



## **International Public Safety Associations Board of Directors Appoints Assistant Fire Chief as Vice Chair**

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The International Public Safety Association's Board of Directors appointed a new Vice Chair on January 21, 2017. Assistant Chief Chris DeChant with Glendale (Arizona) Fire Department was unanimously voted in by the Board of Directors during its first Board meeting of 2017.

"What's unique about this new leadership position within the IPSA is that the Vice Chair represents the fire service and our Chair, Chief Scott D. Edson of Los Angeles Sheriff's Department, represents law enforcement. Bringing law enforcement and fire together, to build a collaborative and integrated public safety community, is what my vision was when I founded the IPSA in 2014," said Executive Director Heather R. Cotter.

DeChant has expertise in executive level fire department management with a demonstrated record of accomplishment. He was originally elected to serve on the IPSA's Board of Directors in 2015. His new role as Vice Chair will give the IPSA more opportunities to expand its reach to the global public safety community. His extensive leadership background will help shape IPSA policy, programs and services provided to its membership.

The IPSA Vice Chair of the Board of Directors serves in partnership with the Chair of the Board of Directors in achieving the organization's mission. This position is the successor to the Chair position. In addition, the Vice Chair shall:

- Be a current Board Member.
- Be a current public safety practitioner working full-time for a public safety agency.
- Performs Chair responsibilities when the Chair cannot be available.
- Reports to the Board's Chair.
- Participates closely with the Chair to develop and implement officer transition plans.
- Performs other responsibilities as assigned by the Board.

### **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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