



International Public Safety Association Position Statement Supporting the Stop the Bleed Campaign

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This International Public Safety Association position statement demonstrates our support of the Stop the Bleed Campaign. After researching and [publishing a document](#) about the Stop the Bleed campaign, this position statement is supported by the IPSA TEMS Committee and the IPSA's Board of Directors.

Stop the Bleed is a national awareness campaign and a call to action. A person with a life-threatening injury from any cause, whether it be a motor vehicle collision, an industrial accident or a gunshot wound can bleed to death before first responders can get to them the patient or casualties. The Stop the Bleed campaign is intended to promote community efforts that encourage bystanders to become trained, equipped and empowered to help in a bleeding emergency because a person with a life-threatening injury from a motor vehicle collision, a stab wound or a gunshot wound can bleed to death before first responders arrive. The bystander acts as the first responder and are the first point of contact in the chain of survival.

The United States launched the Stop the Bleed Campaign in October of 2015 as a White House initiative, and it is now governed by the American College of Surgeons. Stop the Bleed is an international awareness campaign and a call to action. No matter how quickly the arrival of emergency first responders, bystanders will always be first on the scene and are the critical first point of contact in the chain of survival.

The IPSA supports this important initiative and is involved in many communities across North America and abroad, developing and promoting Stop the Bleed courses and programs. The IPSA encourages everyone to participate in the inaugural National/International Stop the Bleed Day this March 31, 2018.

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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