



# International Public Safety Association

Organizational Brochure



# NEW MEMBERSHIP

## JOIN IPSA TODAY

The International Public Safety Association, a 501(c)3 non-profit, invites everyone in public safety to become a member.

Our vision is for a stronger, more integrated public safety community capable of an effective joint response to all public safety incidents.

Sign up for a new membership and get involved with the IPSA today.

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## IPSA

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## Mission

Our Mission is to break down the cultural barriers and foster the relationships between law enforcement, 911 telecommunicators, EMS, fire and allied emergency responders.

## Vision

Our vision is for a stronger, more integrated public safety community capable of an effective joint response to all public safety incidents.

## Values

**Inclusive** – of the entire public safety community

**Pride** – in our efforts and accomplishments

**Sharing** – of information, resources, expertise, and time

**Action** – taking action as members and as an organization

# About

The [International Public Safety Association](#), a 501(c)3 non-profit, professional public safety membership association, represents all public safety disciplines.

## Leadership

The IPSA's [Board of Directors](#) includes practitioners in the fire service, emergency medical service, law enforcement, 911 telecommunications and NGO/private sector professionals. The highly credentialed and diverse professional backgrounds of our Board make the IPSA a unique and strong organization.

### **Board of Directors**

1. IPSA Chair, Scott Edson, LA-RICS Executive Director, Retired Chief LASD (CA)
2. IPSA Vice-Chair, Assistant Chief Chris DeChant, Glendale Fire Department (AZ)
3. Communications Supervisor, Jennifer Stewart, Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department (NC)
4. Battalion Chief J. Scott Quirarte, Ventura County Fire Department (CA)
5. Captain Brad Havrilla, Palm Beach County Fire Rescue (FL)
6. Director of Special Operations, Wren Nealy, Cypress Creek EMS (TX)
7. Special Operations and Safety Manger, Todd Kerfoot, REMSA (NV)
8. John W. Thompson, National Sheriffs' Association (VA)
9. James Dundas, Retired Battalion Chief (VA)
10. Dennis Weiner, Retired Police Chief (FL)
11. Commander Christopher Butler, Calgary Police Services, Alberta, Canada

### **Officers**

1. Executive Director & Founder, Heather R. Cotter
2. Treasurer, Karen Ziegler
3. Secretary, Jennifer Stewart

## Membership

The IPSA invites everyone to join as a voting or non-voting [member](#). Our vision is for a stronger, more integrated public safety community capable of an effective joint response to all public safety incidents, and the only way we can achieve this is to make sure that our programs, policies and leadership include cross-disciplinary perspectives. The IPSA offers individual and group membership options.

Law Enforcement  
Fire Service  
EMS  
Telecommunications  
Emergency Management  
Public Health  
Public Works  
Corrections  
Security Professionals  
Federal Government

Private Sector  
Transportation  
Energy  
Hospitals  
Medical Directors/Examiners  
City Management  
Community Members  
Local & State Government  
Tribal Government  
Academia

# Committees

The IPSA's [Committees](#) are an opportunity for our Members to roll up their sleeves to develop policies, recommendations, publications and artifacts for the IPSA and the global public safety community.

These cross-disciplinary working groups comprised of practitioner, subject matter experts convene regularly. Some notable publications from our committees include the *International Public Safety Association's Rescue Task Force Best Practices Guide*, the *IPSA Infobrief: Interoperability and Unified Command*, the *IPSA Infobrief: Stop the Bleed* and *infographics/posters on Suicide, PTS and Depression*.



Given our Vision of creating an integrated response to any type of incident, all committees consist of practitioners from multiple disciplines.

## **Civil Unrest Committee**

No city wants to experience civil unrest, yet it's happening with increasing frequency in large and small metro areas. This means all organizations must have a preparedness strategy in place should one transpire.

## **911 Telecommunications Committee**

The IPSA's 911 Telecommunications Committee is responsible for providing the IPSA information and direction on the current and projected status of communication centers within the public safety spectrum as it pertains to operations, training, response and professional development.

## **Public Safety Technology Committee**

This Committee is responsible for providing the IPSA with contemporary information on all matters relating to the development and implementation of operational and tactical technology solutions that have cross-discipline application.

## **Fitness/Wellness Committee**

The health and fitness of public safety officers continues to diminish at a greater rate than the general population. This includes increased instances of chronic disease, decreased quality of life, frequency of injury and decreased life expectancy post- retirement. This committee is charged with addressing these issues.

