

# #OrlandoUnited: Quick take home messages from the Pulse nightclub shooting

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**Pulse Orlando**

2 hrs · 🌐



Everyone get out of pulse and keep running

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# Take Home Points

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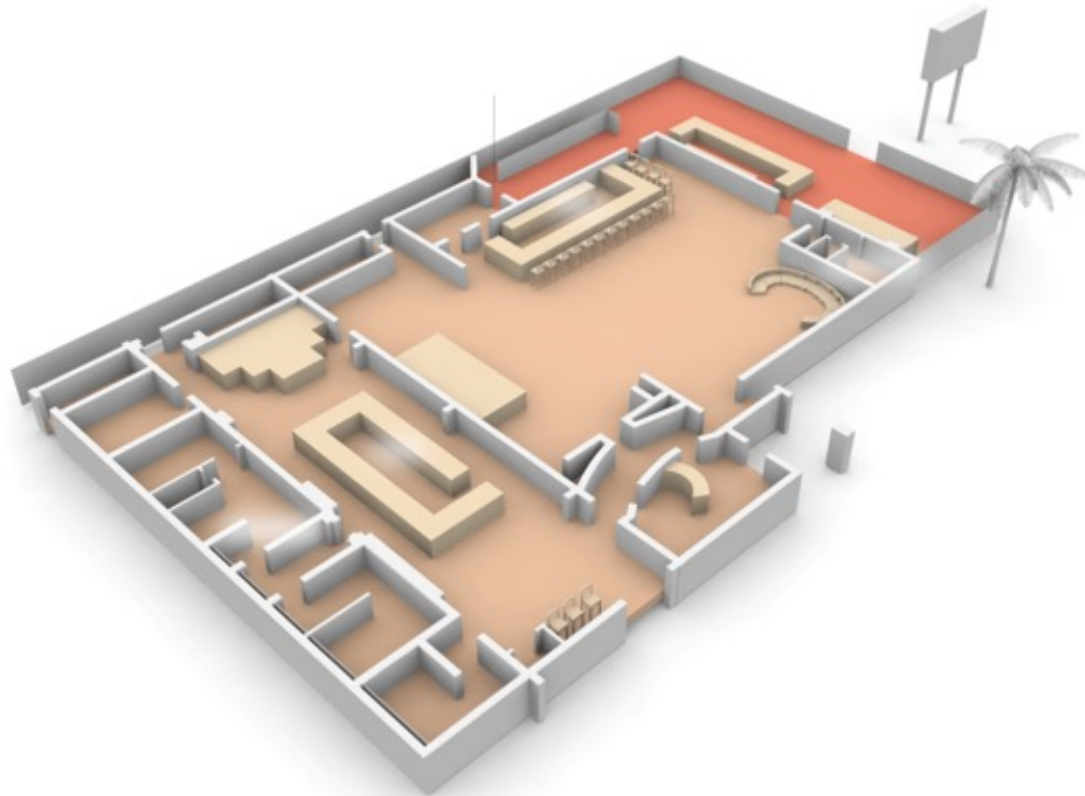


