Violence in Charlottesville, Virginia

August 14, 2017

Violence ensued Saturday, August 12, 2017 at the "Unite the Right" rally held in Charlottesville, VA. Below are resources and news updates related to the incident.

Virginia's Governor's office

On August 12, 2017 Governor McAuliffe Statement on Emergency Declaration in Response to Violence in Charlottesville:

"At 11:28 a.m., the Virginia State Police contacted me to request a state of emergency and I immediately authorized the declaration. We have maintained close contact with the Virginia State Police, the Virginia National Guard, the Virginia Department of Emergency Management, and other state and local officials on the ground in Charlottesville, and I agree that the situation in Charlottesville warrants an emergency declaration by me, in order to aid City and County law enforcement in their efforts to restore public safety and order in the City of Charlottesville and the surrounding area. In the days and weeks leading up to this event, my Administration engaged in extensive planning and preparation to ensure that the rally in Charlottesville could be held in a safe and lawful environment. These preparations included the deployment of a large number of state troopers, as well as the Virginia National Guard for support.

"It is now clear that public safety cannot be safeguarded without additional powers, and that the mostly out-of-state protesters have come to Virginia to endanger our citizens and property. I am disgusted by the hatred, bigotry and violence these protesters have brought to our state over the past 24 hours. The actions I have taken are intended to assist local government and restore public safety.

"My entire team will continue to monitor this situation throughout the day, and take appropriate action as necessary."

Find updated press release information from the Governor here at the **Virginia Governor's Office**.

The Daily Progress

- Visit the website **here.**
- Phone: 434-978-7200

Virginia Department of Emergency Management

- Visit the website **here.**
- Phone: 804-897-6500
- This department works with local government, state and federal agencies as well as voluntary organizations to provide resources and expertise through the five missions of emergency management: prevention, protection, mitigation, response, recovery.

Region Ten Community Services Board

- Visit the website **here.**
- Phone: 866-694-1605 or 434-972-1800
- This is a statewide network of 40 agencies that offer mental health, intellectual disability and substance abuse services and serve residents of the City of Charlottesville and the counties of Albemarle, Fluvanna, Greene, Louisa and Nelson.
- Crisis services are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and include counseling and phone consultations.

The Women's Initiative

- Visit the website **here.**
- Phone: 434-872-0047
- This resource provides services and information on mental/behavioral health services and supports for residents of Albemarle County.

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)

- Visit the Disaster Distress web page **here**.
- Phone: 1-800-985-5990
- This national Disaster Distress Helpline is available 24/7 to individuals who have been affected by a human or naturally caused disaster and are in need of crisis counseling. Services are multilingual.
- You may also search for local mental health services, anywhere in the U.S., **here.**

This guide provides referrals to resources. It does not endorse or recommend the resource providers. While every effort is made to maintain current provider information, information may change without notice.