



## **News from the Emergency Management Committee Chair (5/20/22)**

### **19 Children, 2 Adults Killed in Texas in the Deadliest School Shooting Since Sandy Hook**

[The Los Angeles Times reports](#) a gunman walked into a school here Tuesday and killed at least 21 people, including 19 children, in another mass shooting in an America that buries victims of gun violence daily, amid divisive political debates over 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment rights and the gaze of disbelief from the outside world.

The killings in this predominantly Latino city were, as happens so often, the work of a lone man who took unsuspecting lives in a barrage of gunfire. Officials say Salvador Ramos, 18, carrying a rifle, entered Robb Elementary School in the working-class city of about 16k people approximately 80 miles west of San Antonio.

A Border Patrol agent who works as part of a tactical team near the school, fired the shots that killed the gunman, according to law enforcement.

Another source said investigators were not sure whether the school was the gunman's intended target or whether it became one after he crashed his vehicle nearby. A federal law enforcement official said Ramos may have perceived it as the softest target where he could create the greatest carnage.

Ramos shot and wounded his grandmother, got into his SUV and then crashed it into a ditch before arriving at the elementary school, according to a law enforcement source. Clad in all black and reportedly wearing body armor, the gunman was captured on a security camera with at least one weapon visible as he approached the school. Police gave no motive for the shooting.

The attack was the deadliest mass shooting at a U.S. elementary school since a gunman killed 20 children and six adults in the 2012 Sandy Hook school attack in Newton, Connecticut. It was a reminder that few places in the nation are safe these days – not even a building where children bring lunches, learn grammar, and don't yet understand that they could be gone in an instant.

To read further details on this incident, as well as stories of some of the victims, [view the full article](#).

### **School Shootings Have Increased Recently; The Violence in Texas is Among the Deadliest**

[The Los Angeles Times reports](#) school shootings have been on the rise recently, but the scale of carnage Tuesday in Uvalde, Texas, is by far the worst since the 2018 attack in Parkland, Florida.

There have been 26 school shootings reported in the US so far this year and 118 incidents since 2018, according to Education Week, which has tracked school shootings over the last four years. The highest number of shootings in this span, 34, occurred last year.

There were 10 shootings in 2020, and 24 each in 2019 and 2018.

Until Tuesday, six people had died in school shootings since 2018, including five students or children, and 40 were injured. The shooting at Robb Elementary in Uvalde has rewritten the data.

In the [Edweek statistics](#), a school shooting was defined as when a firearm was discharged and when any individual, other than the suspect or perpetrator, had a bullet wound resulting from the incident, which had to occur on a K-12 school property or on a school bus while school is in session or during a school-sponsored event.

The most deadly shooting at a U.S. school occurred April 16, 2007, at Virginia Tech, when a 23-year old student killed 32 students and faculty members in two attacks, then died by suicide.

Next is the 2012 Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting in Connecticut, in which a 20-year-old killed 20 first-grade children and six adults, including four teachers, the principal and the school psychologist.

In 2018, a 19-year-old former student killed 17 and injured 17 at Stoneman Douglas High School in Florida, which led to a wave of student activism.

One of the most chronicled incidents was the shooting at Columbine High School in Colorado. Two students killed 12 students and one teacher; most victims were in the school library. The shooters died by suicide.

But while the victims must be remembered and honored, focusing on such lists — especially if the shooter is named — run the risk of inadvertently glorifying such shootings and potentially inspiring copycats to compete for the fame that they assume will accompany high body counts, said Ron Avi Astor, a social welfare professor and expert in school violence at UCLA's Luskin School of Public Affairs.

Focusing on death counts also potentially overlooks lives changed forever through injuries and psychological harm, he added.

Although there hasn't been a death toll like this in three years, it has not been a period of calm on campuses.

According to the [Gun Violence Archives](#), the increase of incidents reflects a broader trend in the nation over the seven-year period of a study that ended in 2020. In the final year of the review, 999 children ages 11 and younger died of gun violence in all forms, compared with 603 in the first year of the study. It was a similar pattern for ages 12 to 17: 2,318 killed in 2014; 4,142 killed in 2020.

