

Session title:

Victim Assistance in Mass Casualty Events

Session speakers:

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Session summary:

This presentation will provide insight into the deployment of victim services, via the FBI, in support of a mass casualty event. Working with victims following a mass casualty event presents different challenges, requires expansive thinking and, usually, implements multitudes of local, state and national resources. The FBI has at least one Victim Specialist in every state whose role it is to work with identified victims of federal crime, these same Victim Specialists can be part of the Victim Services- Rapid Deployment Team (VS-RDT), who serve as force multipliers during, and after, a mass casualty event. Case information, resources, services and lessons learned, from mass casualty deployments, will be presented.