# Are active shooter threats quickly eliminated?

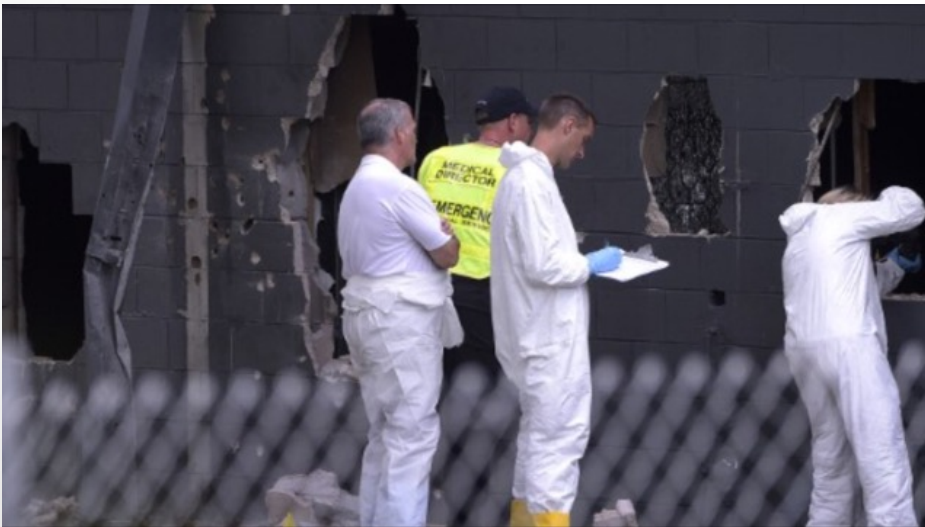
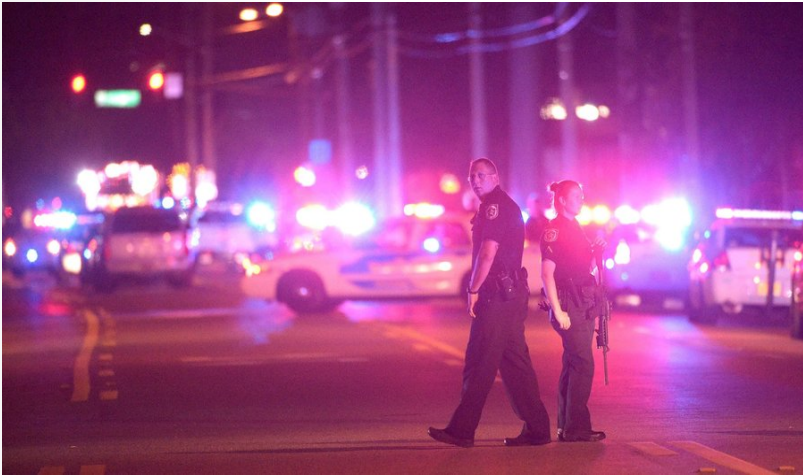
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Not in the age of terrorist attacks

# The Attack



# The Response



Text Message  
Sunday 2:22 AM

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FRM:emsystems-  
[notification@intermedix.com](mailto:notification@intermedix.com)  
SUBJ:EMResource MCI  
ALERT (Orange County)  
MSG:Information: MCI  
Shooting upto 20 pts  
From:  
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RDSTF 5 - Orlando Fire  
Dept Communications  
Regions: Florida RDSTF  
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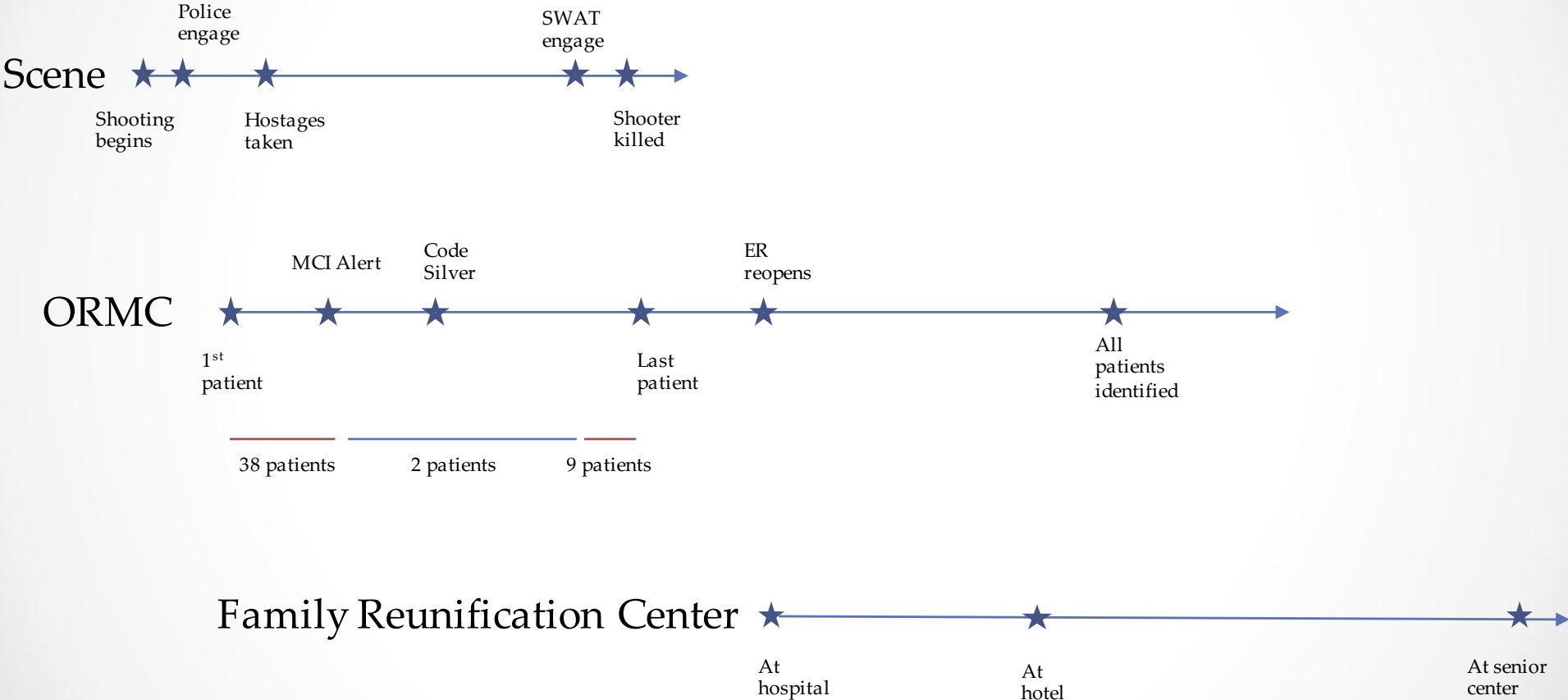
Is our job over when the  
shooting stops?

