


# COUNTRY AIRCHECK

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## A Staggering Tragedy

At least 58 people were killed and more than 500 injured last night (10/1) in the deadliest shooting in modern U.S. history at the *Route 91 Harvest* festival in Las Vegas. More than 22,000 people were in attendance when the gunman,  began shooting from the 32nd floor of the nearby Mandalay Bay hotel while headliner Jason Aldean was onstage.

Beasley **KCYE/Las Vegas** morning show host **Mike "Mad Dog" West** was with the station promo crew at the *Route 91 Harvest* festival last night (10/1). "I'm still in shock, it doesn't seem real," West says. "It was like a movie. We all scattered, people hiding in porta-potties, behind dumpsters, trucks, wherever they could be safe." Promo assistant **Savanna Stallworth** was able to get to her car. "A cop stopped her and put four injured victims in her car to take to the hospital," explains West. "She came back for more. She's a hero."

KCYE Midday host **Paul Knight** was on his way in to Mandalay Bay to host the station's post-show party in the Foundation Room. "I was going inside and they told us to get out," says Knight. "We were going to surprise our listeners with a visit from **Jake Owen**." He was instructed to go back to his car, where he stayed until they were allowed to leave. West was able to get home for a couple hours of sleep, but says, "I could still hear the sirens ringing through my head." Knight and West co-hosted this morning's show. "I couldn't have gotten through it without Paul," says the exhausted West.

iHeartMedia **KWNR/Las Vegas** split coverage between Premiere's *Bobby Bones Show* and local host **Big D** with



## PROGRAMMING NOTE

For the broader country music family, "business as usual" died Sunday night along with at least 58 of our fans. Like our friends and colleagues across the music business and Country radio, Country Aircheck will pick up and carry on in support of the industry, its people and the music ... tomorrow. Tonight's special edition of the weekly is focused on Las Vegas. There are no photos. There is no chart. Our thoughts and prayers will continue to be with everyone affected. We'll be back Tuesday to resume covering the greatest music community in the world.

weekender **Taylor Hamilton**, who were taking phone calls and live updates from **KSNV-TV**. "Our hearts are broken," says VPP **Tony Matteo**. "Vegas' voice is on our station today. We're hearing from so many resilient people in our community." They took calls from listeners and let them know where they could donate blood. More info and audio:

- A **GoFundMe** page has been set up for the victims and their families [here](#).
- SiriusXM's **Storme Warren** was onstage when the gunfire started. **HLN's Morning Express with Robin Meade** spoke to him this morning (10/2). Listen [here](#).
- Beasley **KCYE/Las Vegas** morning show host **Mike "Mad Dog" West** posted video of the shooting [here](#).
- Cumulus **WIVK/Knoxville's Tony & Kris** spoke with **Jake Owen's** manager **Keith Gale**. Listen [here](#).
- Premiere's *Bobby Bones Show* spoke to **Jake Owen** and others on site of the *Route 91 Festival*. Audio can be found [here](#).
- Cumulus' **Ty, Kelly & Chuck** spoke to **SiriusXM's Buzz Brainard**, who was at the show. Listen [here](#).
- Cumulus **KATM/Modesto** had several winners at the event. **William VanderHeiden** was one of them; he checks in [here](#).

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# #PrayForVegas



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# PRAYERS FOR LAS VEGAS



- **SiriusXM** Sr. Dir./Country Programming **JR Schumann**, who was backstage, spoke to **WFAA-TV**. Listen [here](#).
- The **Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee** established the **Music City Cares Fund** today (10/2), with 100% of the donations going to Las Vegas to help with the immediate and long-term needs of shooting victims. Donations are tax-deductible. Give [here](#).
- **Beasley's** Community of Caring has donated \$5,000 to the [GoFundMe](#) page that was set up for the Las Vegas shooting victims and their families.

## Artists Speak

Festival closer **Jason Aldean** was onstage as the shooting started. He and scores of his artist colleagues have reacted via social media.

"Tonight has been beyond horrific. I still don't know what to say but wanted to let everyone know that me and my crew are safe. My thoughts and prayers go out to everyone involved tonight. It hurts my heart that this would happen to anyone who was just coming out to enjoy what should have been a fun night." —**Jason Aldean**

"Gun shots! Vegas. Pray to God. Love you guys. Love you Pearl. ... Praying for everyone here in Vegas. I witnessed the most unimaginable event tonight. We are okay. Others aren't. Please pray. ... Gun shots were ringing off of the stage rigging and road cases. No one knew where to go. Thank you LVPD and responders for keeping us safe." —**Jake Owen**

"Everyone in the B&R camp is okay ... thoughts and prayers to everyone in Vegas at Route 91. —**Big & Rich**



"This world is sick." —**Kane Brown**

"Me, the band and crew are all safe. Been a long night, gonna try to get some sleep. Thank you for all your thoughts and prayers." —**Luke Combs**

