



International Public Safety Association Statement about Shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School

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The shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida yesterday is devastating. Current reports indicate that 17 individuals lost their lives. These 17 individuals were in school to further their education and advance their future. First responders were prepared, acted quickly and the suspect was apprehended.

Acts of mass violence continue to challenge communities and emergency responders around the globe. It is incumbent on us – the International Public Safety Association – to provide education, training and resources to our communities and emergency responders so that we can build a stronger, more integrated public safety community capable of an effective joint response to all incidents. Preparedness saves lives.

It is the mission of the International Public Safety Association to provide cross-disciplinary training, education and resources to the entire public safety community. We are currently [seeking writers](#) to publish with us about acts of mass violence in support of our current **Acts of Mass Violence: Public Safety Response and Recovery Initiative**. We also have available our [Rescue Task Force Best Practices Guide](#), a detailed 46-page document designed to help first responders build an integrated, interagency response plan. In addition, we just published several [InfoBriefs on Homegrown Violent Extremism](#) that address radicalization, recovery as well as community resiliency – this information can be used for any type of violent event. Finally, next week we are holding our Annual Conference in which we are holding a cross-disciplinary [Active Shooter/Mass Casualty Incident Workshop and Tabletop Exercises](#) course and our keynote speaker will be sharing his lessons learned from the Las Vegas Route 91 Harvest Festival Mass Shooting. The International Public Safety Association will continue to help prepare, train and educate our first responders so they can protect our communities.

Our thoughts and prayers are with everyone impacted by yesterday's tragedy.

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. www.joinipsa.org

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