

Ané Vecchione is the Program Manager of the Mayor's Crisis Response Team (CRT) within the City of Los Angeles Mayor's Office of Public Safety. She provides trauma-informed support to individuals and families in the immediate aftermath of critical incidents, from violent crime to the sudden loss of a loved one. Ané directs and facilitates the 9-week, 62-hour CRT Training Academy and manages a citywide team of volunteer responders, coordinating training, continuing education, and large-scale scenario exercises that strengthen responder preparedness and skills. She works closely with law enforcement, hospital emergency personnel, victim service providers, LAUSD crisis counselors, and community-based organizations to ensure families receive compassionate, coordinated care both on scene and in the weeks and months following a traumatic incident.

Ané has more than a decade of on-scene experience, beginning as a volunteer responder in 2015. She and her team respond to homicides, suicides, infant and child deaths, traffic fatalities, fires, officer-involved shootings, mass casualty events, mass violence incidents, and other critical incidents resulting in severe injury. During responses, CRT volunteers provide immediate short-term crisis intervention, attend to survival and comfort needs, activate support systems, serve as a liaison between victims and emergency personnel, and connect families to follow-up resources. She has also supported the community alongside her team at Family Assistance Centers and Disaster Recovery Centers during major crises, including the Lunar New Year mass violence incident in Monterey Park in 2022 and the Palisades Wildfire in 2025.

In addition to her CRT work, Ané serves as an instructor with the National Victim Assistance Academy (NVAA), teaching Foundations in Victim Advocacy to responders, allied professionals, and victim advocates nationwide. She is an NACP Credentialed Victim Advocate at the Intermediate Level and is recognized as a Comprehensive Victim Intervention Specialist. As a member of NOVA's Community Crisis Response Team, Ané has gained valuable skills and insights from pioneers and leaders in the field, shaping her approach to supporting survivors and training responders.

A traumatic loss at an early age inspired Ané to dedicate her life's work to supporting surviving victims—meeting them where they are and connecting them to resources and compassionate guidance. She believes survivors should have

the power to decide what happens next as they regain control, begin their healing journey, and ultimately become the hero in their own story.