"Prayers to everyone at Route 91 Harvest in Las Vegas. We are okay, had literally just left for the airport. What is wrong with this world!" —**Dylan Scott**

"Everyone in JAB is accounted for. They evacuated us from Mandalay. My fiancée is still in the room. They won't let me in but she's safe." —**Josh Abbott Band**

Can't believe last night really happened. My heart is broken for all of the victims. So thankful my family and guys are all safe." —**Adam Craig**

"Really no words. Will never understand how people can do these things. Keep these people in your prayers." —**Tyler Reeve**

"Active shooter at Route 91 in Las Vegas. Us and the band are safe currently. Pray." —**Muscadine Bloodline**

Artists not in last night's lineup posted their thoughts as well:

"We played Route 91 in Vegas the night before last. It was one

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"Where words fail, music speaks."

- Hans Christian Andersen

Our heartfelt prayers are with those affected by this tragedy.

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# Love One Another



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Pray For Las Vegas



music heals.

of my favorite shows and festivals to be on. We were all singing. I'm in shock over this unfair, senseless tragedy and heartbroken for the lives taken too soon." —**Maren Morris**

"We are completely devastated by these tragic events that happened in Vegas last night. We can only imagine the flood of emotions you all must be feeling and for that we send our love and prayers to you all. After our set on Friday, we talked about how you were one of the best groups of people we've ever played for. So much love. So much joy. So much pure happiness floating through the air. I know it might be hard but don't lose those feelings. Those emotions are sacred. Don't let a deranged coward take that from you. We wish that we could reach our arms around every damn one of you and your families right now. Hold on tight to the ones you love. We love you all and will be keeping you forever in our thoughts." —**Brothers Osborne**

"My heart is breaking. We were just there Friday! My prayers are with everyone." —**Michael Ray**

"Praying for everyone at Route 91. That crowd was one of the best I've played for all year. This news is devastating. My camp is home and safe. I won't be sleeping tonight. Instead I am going to pray and pray and pray for the people in Vegas." —**Lauren Alaina**

"My heart goes out to all of our friends, Jason Aldean, our music family and fans in Las Vegas. I'm praying for your healing. I pray God puts his arms around you. This is so sad and devastating. I can't understand it." —**Reba**

"Praying for everyone at Route 91 Harvest. Absolutely terrifying." —**Dan + Shay**

"No words other than I'm lucky to be alive. Prayers for those who lost people they love." —**Chris Young**

"Absolutely heartbroken and horrified over what happened in Las Vegas. The idea of people going out to enjoy music together makes me think of unity and love. Not destruction and hate. My heart is with everyone affected including my friends who were there/playing. Anyone in Vegas, please donate blood to any local American Red Cross. So many need it." —**Cassadee Pope**

"Hearts out to Vegas. Route 91 concert, stage I played two nights ago. Musicians, fans, workers, you are all in our prayers right now." —**Lee Brice**

"My heart and prayers go out to everyone that has been affected by the tragic events that occurred in Vegas." —**Brett Young**

"Woke up and am shocked to hear of the devastation in Vegas last night. Praying for all of the victims. What a tragedy." —**Carly Pearce**

"One year ago we played Route 91 on Sunday night. Our prayers are with all the first responders, artists, crew and mostly the country fans." —**Little Big Town**

"We are devastated by the news from Las Vegas this morning. Our hearts and prayers are with everyone affected by this tragedy. Our fans are our family — we love you all." —**Lady Antebellum**

"My deepest sympathies and prayers to anyone has been affected by the Vegas shooting last night. I don't even know anymore... Why?" —**Blake Shelton**





# PRAY FOR VEGAS

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"Stilled and speechless. Our hearts and prayers are with everyone involved and affected." —**Keith Urban**

"Just woke up to the news about the shooting in Vegas. I'm speechless. Praying for everyone there." —**Charlie Worsham**

"I just can't even fathom what happened in Vegas. My heart is broken. My love and all my prayers go out this morning to every family and friend who suffered loss, and everyone who was there. May God be with you through this tragic time." —**Thomas Rhett**

"The McBryde crew is safe and accounted for. Our hearts are with everyone involved. Please pray for Vegas." —**Ashley McBryde**

"It's hard to find words. Praying for all the victims and their families in Las Vegas and all who were affected ... which is really all of us." —**Martina McBride**

"We can't even begin to express all of our feelings waking up to the news that country music fans lost their lives in a tragic shooting last night in Las Vegas. Knowing so many people working at that the show and worrying for their well-being and safety. And the fans. Above all our hearts break for each and every one of them affected by this senseless act. Let us help each other find a way to deal with the emotional trauma of these difficult times." —**Faith Hill & Tim McGraw**

"Woke up to such horrible news. We are praying for the victims and their families. May the Lord bring some comfort to them." —**Carrie Underwood**

"Words can't begin explain my sadness. My family and I are praying for the victims of this tragedy. Truly heartbroken." —**Luke Bryan**

## Live Nation Statement

Route 91 Harvest festival creator and operator **Live Nation** released the following statement Monday afternoon: "We are heartbroken over the tragedy that took place at the Route 91 Harvest festival. To think that anyone would want to inflict harm

on a gathering of music lovers is beyond our comprehension. And while we are stunned and grieving over this incomprehensible act of violence, we know that this is a moment when we must come together to prevent more tragedies like this from occurring.

