



Mass Casualty Incident October 2023

Carberry, Canada

- June 16, 2023 – Carberry – 2 hours West of Winnipeg, Canada
- Just after noon on a Thursday
- A bus carrying elderly people to a casino crashed on the Trans-Canada Highway
- Bus collided with a semi-trailer truck at a highway intersection
- Bus was crossing the eastbound lanes when it was struck by the truck that was going east (the semi had the right of way)
- 15 people were killed (with one person later dying), and at least 10 people were taken to the hospital – those in hospital had “significant injuries” due to the force of the crash (bus was carrying a total of 25 people)
- Royal Canadian Mounty Police reported that all of its resources, including its major crimes unit were deployed to the scene
- 12 ambulances and an air ambulance were dispatched
- Was one of the largest responses ever to a crash in that area
- Medical Examiner worked with families to identify victims – significant injuries suffered by those who died, made it difficult to identify them
- A Family Support Center was opened in Dauphin, and then a second location was opened in Winnipeg to meet demand

Impacts:

- Rural setting
- Number of patients needing transport, multiple hospitals needed
- Severity of patients
- Need for family assistance center
- Need for activation of mass fatality plan

Preparedness:

- Consider using Disaster Available Supplies in Hospital ([DASH](#)) tool for pre-planning
 - This tool helps you plan for number of supplies you may need for an MCI event

Sources:

- [Semi had Right of Way in Southwestern Manitoba Collision with Bus, RCMP Say](#)
- [Canada Highway Crash Near Winnipeg Leaves at Least 15 Dead](#)
- [Mounties Have Started Interviewing Survivors of Deadly Southwestern Manitoba Crash](#)

Resources:

- [Issue 8 Supporting Hospital Surge—Meeting Patient and Staff Needs](#)