### **Governor Newsom Vows California Action after Texas School Shooting**

[KCRA 3 reports](#) Governor Newsom and state legislative leaders on Wednesday said they are trying to accelerate over a dozen bills in the legislative process to reduce gun violence.

“California leads this national conversation. When California move other states move in the same direction,” Newsom said in Sacramento.

Newsom, Senate President Pro Tempore Toni G. Atkins, D-San Diego, and Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon, D-Lakewood, made the announcement a day after 19 children and two teachers were killed in a shooting at Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, Texas.

“Every person that has stood in the way of solutions, whose votes put more guns on our streets and in our classrooms needs to put their extreme and misguided ideologies aside. Children are scared to go to school,” Atkins said.

Newsom said he will be signing over a dozen bills at the end of next month to “advance efforts in a series of critical areas on ghost guns, on issues related to the proliferation of assault weapons, ghost guns as well as others where we need to increase our enforcement.”

California already has some of the nation’s strictest firearm laws.

Newsom referenced several other shootings in California that led to gun control measures being passed throughout the years including the 1989 Stockton school shooting that killed five children. Then Republican Gov. George Deukmejian signed the first assault weapons ban in the country called the [Roberti-Roos Assault Weapons Act](#).

Newsom said California’s restrictions on guns have “consistently outperformed other states in terms of gun murder rates and gun death rates.”

He criticized Texas Gov. Greg Abbott for dismissing gun laws in other states. “Gov. Abbott just name-checked the state of California, I would caution him from doing that,” Newsom said.

“Particularly, and you can just go to the CDC website and look at the gun murder rate in 2020 that was 67% higher than the state of California in 2020.”

Newsom, as he has in the past, also criticized “extremist” federal judges who have ruled against some of California’s gun laws — Judge Roger Benitez compared assault weapons [to Swiss Army knives](#) and Judge Ryan Nelson earlier this month wrote the majority opinion blocking the state’s ban on the sale of semiautomatic weapons [to adults under 21](#).

The Texas shooting comes as [FBI statistics](#) show a rise in active shooter incidents. They surged in 2021 by more than 50% from 2020 and nearly 97% from 2017.

In California, [one person was killed and five others were wounded](#) during a shooting at a church in Southern California last week.

"In the face of repeated tragedies in our state and elsewhere, California remains committed to doing everything we can to stem the violence. As a society we must do better," Rendon said.

### **Police in Bay Area Will Increase Patrols Around Schools in Wake of Texas Mass Shooting**

[The San Francisco-Chronicle reports](#) police officers across the Bay Area will patrol around local schools in response to the mass shooting at a Texas elementary school that left 21 people dead, including 19 children, police and school district officials said Tuesday.

Law enforcement and officials at local school districts said there will be increased police presence near local schools out of an abundance of caution in wake of the mass shooting that killed 19 children and two adults.

In San Francisco, school district officials said that while they were “not aware of any threats or connections to events in Texas,” police will patrol “around schools” out of an abundance of caution through June 1, the end of the school year.

Contra Costa County Sheriff David Livingston similarly said that while there are “no known threats in” the sheriff’s jurisdiction, he has ordered [“additional patrols around all of our schools.”](#) Mountain View Police Department will also be doing [“high visibility patrols”](#) at local schools on Wednesday “out of an abundance of caution,” police officials said.

[In a statement](#) to the San Francisco Unified School District community, Superintendent Vincent Matthews said that the “safety and security of students and staff is of utmost importance” of the school district, pointing to a “comprehensive crisis plan in the event of any emergency, and schools also have security measures to ensure the well-being of students and staff.”

John Sasaki, a spokesperson for the Oakland Unified School District, said in a statement that the safety of Oakland students and staff “is our top priority.”

