



## International Public Safety Associations Announces New Partnership with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Stop.Think.Connect.™ Campaign

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The International Public Safety Association announced their partnership in the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) Stop.Think.Connect.™ Campaign. The Campaign is an unprecedented effort among more than 150 government, nonprofit, and academic organizations to promote safer online behavior and practices.

"As technologies advance and the number of connected devices grows at an exponential rate, so do cyber threats and our need to understand online risks," said Dr. Phyllis Schneck, Deputy Under Secretary for Cybersecurity at the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. "Together, the International Public Safety Association and the Stop.Think.Connect.™ Campaign will increase cybersecurity awareness and promote new tools and initiatives, helping Americans better protect themselves, their families, and their communities online."

The Campaign's substantial network of organizations enables it to reach a broad audience, helping Americans of all ages understand the potential risks that come with using the Internet and encouraging them to take steps to protect themselves online.

"Cybersecurity is a shared responsibility. It is critical for all public safety officials to be aware of the issues and potential threats within their agency and jurisdiction. As we enjoy the constantly evolving conveniences of living in a digital world, it's also important to protect ourselves from the risks," said Heather R. Cotter, Executive Director of the International Public Safety Association. "The partnership with the Stop.Think.Connect. Campaign demonstrates our commitment to proactively educate the entire public safety community about how to take simple steps to stay safe."

### **About the International Public Safety Association**

The International Public Safety Association, a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, was established in July 2014 in the State of Arizona to bring the public safety community closer together by offering opportunities to network, cross-train, and build a stronger public safety community capable of an effective joint response to all incidents.

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