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Don't count on it



# Timeline





# The Aftershocks

- FAMILY REUNIFICATION
  - Unforeseen need
  - Needs to start immediately (Hotline)
- MASS FATALITY
  - Access to decedents
  - Transport, Storage, Equipment
- MEDIA
  - Know Privacy laws



# What's the best way to transport patients after a mass shooting?

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Whatever way is fastest

# Transportation of Patients

- Civilians stayed to assist
- Police transported 30% of victims
- Police transport vs. ground EMS: A trauma system-level evaluation of prehospital care policies and their effect on clinical outcomes Wandling et al., 2016



# Situational Awareness

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# Will increasing access to tourniquets improve outcomes in mass shootings?

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Probably not – but even one life saved is worth it



# Could We Have Done More?

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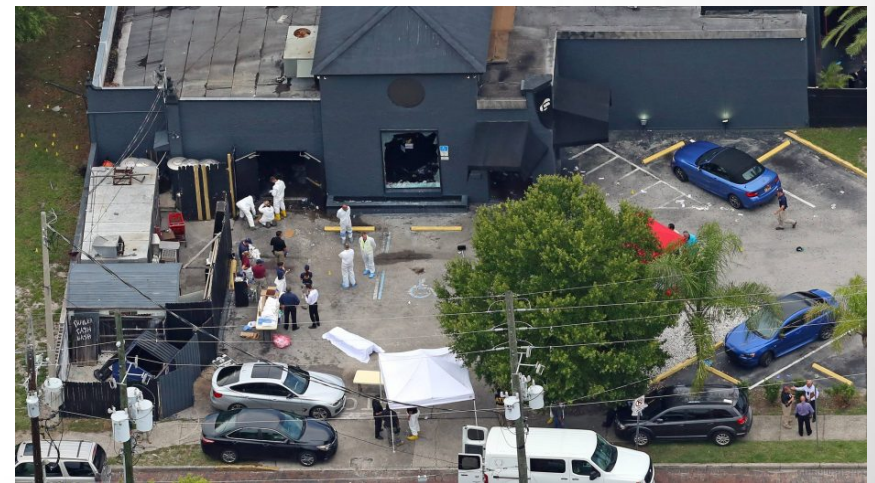
# Scope of Patient Care at ORMC

- Surgeries
  - 28 trauma cases in first 24 hours
  - 76 total trauma cases
- Resources
  - 550 units of blood
  - 17,370 surgical supplies
- Disposition
  - 8 deceased
  - 16 to OR (1 died en route)
  - 3 to ICU
  - 3 to step down
  - 8 to floor beds
  - 11 discharged from emergency room
- Last patient discharged 9/6/16



# Injury Profile of the Victims

- Injury Patterns
  - 209 total gun shot wounds
  - Number of gun shot wounds per victim ranged from 1-13
  - Mean 4.2 per victim
  - Only 6 had a single wound (4 head wounds)
  - No isolated extremity wounds





# Injury Profile of the Victims

## The profile of wounding in civilian public mass shooting fatalities Smith et al., 2016

- Retrospective study of autopsy reports from 12 civilian public mass shootings
  - Average 2.7 GSWs, 58% to head and chest versus 20% with extremity
  - Probable fatal wound was head or chest in 77% of cases
- Only 7% had “potentially survivable” wounds and no deaths reported from exsanguination from an extremity
- **Pattern is different from combat, the solution goes beyond tourniquets**

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