

## The International Public Safety Association's Board of Directors Appoints New Board Chairperson

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The International Public Safety Association, a 501(c)3 non-profit, is pleased to announce its Board of Directors appointed a new Board Chairperson during its Annual Meeting on Friday, February 28, 2020, in Tempe, Arizona. The new Board Chairperson is Battalion Chief J. Scott Quirarte with Ventura County (California) Fire Department. Battalion Chief Quirarte joined the IPSA as a Founding Member in 2014 and has been on the IPSA's Board of Directors since 2015. https://www.joinipsa.org/IPSABoard

Battalion Chief Quirarte is a 30-year veteran of VCFD. He spent 17 years as a member of Special Operations as a shift captain for the HazMat Team. He is the project lead for the Ventura County Interagency Active Shooter Response Workgroup. The workgroup developed coordinated response procedures for all county agencies. Battalion Chief Quirarte was also the lead instructor of program training for over 3000 law enforcement officers, firefighters, dispatchers and EMS personnel. He is also a founding member of Ventura County Stop the Bleed program.

Battalion Chief Quirarte is a member of the IPSA's RTF and TEMS committees. While serving as Vice-Chair of the IPSA's RTF committee, he served as a principal in the development of the IPSA RTF Best Practices Guide Version I. Battalion Chief Quirarte is also the IPSA representative on the NFPA 3000 Technical Committee.

His course development and instructor qualifications include Hazardous Materials Outreach Instructor, State Fire Instructor, and a Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program-HSEEP Master Exercise Practitioner (MEP). He has developed and delivered numerous training programs/exercises across the country to a wide array of audiences and disciplines including, public health, military, fire, law enforcement, FBI, NSA, ICE, emergency managers, hospitals and the private sector.

## **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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