

## EDITOR’S INTRODUCTION

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The *Journal of Critical Incident Analysis (JCIA)* is an initiative of the Academy for Critical Incident Analysis (ACIA) at John Jay College of Criminal Justice, The City University of New York (CUNY). ACIA was founded for the purpose of promoting a scholarly dialogue relating to the emergence, management, and consequences of critical incidents. Accordingly, *JCIA* is an extension of this purpose, and it is envisioned as an outlet for empirical research and theoretical discussions about critical incidents.

In volume three, issue one of *JCIA*, we present four articles. In the lead article, “Social Solidarity and Wellbeing After Critical Incidents,” Hawdon, Räsänen, Oksanen, and Ryan examine three mass shootings in an attempt to determine if feelings of social solidarity have an impact on depression levels post-trauma. The authors find that social solidarity is tied to one’s wellbeing.

In the second article, “Is Best Practice Always Best,” Deverell examines whether best practice case studies are effective learning tools for crisis managers. The author argues that learning vicariously through best practices has its limitations given that crises are marked by fluidity and uncertainty.

In the third article, “Parental Reactions and Posttraumatic Symptoms,” Amatya, Jones, and Hughes study the Virginia Tech shooting through the lens of parental reactions and PTSD outcomes of students. The authors use Asian students as the focal point of their research, arguing that this cultural context has received little attention in the literature.

In the closing article, “The Role of a Ship’s Master in Theory and Practice,” Goulielmos and Gatzoli examine seven maritime accidents. They maintain that human error remains a significant factor driving maritime accidents, despite regulatory efforts to minimize such human error. The authors argue that a shipping company’s safety culture plays a role in such accidents, as this can influence a ship captain’s decision-making.

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