



PREPAREDNESS

No one wants to think that a mass violence incident (MVI) can occur in their community, but, in reality, MVIs can occur anywhere and at any time. Unfortunately, all communities are at risk for mass violence and must consider the possibility of these tragedies striking close to home.

How well prepared is *your* community to respond to mass violence?

The National Mass Violence Center (NMVC) Improving Community Preparedness Training and Technical Assistance (ICP TTA) program provides no-cost, evidence-based resources to prepare for MVIs.

How can the National Mass Violence Center help?

Located within the National Crime Victim Research and Treatment Center (NCVRTC) at the Medical University of South Carolina, a renowned research, training, and behavioral/mental health service provider, the NMVC is the best source for evidence-based practices to understand mass violence and its impact, upon which civic leaders, behavioral and mental health professionals, criminal justice and victim service professionals, journalists, emergency managers, and policy makers can rely. Using research to illuminate the challenges and needs of MVI victims and survivors, the NMVC evaluates what works through planning, training, technical assistance, and technology resources.

What can NMVC ICP TTA offer your community?

- **Individualized training and technical assistance** to develop partnerships, policies, protocols, and procedures that proactively prepare communities to identify and address the needs of victims and impacted communities after MVIs.
- **Supplemental resources** that expand the capacity of agencies and local governments seeking to augment their existing emergency response plans.
- **Collaborative protocols**, guidelines, and best practices through technical assistance conducted with individual communities.
- **Presentations and workshops** at national, Tribal, regional, state, and local meetings or conferences attended by emergency managers, law enforcement, city and state administrators, victim assistance organizations, and others to raise awareness about resources, and engage and educate those involved in emergency response planning.
- **Dedication of more than 40 partner organizations** and MVI subject matter experts including civic and community leaders, school officials, emergency managers, first responders, criminal justice and law enforcement professionals, behavior and mental health providers, and victim service professionals.

In addition to the NMVC activities related to community preparedness, the NMVC offers extensive resources for individuals, communities, and professionals that are impacted by mass violence, including: tip sheets; Resource Guides curated for communities that have experienced an MVI; a quarterly, virtual National Town Hall series; Best Practices Guides; the Mass Violence Podcast; community and victim surveys, findings and reports; and the Transcend-NMVC app to help MVI survivors cope with the impact and trauma. These can all be found on the NMVC website: www.nmvvrc.org.

For more information or to request technical assistance, please email the NMVC Preparedness Division at: icp-tta@musc.edu or complete a [request form](#).