

Las Vegas Mass Shooting: Oct. 3, 2017

Donations of Blood, Flights Assist Victims and Their Family Members

Heroes risking their lives to save strangers. Blood donors waiting for hours to help the wounded. Vigils from Reno to Las Vegas, where 59 country music fans were killed on the Las Vegas Strip late Sunday night.

U.S. blood banks have enough blood to meet the immediate needs after the shooting, according to the chair of the AABB Interorganizational Task Force on Domestic Disasters and Acts of Terrorism, which assesses the need for blood collection after disasters.

People were also donating flights, housing, food, transportation and other goods to victims' family members, who are coming to Las Vegas, said Chief Greg Cassell of the Clark County Nevada Fire Department.

Source: <http://www.cnn.com/2017/10/03/us/las-vegas-shooting-investigation/index.html>

Las Vegas shooting: What we know

- Nevada Gov. Brian Sandoval signed a declaration of Emergency for Clark County, which allows state agencies to supplement local efforts.
- The Department of Homeland Security said there is no credible threat involving other public venues, but security could increase.
- President Donald Trump described the shooting as an “act of pure evil” and said he will visit Las Vegas on Wednesday to meet with families of the victims.
- Trump and the first lady, Melania Trump, led a moment of silence for Las Vegas from the White House on Monday afternoon.

Source: <http://www.cnn.com/2017/10/02/us/las-vegas-shooting-what-we-know/index.html>

To Get Help

Nevada

- United Way 2-1-1: Dial 211 or visit <http://www.nevada211.org/>
- American Red Cross: 775.856.1000; <http://www.redcross.org/local/nevada/northern-nevada>
- Office of Emergency Management Agency: <http://dem.nv.gov/>

United Blood Services

Saving Lives Since 1943

United Blood Services is a nonprofit community blood center, providing blood and blood products for local area hospitals throughout the United States. We exist to make a difference in people's lives by bringing together the best people, inspiring individuals to donate blood, producing a safe and ample blood supply, advancing cutting-edge research and embracing continuous quality improvement.

Founded in 1943 as the Salt River Valley Blood Bank in Phoenix, Arizona, today United Blood Services community blood centers across the country provide blood, blood components and special services for patients in more than 500 hospitals in 18 states, from California to the Gulf Coast, from the “Tip o’ Texas” to the Canadian border. More than 25 million people in communities throughout these states depend on United Blood Services' generous volunteer blood donors and our dedicated staff to make sure lifesaving blood is available when and where it is needed.

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Our national headquarters is Blood Systems, located in Scottsdale, Ariz. Blood Systems is a well-respected leader in the blood banking industry. It is a founding member of the AABB and was a driving force in the creation of America's Blood Centers. Both organizations play a major role in communicating advances in transfusion medicine nationwide.

Blood Systems Research Institute leads the way in understanding new threats to blood safety and helping to find practical applications of new knowledge in transfusion biology.

Nevada Locations

Carson City

United Blood Services
256 E. Winnie Lane
Carson City, Nev. 89706
775.887.9111

Henderson

United Blood Services
601 Whitney Ranch Dr. Bldg. D, Ste 20
Henderson, Nev. 89014
702.434.1838

Las Vegas

United Blood Services
4950 W. Craig Rd.
Las Vegas, Nev. 89130
702.645.3600

Las Vegas

United Blood Services
6930 W. Charleston Blvd.
Las Vegas, Nev. 89117
702.228.4483

Reno

United Blood Services
1125 Terminal Way
Reno, Nev. 89502
775.324.6454

Sparks

United Blood Services
4670 Sparks Blvd, Suite 100
Sparks, Nev. 89436
775.354.2929

Source: <http://www.unitedbloodservices.org/home.aspx>

Nevada Victims of Crime

Are you eligible for assistance?

To be eligible for assistance, a person must be a victim of a violent crime in Nevada involving physical injury, threat of physical injury or death. Family members of a deceased victim of a crime may also be eligible.

Below is a list of eligible crimes and qualification requirements.

Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible for assistance, a person must be a victim of a violent crime in Nevada, involving physical injury, threat of physical injury or death. Family members of a deceased victim of a crime may also be eligible.

The VOCP can help victims for crimes such as:

- Assault/Battery
- Sexual assault
- Domestic violence
- Physical abuse
- Child abuse
- Elder abuse
- Homicide
- Drunk driving

To qualify the following must be established:

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- The crime must be reported to the police, child protective services, or other law enforcement agency within five days of the crime, unless the victim is physically or mentally unable to file within five days.
- The application must be submitted to the VOCP within a year of the crime or within a reasonable time where the victim is unable to apply within one year. Minor victims of sexual assault, molestation or pornography have until age 21 to file an application.
- Victims must cooperate with law enforcement during the investigation and prosecution of the crime. Also, a victim cannot have participated in or been involved in committing the crime.
- Applicants must cooperate with the VOCP.

VOCP Benefits and Covered Expenses

The VOCP goal is to assist eligible victims of crime and their families cope, and recover from the physical, emotional and financial impact of violent crime. The VOCP assists victims with a variety of expenses that occur because of the crime.