[In a statement](#) to the Berkeley Unified School District Community, Superintendent Brent Stephens said counselors are poised to work closely with students and staff who need support starting on Wednesday and through the week. Stephens provided a list of resources for school staff and families, and called on school district staff to support anyone in need, and to “especially watch over our students.”

Elected leaders in the Bay Area and California [called on Congress to pass stricter gun control measures](#), and some Bay Area school districts announced enhanced security measures and resources for support for students and staff in the wake of the Texas shooting.

### **Gun Violence: UC Davis Researches Causes, Trends, Solutions**

[\*UC Davis LIVE\*](#) recently took up questions surrounding mass shootings in an April 19<sup>th</sup> program with two experts from the UC Davis Violence Prevention Research Program.

The recent string of mass shootings has once again captured the attention of the American public. The tragic shootings in an elementary school in Texas, a grocery store in New York, a church in California and locally in the streets of downtown Sacramento have many people wondering what can be done to prevent such tragedies.

Each time these incidents happen, familiar questions come up around the influence of mental health, social media, socio-economic factors, race and policies.

To read a summary of what was discussed by the expert panelists, [click here](#).

### **Second-Grade Student in South Sacramento Brings Gun, Ammo to School**

[The Sacramento Bee reports](#) a second-grade student brought a gun and loaded magazine to school, according to Sacramento City Unified School District officials.

The incident took place Tuesday at Edward Kemble Elementary School in the Meadowview neighborhood, the same day an 18-year-old shot and killed 19 school children and two adults at an elementary school in Uvalde, Texas.

“We are grateful that this incident did not result in a tragedy such as those that districts have experienced, including today’s tragic and senseless mass shooting at Robb Elementary in Uvalde, Texas,” read a late-night email to families from Sacramento City Unified. “This is due in large part to the bravery and awareness of the students who came forward and alerted staff at Kemble today.”

Kemble staff members were alerted by students that a classmate brought the weapon to school. They found the gun and “an accessible loaded magazine” in the desk of the pupil, according to the district’s statement.

School officials called Sacramento police, who opened an investigation.

District officials reminded families to alert authorities if they see suspicious activities on campus, to “see something, say something.”

“As you hug your child tighter tonight, we encourage you to remind them that when they see a threat or a potentially dangerous situation, they must tell a trusted member of their school community,” the statement said.

The district said it is cooperating with police as the investigation continues.

A Luther Burbank High student was arrested for bringing a loaded Glock 9mm to school in January.

In April, Roseville High School was placed on lockdown after a report of a possible firearm on campus. The student accused of bringing the gun to school fled from campus and authorities arrested the student and recovered a gun off-campus.

A day later, Sacramento County sheriff’s deputies chased down a school bus after receiving a report that a Monterey Trail High School student had a firearm, which turned out to be an Airsoft replica gun.

In early May, a Foothill High student was detained after Twin Rivers Unified official found the student to be carrying a firearm on campus.

Also on Wednesday, authorities in Roseville announced they had arrested a Westpark High School student who was found with a list of names that indicated potentially harm other students. Roseville police say the student had previously brought a gun to school.

### **With California Hit by New Coronavirus Wave, Time to Start Wearing Masks? Limit Gatherings?**

[\*The Los Angeles Times reports\*](#) as California contends with another resurgence of the coronavirus, what should residents consider doing to protect themselves from infection?

Unlike in earlier waves of the pandemic that were marked by defined limitations on what people could do and how businesses could operate, officials have not demonstrated an appetite for renewed restrictions, unless hospitalizations dramatically worsen.

But it is still important for residents to take action to reduce their infection risk, experts say – both to avoid potentially serious health consequences and reduce the chance of contacting long COVID, in which symptoms of illness can persist for months or years.

To read what experts had to say, [visit the full article](#).

## **Bay Area COVID Cases Surpass 2021 Winter Surge, but Far Fewer Hospitalized**

[The San Francisco Chronicle reports](#) coronavirus cases in the Bay Area's spring surge have surpassed the peaks of the devastating winter wave of early 2021, but high levels of vaccination and immunity in the community are keeping hospitalizations at more manageable levels so far, and deaths remain notably low throughout the region.

