effective FAC spaces because food, lodging, and parking are easily available.)</p> <p>See:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mass Fatality Incident Family Assistance Operations—Recommended Strategies for Local and State Agencies, National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB)/FBI • See Attachment 1 in Mass Fatality Planning Management Toolkit, Texas Department of State Health Services 		
	<p>Discuss the need for a temporary safe location for families of victims and missing persons to gather as they await information. Identifying this temporary safe and secure location is important because the permanent FAC location may not be ready yet.</p>		
	<p>Establish a process to identify possible victims and witnesses during intake who may need to provide incident-related information to law enforcement.</p>		

FREE Technical Assistance

Initial Consultation

Meeting Facilitation

Protocol Development

Follow-up Consultation

Email TTAC@ovcttac.org
request an application



Improving Community Mass Violence Response Planning TTA Project

To augment existing emergency response plans

Ensure victims, families, and first responder care after incidents of criminal mass violence (CMV) and domestic terrorism (DT).

Local, state, regional, and tribal jurisdictions across the country, including Washington, D.C., and U.S. territories

Individualized Training and Technical Assistance for selected communities

Assigned consultants

Incorporation into existing exercise structure and calendar

ICPTTA Website

- ▶ www.icptta.com
- ▶ Program information
- ▶ Application
- ▶ Trainings
- ▶ Resources
 - ▶ Ongoing process
- ▶ Consultant Bios

- ▶ To be added when complete –
Mass Violence Annex from each TTA site



Office for Victims of Crime
OVC

The Vicarious Trauma Toolkit

- Launched in 2017
- Pilot sites and multidisciplinary collaboration
- Provides a process to support increased organizational VT responses
- Developed for a range of first responder disciplines

Victim Services



EMS



Fire Services



Law Enforcement



Thank you for all you do for your communities!





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Date: 11/26/2022 (today's date)

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CJA Committee **COMMISSION** OTHER (circle appropriate)
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Any matter with Friend to Friend, Carthage NC

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Any project with a relationship or collaboration with Raleigh Police Department, Local 391 Teamsters Union, North Carolina Gang Investigators Association

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