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This research examines the impact of the Aurora, Colo., movie theater shooting and the Columbine High School shooting on first-responding journalists, focusing on their professional lives and reporting techniques. The research was completed by analyzing in-depth interviews and discussions with six broadcast journalists from the local NBC and ABC affiliates in Denver, who were on the scene of one or both of the shootings. The research also delves into each journalist's career and the traumatic situations they have witnessed in the field.