Statewide, coronavirus cases continue to rise sharply, with the Bay Area reporting overall higher levels than the rest of California. Officials said the current surge shows no signs of waning: The Bay Area is reporting about 53 new cases per 100,000 residents as of Tuesday, up from 18 per 100,000 a month ago, and 42 just last week.

The Bay Area is reporting roughly 4,500 new coronavirus cases a day as of Tuesday — about the same as the peak of the winter 2020-21 surge, which was the deadliest period of the pandemic. The true current case count is likely much higher due to so many people testing at home — results of which are not usually reported to the county or state — or not testing at all.

Hospitalizations are a fraction of the 2020-21 surge, though — about 516 people are currently hospitalized with COVID in the Bay Area, up from 255 last month and compared to more than 2,000 in the worst days of the pandemic. The region is reporting about three deaths per day, far below the 50 or more deaths reported daily during the deadliest time.

The nine counties that make up the Bay Area region currently have the highest infection rates in the state, behind only rural Del Norte County. Among them, [San Francisco](#) is still outpacing the rest of California in new coronavirus cases. The city reported about 61 daily cases per 100,000 residents as of Tuesday, nearly twice the statewide average of 36 per 100,000. A month ago, San Francisco was tallying 24 cases per 100,000, and last week it was 54.

Other Bay Area counties have also logged substantial increases. Alameda, Contra Costa and Santa Clara counties are all reporting case numbers more than three times higher than a month ago, while San Mateo County's case count has doubled.

For further details on the Bay Area's current surge, [view the full article](#).

## **Likely Monkeypox Case Reported in Sacramento Would be First in California**

[MSN reports](#) public health authorities in Sacramento County reported Tuesday a suspected case of monkeypox in a person who recently traveled in Europe.

If confirmed by the California Department of Public Health and the CDC, it would be the first case of the African disease in California.

The World Health Organization has investigated 237 suspected and confirmed cases of the virus in 19 countries since early May.

Monkeypox is a virus related to smallpox that is endemic to parts of west and central Africa. It typically causes a mild infection and rash.

Scientists do not expect the recent outbreak to evolve into a pandemic like COVID-19, given the virus does not spread easily.

Nevertheless, U.S. health officials are in the process of releasing some vaccine doses for use in monkeypox cases, the CDC said on Monday.

CDC officials said there are more than 1,000 doses of the Jynneos vaccine, approved in the United States in 2019, in the national stockpile and they expect that level to ramp up very quickly in the coming weeks.

### **Crews Fully Contain Quail Fire Near Winters**

[The East Bay Times reports](#) firefighters have fully contained the Quail Fire burning southwest of Winters in Solano County, according to the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection.

The fire ultimately covered 135 acres, but did not cause any injuries or damage any structures, the Cal Fire Sonoma-Lake-Napa Unit said in an incident update Monday night. The cause of the fire was under investigation.

First reported at 3:14 pm Saturday, the fire prompted authorities to issue evacuation orders for all of Quail Canyon and Pleasants Valley roads from Quail Canyon north to Highway 128 and west to the county borders. Those orders were downgraded to warnings about five hours later as crews made progress battling the blaze.

### **St. Helena Pope Fire 100% Contained**

[Patch reports](#) the Pope Fire burning since Monday in St. Helena was deemed 100-percent contained Wednesday, St. Helena Fire Department Captain Nick Solakian reported.

The City of St. Helena Fire Department continued to monitor the burn area on the south side of Howell Mountain through Thursday evening and the area will be monitored for smoke and heat, city officials said.

The wildfire broke out around 5 pm Monday outside of city limits and burned 5 acres on the south side of Howell Mountain, between Silverado Trail and Ridgeview Lane.

The city will advise residents should conditions change.

### **Firefighters Work Toward Full Containment of 600-acre River Fire in Colusa County**

[MSN reports](#) firefighters on Wednesday had about 80% of the River Fire contained and were looking for any potential flare-ups after the blaze charred about 600 acres in Colusa County.

