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Across the United States, communities face a **growing array of emergencies**, including natural disasters, **public health crises**, **cyberattacks**, and **infrastructure failures**.

Many local governments remain underprepared.

# FlashReport – Church mass shootings

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At 10:25 a.m. on September 28, 2025, during a church service at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Grand Blanc, MI, 40-year-old Thomas Jacob Sanford from Burton, drove his Chevy Silverado truck through the front doors of the church then he exited the vehicle and fired several rounds with an assault rifle.

The suspect shot 10 people. One person was killed at the scene, and another died at the hospital. Eight others were injured, and all victims were transported to the local area hospitals. Police arrived and located the shooter, who started shooting at the police. Police returned fire, killing the suspect.

Authorities found several improvised explosive devices on church property which a bomb squad is investigating. The resulting fire collapsed half of the church. The fire was put out shortly before 1 p.m. It is estimated that there were a hundred people in attendance during the shooting. The church was engulfed in flames, and police said they believe there will be more victims because there were people inside the building who could not get out.

Reunification sites for families were established in the nearby area. The ATF and the FBI have also joined the investigation. Search warrants were conducted at the suspect's house and of his cellphone records. Authorities are trying to find out the motive of the suspect. Grand Blanc Township Supervisor Scott Bennett said at the news conference. "This kind of violence doesn't happen in our community, and we are heartbroken that it came to Grand Blanc Township. And we're going to do everything we can to support the families, the victims, and our community getting through this situation." Police will hold another press conference at 5:00 p.m. tonight.

## Recommendations

- **Place cement pillars in front of the doors to prevent anyone from driving through the front door.**
- **Place armed security inside and outside the church and secure doors that are not being used.**

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