



**International Public Safety Association
Paris, France Attacks**

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The catastrophic and brutal terrorist attacks that occurred in Paris, France this weekend resulted in approximately 129 casualties and over 350 wounded. This incident, still evolving, is a devastation felt around the globe. The International Public Safety Association expresses its deepest condolences to all that have been impacted this horrific incident.

Although different by design, acts of terrorism and complex, coordinated attacks exist and we need to do everything possible to make sure we are as prepared as we can be to respond quickly and strategically. Attacks like 9/11, Mumbai in 2008, and this weekend's terror in Paris have no jurisdictional boundaries. These attacks evolve quickly and they often occur with little to no warning. Victims can be anyone, any age or any gender. We know that modus operandi will vary. We know that weaponry will vary. We know there is a wide-range of planning tactics from impulsively acting to extensive planning. City government, dispatch, law enforcement, fire, EMS, and all other emergency responders need to conduct multi-discipline, multi-agency training exercises in order to be fully prepared to respond to a complex, coordinated attack. The International Public Safety Association is establishing several working groups (e.g. Rescue Task Force Committee, Special Events Committee) to have discussions and create recommended preparedness and response policies and guidelines with and for the public safety community.

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. Our Mission is to break down the cultural barriers and foster the relationships between EMS, fire, law enforcement, telecommunicators, and emergency responders. Our vision is for a stronger, more integrated public safety community capable of an effective joint response to all public safety incidents.

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