## **Memorial Committee**

The IPSA's Memorial Committee is responsible for capturing LODDs in the United States and Canada and reviewing that data to identify and develop policy. The Memorial Committee published the 2017 IPSA LODD Annual Report.

## **Mental Health Committee**

This committee addresses contemporary issues relating to public safety mental health issues and programs. Specifically, the IPSA Mental Health Committee conducts research to develop papers, policy, position statements and relevant artifacts for the IPSA to share with the global public safety community.

## **Rural Areas and Small Municipalities Committee**

It is the mission of the IPSA's Rural Areas and Small Agencies Committee to acknowledge and promote the relevance, importance, abilities and interests of those small and rural agency personnel and members of the IPSA, a globally recognized organization focused on providing training, resources and professional networking to all elements of the public safety community.

### ***Rescue Task Force Committee***

The purpose of the IPSA's Rescue Task Force Committee is to provide the IPSA guidance in all matters relating to the development, management and training practices of RTFs. The RTF Committee enhances the cooperation and the sharing of information between agencies who use RTFs and those exploring the possibility of starting a RTF. The committee publishes documents and articles to assist in the understanding of the benefits, costs and complexities of on-going RTF training and management.

### ***Tactical Emergency Medical Support Committee***

Tactical Emergency Medical Support is integral to SWAT and police Tactical Units in providing Special Operations Medicine in the pre-hospital setting. Tactical medics deliver point of wounding care in the direct threat, indirect threat and tactical evacuation phases of the austere environment. TEMS responds to high threat incidents such as: high risk warrants, terrorist attacks, active shooters and other intentional mass casualty incidents. The IPSA TEMS Committee is committed to serving the IPSA mission and will contribute to the professional development of the public safety community.

### ***UAS Committee***

The IPSA UAS committee will address contemporary issues relating to UAS programs and public safety. Specifically, the IPSA UAS committee develops papers, policy, position statements and relevant artifacts for the IPSA to share with the global public safety community.

## **Programs/Services**

### ***Fall 2018 Symposium: Mass Casualty Incidents***

The [Fall 2018 International Public Safety Association Symposium](#) will be November 14 and 15 in the Washington D.C. metropolitan area. The theme of our event will be centered on violent and non-violent Mass Casualty Incidents.

### ***Annual IPSA Conference***

Our second [annual conference](#) was February 21-23 in Tempe, Arizona. Contemporary issues facing public safety were addressed.

### ***Training and Technical Assistance***

Our [Training and Technical Assistance Program](#) is available to all government and private sector organizations. Check out our current services. Engagements are tailored to your organization's needs.

### ***Policy Task Force***

The IPSA [Policy Task Force](#) is overseen by the Executive Director. Each selected group of experts is charged with researching and publishing on various topics impacting our public safety community.

### ***IPSA Journal***

The first edition of the IPSA Journal will be published in Fall 2017. This peer-reviewed, executive journal is an opportunity for our members to publish evidenced-based research. The second edition will be published in Summer 2018.

### ***Webinars***

We regularly hold mission critical and highly educational [webinars](#) for the entire public safety community. All events are posted on our home page under "Upcoming Events."

### **Webinar Week**

The IPSA hosted its second Webinar Week from April 23 – 27, 2018, and trained over 1,800 public safety professionals on topics ranging from Active Shooter and UAS to Stop the Bleed, Mental Health and Cybersecurity. The next IPSA webinar week will be in Spring 2019.

### **Public Safety Column**

The [IPSA's Public Safety Column](#) is our digital editorial opportunity for members and sponsors to contribute short, thought leadership articles.

## **FAQs**

### **Why was International Public Safety Association established?**

The IPSA was established to unite the *entire* public safety community and to provide opportunities for public safety to cross-train and network across all disciplines.

### **When was the IPSA established?**

We were formally incorporated in the State of Arizona in July 2014 as a Non-Profit corporation.

### **Does IPSA have 501(c)3 status?**

Yes! We are a public charity. Donors can deduct contributions under IRC Section 170.

### **How is IPSA funded?**

We receive funding through our membership dues, donations and events. We are actively seeking grant funding to develop new programs for the public safety community.

### **Who do I contact to learn more about the IPSA?**

Contact [Heather R. Cotter](#), Executive Director, with any questions about the IPSA.



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## Membership



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