The River Fire started about 1:30 p.m. Tuesday near the Sacramento River, prompting law enforcement officials to notify residents of the fire burning near the town of Colusa. The wildfire burned on both sides of the river near Highway 45 and Brown Road.

In a Wednesday update, the [Colusa County Sheriff's Office](#) said firefighters continued to make progress toward full containment and working to put out any smoldering hot spots and flare-ups in the area. The Sacramento River Fire District and Cal Fire's Sonoma-Lake-Napa Unit battled the River Fire, along with the Colusa Fire Department.

[Colusa city officials](#) on Wednesday morning asked residents to stay away from current River Fire areas to allow all agencies to fight this fire and quickly respond to spot fires or changes.

They also said officials will go door-to-door and notify residents if any evacuations are needed but no evacuation orders were in place.

Three other wildfires started Tuesday in Northern California and burned dozens of acres amid a National Weather Service red flag warning the Sacramento Valley that expired at 11 a.m. Wednesday.

A [fire near Davis in Yolo County](#) sent a person to a hospital, briefly forced an evacuation of a dozen homes, and burned nearly 70 acres before crews controlled the blaze.

The [Edward Fire in Glenn County](#) burned about 50 acres before firefighters stopped its forward progress. The fire, which started just northwest of the town of Orland, destroyed one home and damaged landscape structures, fences and outbuildings on private property, the Glenn County Sheriff's Office said.

The [Wilder Fire](#), which started shortly before 11:30 a.m. southwest of the town of Red Bluff, burned 90 acres in Tehama County before firefighters had the blaze fully contained Tuesday afternoon.

The National Weather Service's Sacramento Office asked Northern California residents to continue to practice fire safety this week, even as a red flag warning expired and winds had calmed. Those celebrating the Memorial Day weekend outdoors should avoid parking vehicles on dry grass, check local fire restrictions and make sure campfires are completely extinguished.

### **'High Fire Activity Going Throughout the State': California Firefighters Deal with Back-to-Back Red Flag Warnings**

[CBS 13 Sacramento reports](#) firefighters are dealing with back-to-back red flag warnings issued within days of each other.

Cal Fire is bolstering its manpower while working hard under the recent warnings. While it does so, it is making sure its aircraft are in tip-top shape to fight from the air.

"What we do have is high fire activity going throughout the state of California and a lack of personnel," said Capt. Ezra Johnson of Cal Fire.

The captain gave CBS13 a tour of McClellan Airtanker Base on Monday. Several planes were under routine maintenance before heading out to other air attack bases throughout the state.

"So, what we have gotten done today is we have staffed additional tankers and they're relocating due to this red flag warning," Capt. Johnson said.

The agency has already sent tankers to Redding and Sonoma as the red flag warning stretches into the Sacramento Valley, Delta and portions of the foothills Monday and Tuesday.

Crews recently helped during the weekend's Quail Fire by dropping 23,000 gallons of retardant.

Meanwhile, crews on the ground are receiving new aerial support from the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES). It recently debut its FIRIS plane – short for Fire Integrated Real-Time Intelligence System.

As the name implies, it is meant to help give minute-by-minute information relating to the size and location of a fire.



“Its ability to keep firefighters safe, to rapidly identify wildfire spread, to be able to protect lives and property and to deploy resources will be essential in our ability to effectively respond to events that are impacting the state,” said Mark Ghilarducci, director of Cal OES.

While fire departments across the state welcome the state-of-art technology, it still needs crews on the frontlines of the fight.

Cal Fire says its Amador-El Dorado unit hopes to be fully staffed by June 13 just in time for daily hotter and drier conditions.

In the meantime, it is trying to protect firefighters from fatigue. Cal Fire has always had a relief program available to firefighters but well-being has been at the forefront of the agency’s mind, especially in recent years.

