

**Borderline Bar & Grill Shooting, Thousand Oaks, California**  
**November 8, 2018**

**November 8, 2018 (Los Angeles Times)**

<http://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-ln-thousand-oaks-20181107-story.html>

A gunman's rampage claimed the lives of 11 victims and a sheriff's sergeant late Wednesday in Thousand Oaks in a mass shooting that also left the gunman dead.

Authorities got a report at about 11:20 p.m. that a man had opened fire at the Borderline Bar & Grill, a country-western dance bar at 99 Rolling Oaks Drive. Officers at the scene said the gunman might have used smoke bombs in the incident, but authorities later said they could not confirm that.

Officers indicated that approximately 30 shots had been fired and that victims were fleeing from the bar into the surrounding neighborhood.

Among the first officers at the scene were sheriff's Sgt. Ron Helus and a California Highway Patrol officer, according to Ventura County Sheriff Geoff Dean. Dean said Helus was stuck multiple times by bullets.

Helus died later at Los Robles Regional Medical Center, a choked-up Dean said at a news conference early Thursday.

Dozens more officers were called to the scene, and the gunman was dead when they arrived. Dean said he didn't know how the gunman died.

Officers began escorting large groups of people to safety as they left the area.

Officers were also entering the bar and finding people who had hidden in out-of-the-way areas. People took shelter in restrooms and even crawl spaces in the attic, among other places, according to officers at the scene.

Besides those killed by the gunman, at least 10 to 12 people inside the bar suffered injuries, Dean said. He described many of those injuries as minor.

Eighteen people reportedly transported themselves to various local hospitals, and two were transported by ambulance, according to the Ventura County Sheriff's Office.

Thursday classes at California Lutheran University have been canceled. Moorpark College will hold classes, however.

Roadways were blocked in the area as the Ventura County Sheriff's Office was joined at the scene by officers with the California Highway Patrol, FBI, Simi Valley Police Department, Oxnard Police Department and Ventura Police Department, as well as at least one team from Los Angeles County.

**Victim Information Hotline**

(805) 465-6650.

**Family Reunification Center:**

1375 E. Janss Road  
Thousand Oaks, CA 91362  
(805) 465-6650

**Blood donations needed**

Vitalant (formerly the Central Blood Bank) is accepting blood donations for today's victims. Vitalant says the most needed blood types are O-positive, O-negative and platelet donations are also needed. People who are as young as 16 (with parental consent), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in general good health may be eligible to donate blood, according to Vitalant. Please note the following location is accepting blood donations Thursday 11/8/2018 and Friday 11/9/2018:

2223 Eastman Avenue  
Suite A  
Ventura, CA 93003  
(877) 258- 4825  
Collection Times:  
11am-6pm PST.

Photo I.D is required. Persons must have consumed a full meal and have had at least 12 oz of fluids prior to blood donation. Questionnaire must be completed online at: <http://www.vitalant.org> select "Resources" and "Health History Questionnaire". Please print out and bring with you before blood donation. Please call prior to donating for appointment for appointment scheduling.

For more information, on finding a local blood drive please visit:

<https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/find-drive>

**How to donate money**

Bill Nash (Public Relations Officer; Ventura County Emergency Management Center) is gathering information for financial donations and could not be reached for comment. Please call (805) 654-5183 for more specific details on how you may be able to offer financial support.

**FBI City, State**

Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)  
2075 South Victoria Avenue  
Ventura, CA 93003  
(805) 642-3995

Please visit <https://www.fbi.gov/tips> on how to submit a tip on the shooting.

**Mayor of Thousand Oaks, CA**

Andrew P. Fox  
2100 Thousand Oaks Blvd.  
Thousand Oaks, CA 91362

(805) 449-2101  
<http://www.toaks.org>

**United HealthCare and Optum**

The Optum Public Line is open for **Thousand Oaks Shooting**. *The phone readout is **Optum Help Line**, the number they are dialing is 866-342-6892.*

**Live and Work Well Resources**

<https://www.liveandworkwell.com/content/en/member/search.html?search=ZGlzYXN0ZXIgcGVjb3Zlcnk=&sort=score&page=1>

Coping with Disaster - <https://www.ready.gov/coping-with-disaster>

Helping Others - <https://www.ready.gov/helping-others>

Helping Friends and Co-Workers After Disaster -  
<https://www.liveandworkwell.com/content/en/member/article.13007.html>

Dealing with the Effects of Trauma – A Self-Help Guide -  
[https://www.liveandworkwell.com/content/dam/laww/documents/guides/SAMHSA\\_deal\\_trauma.pdf](https://www.liveandworkwell.com/content/dam/laww/documents/guides/SAMHSA_deal_trauma.pdf)

Helping Children and Adolescents Cope with Violence and Disasters: What Parents Can Do -  
<https://www.liveandworkwell.com/content/en/member/article.15439.html>

Helping Kids Cope with Disaster -  
<https://www.liveandworkwell.com/content/en/member/article.8294.html>