The VOCP may help pay expenses related to the crime such as:

- Hospital and ambulance bills
- Medical and dental treatment
- Mental health counseling
- Wage or income loss
- Funeral and burial expenses
- Loss of support, for dependents of a deceased victim
- Emergency shelter and relocation costs
- Insurance co-payments
- Crime scene cleanup
- Medically necessary equipment such as a wheelchair
- Childcare costs incurred because of the crime
- Vision prosthetics and eyeglass replacement
- Home health care
- Prescription medication
- Home security repair

VOCP cannot pay the following crime related expenses:

- Expenses for lost or stolen property or cash
- Property damage
- Any expense not directly related to the crime
- Any expense payable by insurance or any other source
- Damages for pain and suffering

Claims are limited to \$35,000

The VOCP can only reimburse crime-related expenses that are not covered by other sources. There are limits on individual benefits and no claim may exceed \$35,000.

How do I apply for assistance?

Instructions on how to apply for assistance, what you need to do and additional information:

Application and Instructions

A fully completed, signed application is required before VOCP assistance can be approved. The applicant must complete each section of the application to the best of his or her ability. Incomplete or unreadable applications will not be considered. The application must be completed in black or blue ink. Do not use pencil.

NOTE: An application cannot be approved unless the crime was reported to the police or other proper authority. A Police report should be provided with the application whenever possible.

If an applicant is unable to obtain an official police report, they may submit the application without a police report, and the VOCP will attempt to obtain a report for the applicant. If the VOCP is unable, after written request, to obtain a police report based on the information provided in the application, the application will be denied.

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Assistance with Application

If you need assistance completing the application you can request help from any of the "Victim Advocate Programs" listed on this website or by clicking here. If you don't have a printer and need an application mailed to you, please email a request for an application by clicking here or call us at 702.486.2740.

Download Application

- [VOCP Application: English](#)
- [VOCP Application: Spanish](#)

Source: <http://voc.nv.gov/>

Facebook: Safety Check

What is Safety Check?

Safety Check allows people to quickly share that they're safe with friends and family and helps them connect with people they care about. During a disaster, Safety Check will help you:

- Let friends and family know you're safe
- Check on friends and family in the affected area and connect with them
- Share what you know about a friend or family member's status

How do I mark myself safe or ask if someone else is safe during a disaster?

When you receive a notification from Facebook asking if you're safe, click I'm safe.

To ask if someone else is safe during a disaster:

1. Go to Crisis Response and select a Crisis page
2. On the Crisis page, you can see a list of your friends who are Marked Safe and a list of your friends who chose Doesn't Apply. You can also search for a friend by using their name, but keep in mind that you can only ask people you're friends with on Facebook if they're safe
3. Click Ask if Safe next to the person's name

Once you ask if a friend is safe, they'll receive a notification and be able to mark themselves safe.

I received a prompt to mark myself safe. Why did I receive this and how do I mark myself safe?

If you receive a prompt to mark yourself safe, it means you are in a location that Facebook recognizes as an affected area during a disaster, or you posted a status about the crisis from within the affected area.

If you want to mark yourself safe during a disaster:

1. Locate the prompt on the top of your News Feed that says Use Safety Check to Mark Yourself Safe
2. Click Go to Safety Check
3. Click I'm safe

Note: You may also receive an invitation from a friend to [mark yourself safe](#). If you or someone you know is not safe, please contact your local emergency response team immediately.

Source: <https://www.facebook.com/help/695378390556779>

Hotline

If you're trying to locate loved ones in the area of the shooting, you can call **1.866.535.5654**.

Source: <https://www.allure.com/story/help-victims-las-vegas-shooting>

Support groups

Seven Hills Hospital

Contact us anytime for confidential assistance.

3021 W Horizon Ridge Parkway
Henderson, Nev. 89052
866.331.5541

<https://www.sevenhillsbi.com/disorders/ptsd/>

From the website:

Helping a Loved One or Family Member Get PTSD Treatment

Having a loved one who is struggling from the debilitating symptoms of PTSD can be extremely difficult because you do not want them to be suffering. The good news is that there are steps that you can take to help your loved one cope with the stress brought on by having experienced a traumatic event. If you notice symptoms of PTSD in your loved one, then the best thing that you can do is encourage them to seek help from a mental health professional. A trained mental health professional at a hospital or treatment center specializing in PTSD will be able to assess your loved one to help determine their exact treatment needs and get a treatment plan in place that will help them with recovery. You can also greatly help your loved one through supportive listening. Here are some tips to help you be a more supportive listener:

- Don't attempt to "fix" the situation
- Be willing to listen, but don't push
- Choose an appropriate place and time to talk
- Recognize when to take a break
- Get help if suicide comes up in the conversation

Coping with traumatic stress is going to be an ongoing process for your loved one and so you may have many conversations with him or her while they process the traumatic event. With professional help from a quality PTSD treatment center or hospital, this may take a few weeks to months, but be patient. Continue to offer your support and encourage your loved one to continue with his or her care at his or her chosen hospital or treatment center for PTSD.

Road Closures

Call 511: The Department of Transportation offers its free 511 service for travel information and roadway conditions, including road and bridge closures, toll suspensions and major evacuation routes.

Nevada

- <http://www.nevadadot.com/>

GoFundMe

LAS VEGAS VICTIMS' FUND

<https://www.gofundme.com/dr2ks2-las-vegas-victims-fund>

Steve Sisolak, Clark County commission chair from Las Vegas, is raising funds to assist the victims of the Las Vegas shooting. Funds will be used to provide relief and financial support to the victims and families of the shooting.

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