

Statement from the International Public Safety Association about the California Wildfires, Board Member Deployed

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The International Public Safety Association continues to monitor the wildfires in Northern California and the destruction they are leaving behind. Since they began, the IPSA has learned about several members in the fire service who have been deployed. Last night, Executive Director Heather R. Cotter heard from Board Member J. Scott Quirarte, Captain with Ventura County (California) Fire Department that he was being deployed today.

Several individuals have died, hundreds are missing, communities have been demolished and containment is minimal. "Our thoughts and prayers are with the IPSA members deployed to fight these devastating wildfires. There have been so many major disasters recently – hurricanes, earthquakes, shootings, wildfires – and we know so many first responders impacted, deployed and putting service before self. Their courage and bravery is incredible. These emergency responders, especially the local responders, are not only working to preserve life and infrastructure, but their own families are being displaced, they're losing their homes," said Cotter.

As the wildfires continue and until they are contained, the IPSA strongly recommends that everyone follows evacuation orders and directions from all emergency responders. It's simply a matter of safety. The IPSA will continue to monitor the wildfires in Northern California. We hope to see the fires contained soon, and we will keep everyone in our thoughts during response and recovery.

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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