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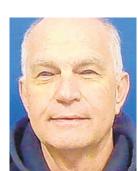












From top left: Laquita C. Brown, Ryan Keith Cox, Tara Welch Gallagher, Mary Louise Gayle, Alexander Mikhail Gusev and Joshua A. Hardy. From bottom left: Michelle "Missy" Langer, Richard H. Nettleton, Katherine A. Nixon, Christopher Kelly Rapp, Herbert "Bert" Snelling and Robert "Bobby" Williams. Photos courtesy of the Virginia Beach Police Department

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ABOVE: Cathy Whitley, of Virginia Beach, front left, and Brenda Flowers, of Brentwood, Tenn., take to their knees during a vigil in honor of the 12 victims of Friday's mass shooting at the Virginia Beach Municipal Center.

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MOTIVE IN VIRGINIA BEACH ATTACK STILL UNKNOWN

By Jane Harper, Mike **CONNORS AND PETER COUTU**

 ${\bf VIRGINIA\,BEACH-The\,morn-}$ ing after a 40-year-old city engineer opened fire on dozens of coworkers, killing 12 and seriously injuring four others in the deadliest shooting in Virginia Beach's history, police said they do not yet have a motive.

DeWayne Craddock, who had worked in the public utilities department for 15 years, stormed into his office building at the Municipal Center armed with two .45-caliber handguns and began firing as people prepared to leave for the day, officials said at news conferences on

All but one of the victims was a city employee. The other was a contractor there to fill a permit.

"The lives of 12 people were cut short by a senseless, incomprehensible act of violence," City Manager Dave Hansen said. "I have worked with most of them for many years."

Seven were men and five were women. Their employment with the city ranged from 11 months to

41 years. As of Saturday afternoon, three shooting victims remained in Sentara Virginia Beach General Hospital. All were stable, said Dr. Martin O'Grady, the facility's head of trauma. Two of the victims had "significant" injuries but are expected to survive, he said. He described the other victim's injuries as "devastating."

One patient at Sentara Norfolk General Hospital was in critical condition.

"We are all shocked and saddened by the tragic events that occurred Friday at the Virginia Beach Municipal Center," Sentara's president and CEO Howard Kern

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HERE'S HOW YOU CAN HELP

By Peter Coutu Staff writer

VIRGINIA BEACH — Following Friday's mass shooting in Virginia Beach that ended with at least 13 dead and four injured, people from

all over the world are offering help. The city has created a landing page where people can donate to a fund for the victims or volunteer

their time. Through United Way South Hampton Roads, the city started a Virginia Beach Tragedy Fund, and the city says 100% of the donations will go to the victims affected by the tragedy.

It's starting off with a big gift: TowneBank announced a \$500,000 donation around noon Saturday, according to spokesman Joel Rubin.

"This is a horrible tragedy for our entire community but particularly for the spouses, children, parents and others who will be so deeply

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