“As a department, we’re moving in the direction of having required rest and recovery days which is hopefully implemented this upcoming fire season to allow our firefighters to recuperate and recover so they can get back into the fight,” Capt. Johnson said.

### **Fire Restrictions Start a Month Early Amid High Danger in San Bernardino National Forest**

[The Los Angeles Times reports](#) dry conditions and warming temperatures have forced San Bernardino National Forest officials to institute campfire and hunting restrictions a month earlier than usual. The rules go into effect Wednesday.

Visitors will not be allowed to build or maintain any type of fire, including campfires or charcoal fires, except in a National Forest-provided campfire ring or barbecue grills in approved areas. The restrictions are in effect throughout the 820,000-acre national forest with few exceptions, the forest announced. The Angeles National Forest and Los Padres National Forest started similar restrictions earlier this month.

In San Bernardino, California campfire permit holders will not be exempt from the restrictions, but they can use a portable campfire ring/pit, stove or lantern with gas, kerosene and other approved fuels at least five feet away from flammable materials.

Smoking is not allowed except in approved areas, including inside vehicles. Operating motorized vehicles with combustion engines off paved, gravel or dirt roads and trails maintained by the National Forest also is banned, [according to the order signed by San Bernardino National Forest](#) Supervisor Danelle Harrison. Other restrictions are in effect through Jan. 1, 2023.

On Sunday, a wildfire started near Cleghorn Mountain in the forest and burned 10 acres before firefighters contained the blaze. The surrounding areas of San Bernardino County are dry, and with no real rain in the forecast, the conditions for more wildfires remain high.

Farther north in Solano County, a brush fire ignited Wednesday afternoon by someone target shooting in dry brush, according to emergency dispatchers. The fire was burning about seven miles north of the city of Vacaville and about 15 miles north of where a separate 135-acre brush fire was contained Tuesday.

In previous years, fire season started around September or October, but that has changed in recent years thanks to a lingering drought gripping the west.

“The fires seem to be coming earlier and earlier this year,” San Bernardino County Fire Protection District spokesperson Tracey Martinez said. “There’s still a lot of green in the mountainsides, but once the winds start blowing, that quickly dries out.”

### **‘This is our Last Hope’: Caldor Fire Survivors Make Plea to President Biden for Federal Aid**

[KCRA 3 reports](#) El Dorado County released [a new video](#) in yet another plea to the federal government, calling on them to help Caldor Fire survivors.

"This is our last hope. It really is," George Turnboo, the District 2 supervisor for El Dorado County, said.

The video shows the extensive damage in Grizzly Flats, and it features families still impacted nearly a year after the wildfire that tore through the community last August.

The effort follows multiple denials from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, or FEMA, to provide assistance to people in El Dorado County who lost their homes and businesses.

[In a letter to Gov. Gavin Newsom on Oct. 8, 2021](#), FEMA denied the state's request for individual assistance. The agency stated "the impact to the individuals and households from this event was not of such severity and magnitude to warrant."

The state tried to appeal the decision and received [another denial from FEMA in November](#).

The new video from the county calls out President Joe Biden, who visited Northern California in September and surveyed some of the damage the Caldor Fire had done.

When presented with information about how many people lost their homes and were not covered by insurance, President Biden replied, "We're going to take care of them."

Now, Turnboo has a message for the president.

"Honor your word. That's all I'm asking," Turnboo said, calling on the president to overturn FEMA's decision.

He said, nearly a year after the fire, there are still many people living in cars, staying at friends' houses, and sleeping on couches.

The California Governor's Office of Emergency Services, or Cal OES, estimates the Caldor Fire destroyed roughly 785 homes in Grizzly Flats alone.

### **California Oil Regulator Confirms Methane Leak at Idle Oil Wells in Bakersfield**

[The Los Angeles Times reports](#) state regulators have confirmed a methane gas leak at a pair of idle oil wells near a residential neighborhood in Bakersfield, raising the concerns of local environmental groups who fear the problem might be more widespread.

It’s unclear how long the leaks described as “pinhole-sized” went undetected, but state regulators said they were sealed by Friday evening.

