



Trauma Intervention Program
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VOLUNTEERS PROVIDE SUPPORT TO THOSE AFFECTED BY THE SHOOTING OF TWO LVMPD OFFICERS AND INNOCENT BYSTANDER

Las Vegas, NV, June 8, 2014 – Five volunteers with the Trauma Intervention Program (TIP) of Southern Nevada, Inc. were requested by the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department to respond to the incident where two LVMPD officers and an innocent bystander were fatally shot by two unknown suspects.

Three volunteers responded to the Trauma Center at University Medical Center to provide support to arriving members of law enforcement, employees of LVMPD and the family and friends of the fallen officers. Two additional volunteers were at the scene of the incident to provide support to witnesses who were in the restaurant at the time of the shooting, as well as to those who were in Walmart where an innocent bystander was also killed.

“We consider those with the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department members of our family,” says Jill Bernacki, CEO of the Trauma Intervention Program (TIP) of Southern Nevada, Inc. “losing an officer is the most difficult situation we deal with in this line of work – losing two is absolutely horrific. We are beyond saddened by this situation and our sincere condolences go to the entire law enforcement community, and to the family of the woman who was also killed during this tragic event.”

Volunteers remained at each location for several hours providing emotional and practical support to those involved. After clearing these scenes, 3 volunteers then responded to LVMPD’s Northeast Area Command, where the deceased officers worked out of, to provide any initial support to those on-duty.

The **Trauma Intervention Program (TIP) of Southern Nevada, Inc.** is a non-profit organization dedicated to ensuring that those who are emotionally traumatized in emergency situations receive the assistance they need. To accomplish that goal, **TIP** works closely with local communities to establish emergency services volunteer programs. Highly-trained and screened citizen volunteers are called to emergency scenes to assist family members, witnesses, and other bystanders directly on-scene, during the investigation.

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