

Statement from the International Public Safety Association about the Thomas Fire: IPSA Board Member is a Captain with Ventura County Fire Department

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The International Public Safety Association continues to monitor the wildfire in Southern California and the destruction it is leaving behind. Since it began, the IPSA has learned about several Ventura County Fire Department members – including [Board Member Captain J. Scott Quirarte](#) - who are working tirelessly to contain the fire and save their families, homes and communities.

Thousands have been evacuated, communities are being destroyed and containment is minimal. The increased wind speed is accelerating the devastation. “Our thoughts and prayers are with the VCFD and the IPSA members who are working the fires and doing everything possible to keep their loved ones and communities safe,” said Heather R. Cotter, IPSA Executive Director.

As the wildfire continues and until it is contained, the IPSA strongly recommends that everyone follows evacuation orders and directions from all emergency responders. It is simply a matter of safety. The IPSA will continue to monitor the wildfire in Southern California online at <http://www.readyventuracounty.org/>. We hope to see the fire 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. www.joinipsa.org

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