Earlier this month, researcher Clark Williams-Derry from Washington State walked onto the Kern Bluff oil field in northeast Bakersfield and discovered an audible hiss coming from two oil

wells. The wells sit approximately 400 feet from a home in a suburban housing development and were previously managed by Sunray Petroleum Inc.

Williams-Derry said the oil wells look like spouts jutting from the ground and are covered by blue barrels, but are exposed to the open air. He said there are many more blue barrels in the oil field like the one he found.

Methane is a colorless, odorless, highly flammable gas. High levels of methane can reduce the amount of oxygen breathed from the air and can result in vision problems, memory loss, nausea, vomiting, facial flushing and headache.

Across much of California, fossil fuel companies are leaving thousands of oil and gas wells unplugged and idle, potentially threatening the health of people living nearby and in many cases handing taxpayers the bill for the environmental cleanup.

From Kern County to Los Angeles, companies haven't set aside anywhere near enough money to ensure these drilling sites are cleaned up and made safe, according to a 2020 data analysis and investigation by the Los Angeles Times and the Center for Public Integrity.

Of particular concern are about 35,000 wells sitting idle, with production suspended, half of them for more than a decade. Though California recently toughened its regulations to ensure more cleanup funds are available, those measures don't go far enough, according to a recent state report and the Times/Public Integrity analysis.

To read more on this issue, [view the full article](#).

### **First Responders Urged to Apply for Grants, Scholarships**

[The Escalon Times reports](#) First Responders Children's Foundation, the national nonprofit founded 21 years ago in the aftermath of 9/11, is appealing to first responders across the country to apply to the Foundation's programs, grants and scholarships, including the Foundation's new Resiliency Program that provides mental and behavioral health support for children of first responders. Through its national footprint, the Foundation serves first responder families in every state. It recognizes a greater need now more than ever to support the first responder community.

The appeal was issued earlier this month, as the country paid tribute to first responders during National Police Week and National EMS Week, which both ran from May 15 through May 21.

The First Responders Children's Foundation Resiliency Program will protect and strengthen the mental resiliency of the children whose first responder parents safeguard communities across the nation. The program provides expert, confidential therapy – at no cost to families – to help first responders' children manage, process and deal with a range of emotional challenges specific to their unique needs. The Responders Children's Foundation Resiliency Program launched on May 16, 2022, during National Mental Health Awareness Month, and will initially support first responders' children in five states, including California, Florida, New York, Tennessee and Texas.

First Responders Children's Foundation provides first responder families with financial assistance grants, bereavement grants, college scholarships, toys during the holidays and mental health support for children of first responders. The Foundation defines first responders as police

officers, firefighters, emergency medical technicians/paramedics, emergency and ICU medical staff, and 911 dispatchers.

For more information on these programs, [click here](#).

### **ICYMI: Funding Opportunities Ending Soon**

- **California Creative Corps – Administering Organization Grant;** *disadvantaged communities; disaster prevention & relief; education; employment, labor, & training; energy; environment & water; food & nutrition; health & human services; housing, community, and economic development; libraries & arts; parks & recreation; science, technology, and research & development; veterans & military*
  - Funded by: CA Arts Council
  - Deadline: **Thursday, June 2, 2022**
  - Total Estimated Funding: \$59.4 million
  - **Full Grant Guidelines:** [linked here](#)
    - **Online Application:** [linked here](#)
- **2022-23 Listos California Community Resilience Campaign (LX) Program RFP;** *disadvantaged communities; disaster prevention & relief*
  - Funded by: Governor’s Office of Emergency Services
  - Deadline: **Friday, June 3, 2022**
  - Total Estimated Funding: \$9.5 million
  - **Full Grant Guidelines:** [linked here](#)
- **2022-23 California Medical Training Center (EM) Program RFP;** *disaster prevention & relief; science, technology, and research & development*
  - Funded by: Governor’s Office of Emergency Services
  - Deadline: **Friday, June 3, 2022**
  - Total Estimated Funding: \$942,523
  - **Full Grant Guidelines:** [linked here](#)

### **Funding Opportunities**

#### **2022-23 Domestic Violence Housing First (XD) Program RFP**

[The Governor’s Office of Emergency Services](#) has created the XD Program to provide victims of domestic violence with safe, permanent housing and ongoing, supportive services tailored to address the individual needs of each victim. Examples of supportive services include transportation subsidies, financial assistance, career training, employment assistance, legal assistance, counseling, childcare, and temporary rental assistance.

