



SPEAKER

Glen Simpson

TITLE

The Aftermath of Personnel Trauma, a viewpoint after Las Vegas' 1 October Mass Shooting

ABSTRACT

Course Description: Lecture and Q & A with mixed media presentation (PowerPoint with video)

All EMS stakeholders in the Las Vegas Valley were severely impacted operationally and psychologically by the atrocious and tragic events on 1 October 2017 when 58 persons attending an outdoor concert were killed and 500+ more were injured in a mass shooting incident. Ambulance resources were quickly exhausted, all emergency departments were overwhelmed, operating rooms in local hospitals were immediately filled and make-shift surgery suites had to be established. In this 90-minute multi-media presentation, Glen Simpson, the Special Events division manager for Community Ambulance, will describe how he and his staff who were onsite and under fire during the incident were psychologically supported immediately after the incident. Glen will also discuss the on-going company initiatives Community Ambulance implements to further support "The 21" staff members who cared for victims that fateful night.

Learning Objectives:

- To help the audience understand the systemwide impact of a mass shooting for all EMS stakeholders.
- To teach the value of pre-planning for every contingency
- To help the audience realize that personal coping and recovery after a psychological trauma doesn't hold to a schedule.
- To help the audience understand the power of moving forward- Learn what's working for Community Ambulance in terms of supporting their personnel.

- As Special Events Manager for Las Vegas' Community Ambulance, AEMT Glen Simpson oversees the efficiency and effectiveness of personnel and operations in special events for the company. Simpson has led the development and coordination of medical plans for new venues in Las Vegas, as well as major events like Rock in Rio, the Las Vegas Marathon, Electric Daisy Carnival and the Mayweather-Pacquiao

- “Fight of the Century.”
- Simpson previously served as Supervisor, Administrator and Special Events Manager for MedicWest and American Medical Response. His more than 15 years of experience in the field has focused on customer service, event management, operations, staff training, employee investigations and grievance hearings, performance evaluations, mentorship, and more.
- Notably, on 1 October 2017, Simpson was the lead for the Community Ambulance team providing medical coverage at the Route 91 Harvest Festival on the Las Vegas Strip. He was there before, during and after the mass shooting that night and was one of the first to begin assessing, triaging and treating the wounded. His quick actions helped to bring some sense of order to an increasing level of chaos as quickly as possible and contributed to saving countless lives.
- Glen received his Bachelor of Science degree in Kinesiology at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas and his Emergency Medical Training certificate from the College of Southern Nevada. He also is an AHA Certified CPR Instructor.