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## Responding to Incidents of Mass Violence

If we needed yet another reminder that emergency response as we knew it has changed, we got it in the Orlando shooting this past weekend. The broader implications and repercussions of this terrorist act will be discussed for a long time, but for local agencies the focus remains the ability to quickly and effectively respond when such an event occurs. Here is a list of resources to help with your planning, exercises, and response.

- [“First Responder Guidance for Improving Survivability in IED and/or Active Shooter Incidents,”](#) by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), offers evidence-based tactics agencies can use to identify and change traditional practices that may not effectively protect their personnel in these incidents;
- An [InfoGram article after the Paris attacks](#) (PDF, 545 Kb) lists mass casualty plans and checklist resources for hospitals and EMS departments;
- FireEngineering.com hosts the Firefighter Support Network’s free training, including several on [mass violence](#), [active shooters](#), [mass casualty care](#), and [response to gunfire](#);
- DHS Office of Health Affairs offers [“Active Shooter and Complex Attack Resources”](#) (PDF, 236 Kb) with another list of resources;
- [Ready Houston’s “Run. Hide. Fight.”](#) video instructs the public on what they should do if confronted with an active shooter event
- [“Helping Victims of Mass Violence and Terrorism”](#) toolkit and training can help government and private sector partners coordinate response.

Do not forget to also work mental health care into any debriefing plans. As reported in a recent InfoGram article, the number of first responders managing chronic mental health issues is higher than the national average. The [May 26 InfoGram](#) (PDF, 665 Kb) lists numerous resources individuals and departments can use to address some of these concerns.

(Source: Various)

## New Training Focuses on Firefighter Safety Culture

Improving firefighter health and promoting a stronger safety culture is a long-term goal many departments struggle with. The U.S. Fire Administration (USFA) and the International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC) want to support that goal with new web-based training program and instructor-led training materials, which are part of

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the [National Safety Culture Change Initiative](#) (NSCCI).

The [training program](#) follows USFA's 2015 report identifying individual and organizational behaviors negatively affecting firefighter health and safety, such as cardiovascular health, vehicle crashes, and risky behavior. It includes strategies individuals and departmental leadership can use to steer the organization toward safer practices.

The “canned” instructor-led program provides materials to enable departments to hold training in-house, promoting a teamwork environment and letting departments tailor the training. The online training provides flexibility for the individual student. Both advocate the cultural change needed in the fire service to improve on problems within the organizational culture and promote programs reducing on-duty injury and death.

(Source: [NSCCI](#))

## OCIA Webinar: Hurricane Scenario Analysis

The Department of Homeland Security's Office of Cyber and Infrastructure Analysis (OCIA) is hosting “[Mid-Atlantic Hurricane Brief Overview](#)” (PDF, 89 Kb) on Thursday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2016, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Eastern. The webinar will focus on their report detailing the potential impacts of a Category 2 hurricane on Virginia Beach, VA.

Representatives from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the National Hurricane Center will also provide a presentation titled “Everything You Wanted to Know About Hurricanes, But Were Afraid to Ask.” Discussions will include hurricane threats and highlight recent research.

[Registration is required](#). The webinar is hosted on the Critical Infrastructure community on the Homeland Security Information Network (HSIN-CI). To join the community, send your first and last name, your employer, your e-mail address, and your reason for requesting access to [HSIN.Outreach@hq.dhs.gov](mailto:HSIN.Outreach@hq.dhs.gov). HSIN-CI members can access all of OCIA's products.

(Source: [Office of Infrastructure Protection](#))

## Law Enforcement Use of Force Webinar

Use of force is the center of more public scrutiny than probably any other topic in law enforcement and has been for decades. While there is no universal definition, some things are accepted: context is key; no two officers will react the same way; and the goal is for the officer to regain control of the situation as quickly and safely as possible.

Levels of force go from basic verbal restraint to physical restraint, less-lethal force, and lethal force. Officers must be prepared to make decisions under stress and in quickly developing situations, but also understand that use of force should be the last option.

The International Public Safety Association (IPSA) is hosting “[21<sup>st</sup> Century Law Enforcement Use of Force](#)” webinar on Friday, June 24<sup>th</sup> from 12:00-1:00 p.m. Eastern. Registration is required, and the webinar is free.

This webinar may be instructive not only to law enforcement officers and leadership but also to public information officers, elected officials, and others in key positions who might be faced with questions about use of force. Understanding how an officer is expected to make such decisions will help them make policy and respond to questions from the community.

(Source: [IPSA](#))

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