To be eligible to submit a proposal, Applicants must be a governmental or non-governmental entity and meet the additional requirements on page two of the funding guidelines.

The Program is supported through the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Victim Assistance Formula Grant Program (Formula Grant Program)

- Supports eligible crime victim assistance programs.
- Requires a cash and/or in-kind match equal to 20 percent of the total project cost.

Applicants may request a partial or full match waiver (match waiver requests are not considered during the Proposal Rating process).

The deadline to apply for this funding is Friday, June 10, 2022. Total estimated funding available is \$22.75 million. To view the full grant guidelines, [click here](#).

### **2022-24 Sexual Assault American Rescue Plan (AR) Program RFP**

[The Governor's Office of Emergency Services](#) has created the AR Program to help rape crisis centers and sexual assault programs continue adapting to meet the emergency needs of sexual assault survivors in response to the COVID -19 public health emergency.

Funds are to be used to continue efforts to prepare for, prevent, and respond to COVID-19. Funding may support a range of in-scope activities including counseling, mobile advocacy, telehealth, teletherapy, peer support, temporary housing, rental assistance and nominal relocation expenses, supplies, equipment, and software to assist in carrying out virtual services.

The Applicant must be a governmental or non-governmental organization (NGO) serving sexual assault victims. Priority will be given to NGOs not currently funded through the Rape Crisis (RC), Victim Advocacy in Detention Facilities (KA), Campus Sexual Assault (CT), or the Child Sexual Abuse Treatment (CS) Programs.

The proposal must be submitted per the instructions in C. SUBMISSION DEADLINE AND REQUIREMENTS.

The deadline to apply for this funding is Wednesday, June 29, 2022. Total estimated funding available is \$3,370,077. To view the full grant guidelines, [click here](#).

### **2022-23 Transitional Housing (XH) Program RFP**

[The Governor's Office of Emergency Services](#) has created the XH Program to provide victims of crime with transitional/short-term housing assistance and a range of supportive services with the goal of moving victims into safe, permanent housing.

The XH Program is designed after the Housing First model; a form of rapid rehousing adapted to move and rehouse victims of crime who are experiencing homelessness into permanent housing quickly and provide ongoing supportive services. Transitional/short-term housing is a temporary solution – usually a room or apartment – meant to be a safe space in which victims can process their trauma and build a supportive network with the goal of moving into safe, permanent housing.

Since 2017, California has implemented the Housing First Model as defined in Welfare and Institutions (W&I) Code Section 8255 to address the prevalence of homelessness in California. The Housing First Model is an approach to connect individuals and families experiencing homelessness quickly and successfully to permanent housing without preconditions and barriers to entry, such as treatment, or sobriety.

Applicants must have a Unique Entity Identifier (Unique Entity ID) registered in the federal System for Award Management (SAM). Applicants who do not currently have a Unique Entity ID will need to register at SAM.gov to obtain one.

See full Request for Proposal for complete requirements.

Applicants may request a partial or full match waiver (match waiver requests are not considered during the Proposal Rating process).

To request a match waiver, Applicants must submit the VOCA Match Waiver Request form (Cal OES Form 2-159) with their proposal. Up to two VOCA fund sources can be entered on one form. All sections of the form must be completed and answers to questions 6 and 7 must be specific and unique to the Applicant and Program.

The deadline to apply for this funding is **Tuesday, July 5, 2022**. Total estimated funding available is \$17.15 million. To view the full grant guidelines, [click here](#).