



# AAR ACUITY AWARENESS REPORT

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# Message From MABPRO:

MABPRO offers our condolences to the families that have lost loved ones due to these horrible tragedies that have been taking place recently in our nation.

The purpose of this assessment is to provide information that will hopefully help people regain their confidence and sense of safety in public. There is no guaranteed fix, but we can, however, do our best to educate ourselves on what to do if we ever found ourselves in the midst of a crisis.



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A mass shooting occurred at Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) rail yard in San Jose, California. A gunman killed 9 people and then committed suicide.

According to police, the gunman left his house at 5:39 a.m. on the day of the shooting, having set it on fire.

At 6:33 a.m. the San Jose Fire Department received a call to respond to the VTA facility. Minutes later, Santa Clara County authorities received 9-1-1 calls about shots being fired at the VTA facility. When they arrived at 6:35 a.m., they found multiple people shot.



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The shooting occurred in two separate buildings at the maintenance yard during the busiest time of day. Over 100 people were at the facility at the time of the shooting, according to the sheriff. Police and witnesses later said the gunman targeted some of his victims and spared others from being shot.

Police identified the gunman as 57-year-old VTA employee Samuel James Cassidy. He had been employed at the VTA since 2001.

Cassidy's ex-wife described him as having anger issues and often being angry at his co-workers and at the VTA for what he believed to be unfair work assignments. She also said he had talked about killing people at his workplace more than a decade ago.



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