"Live Nation will do everything in our power to support the victims and their families through the aftermath of this horrendous event and extends our deepest gratitude to the heroic first responders who helped save as many lives as possible. To our Live Nation on-site employees, we cannot thank you enough for your bravery and perseverance over the past 24 hours and will ensure you have the resources and support necessary to heal from this."

## CMA Pushes Voting Window

The **CMA** released the following statement this morning regarding last night's mass shooting in Las Vegas: "Our hearts go out to the fans, artists and crew members who experienced the tragedy in Las Vegas last night. The country community is deeply saddened to hear lives were lost and many injured at the Route 91 Harvest Festival. Prayers for all as we search for understanding and come together to cope with this horrific act." Additionally, due to the shooting, the final ballot for the CMA Awards that was previously scheduled to be distributed to membership today will be postponed until tomorrow (10/3).

## Broken Bow Statement

**BBR Music Group** released the following statement regarding last night's mass shooting at the Las Vegas Route 91 Harvest Festival, which occurred during Broken Bow artist **Jason Aldean**'s set: "Aldean, his band and crew and two BMG staff members who were attending the festival were all uninjured. [BBRMG artists] **Walker McGuire** and **Adam Craig**, who also performed at the festival, are safe, along with their bands and crews."

"We are horrified by the events in Las Vegas overnight and relieved to report that all of our artists, their teams, and our staff are safe and uninjured," says BBRMG EVP **Jon Loba**. "The country music community is a family and our listeners are a part of that family. They put food on our tables and allow our artists and staff to live our dreams by going to events like last night. While our artists and staff are safe, our hearts are broken for those listeners in our extended family who just wanted to share a night of great music and the camaraderie that is the hallmark of country music."

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The Cold River Records family is heartbroken by the events of Las Vegas.  
We are joining hands with the Country Music Family in prayer and  
sympathy for the beautiful fans who attended the show.





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COUNTRY MUSIC  
COMMUNITY  
AS WE GRIEVE WITH  
**LAS VEGAS**  
AND EVERYONE INVOLVED  
IN THIS TRAGEDY.

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## Nashville Responds

Nashville Mayor **Megan Barry**, CMA CEO **Sarah Trahern** and Nashville Convention & Visitors Corp Pres./CEO **Butch Spyridon** released a joint statement following the Las Vegas mass shooting: "Our heartfelt thoughts and prayers are with everyone involved in the tragic event in Las Vegas, especially the victims, their families and friends, and the fans, artists and crews from our country community in Vegas. This festival brought together people from all backgrounds united in enjoying life through music. Safety at all of our events is and will remain our top priority. We are constantly adjusting our event security measures year-round, partnering and consulting with experts at the federal, state and local levels through our full-time security team and the Metro Police Department. We will continue our efforts to provide the most comprehensive security possible." A vigil was held Monday evening at Nashville's Ascend Amphitheater.

## Updated Safe List

Here's another update to this morning's list of country professionals in attendance Sunday at the *Route 91 Harvest Festival*:

- KKGO/Los Angeles's Michael Levine, Graham Bunn, David Bugenske
- KSON/San Diego staff
- KRWQ/Medford, OR's Jason Allen, Bryce Burtner
- Muscadine Bloodline band/crew
- Chris Young
- WME staff
- Tony Jackson band/crew
- The Press Office's Jim Della Croce

Already published list of those confirmed safe:

- Dee Jay Silver, family/crew
- Tyler Reeve
- CAA staff
- WME's Risha Rodgers
- GreenRoom PR staff
- JD Haas Entertainment staff and contest winners
- KFRG/Riverside staff
- Dylan Schneider band/crew
- KUKN/Kelso, WA staff and clients
- Big Loud's Matt Turner
- SmackSongs' Lee Krabel
- Combustion's Kenley Flynn
- KUZZ/Bakersfield's Brent Michaels
- Karen Gale, Loudmouth Entertainment
- Jason Aldean band and crew
- Live Nation's Brian O'Connell
- BMG/Broken Bow staff
- KWNR's Big D
- KCYE's Paul Knight and Mike "Mad Dog" West
- Jake Owen band and crew
- Keith Gale, Good Company Entertainment
- Kane Brown band and crew
- Luke Combs band and crew
- Sony staff
- Curb staff
- Dylan Scott band and crew
- BMLG staff
- Adam Craig and crew
- Josh Abbott Band and crew
- Big & Rich band and crew
- Radio personality Kris Daniels
- SiriusXM personalities and crew
- The Big Time's Jackie Stevens

Updates and additions can be sent [here](#).

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