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Handling of the mass shooting in Las Vegas

Las Vegas shooting happened on October 1, 2017, when the shooters randomly fired at spectators in Route 91 Harvest Festival. The 22,000 attendants, including children, parents, and teenagers, seated in lawn chairs and covered themselves of picnic blankets. As part of the preparation, the event organizations had different safety measures s was provided. There was community Ambulance, Clark County Fire Department, EMS services, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department, and other security and service providers (Smith et al., 2018). When the shooting began, these security and service providers engage in frenzy actions trying to stop shooting, providing first aid to injured, taking the injured to the hospitals, and preventing a further shooting.

As part of the first team to response, EMS providers tried to reach the injured, administer first aid support, and take them to the hospital. The first response was rapid and quick; however, given the huge number of attendees, response soon became chaotic. The handling of the disaster was affected by a low number of EMS providers against a high number of those affected; the handling of the disaster became overwhelming. Disaster preparedness was poor, coupled with few ambulances and trained nurses to help injured. The deceased and injured were spread over a large area around the venue, making it difficult for the EMS to manage and provide effective support.

Given the high number of the injured, on-scene medical supplies were exhausted, and there were no immediate plans to replenish. The medical tents around the scene were overwhelmed by injured, making it strenuous medical personnel to help all of them. The hospitals around the place of the shooting had no immediate notice of shooting; therefore, they had little preparation for the high influx of injured people. Besides, the injured did not have identifications bringing confusion in hospitals and medical tents; hence, they could not identify who they were treating.

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