

## **Statement from the International Public Safety Association about the MCI in Las Vegas**

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Last night a lone gunman opened fire on a crowd of innocent concert goers on the Las Vegas Strip. As Executive Director of the International Public Safety Association, I am troubled by this magnitude of violence. I, along with the leadership and members of the IPSA, grieve for those who lost loved ones and were impacted by this horrific attack. Early reports are estimating that 50 were killed, including an off-duty LVMPD officer and over 200 were injured.

Law enforcement, fire/EMS, 911 telecommunications and the local hospitals responded quickly to treat and transport the injured and protect the public. The first and emergency responders, the community of Las Vegas and those impacted by last night's events have the support of the IPSA.

Mass casualty incidents like this attack last night are rare and horrifying, but they do occur. We must unite to build resilient communities. As threats and tactics continue to evolve, the public safety community will continue to rely on the immediate responders – civilians – for their immediate aid and assistance to others, and their support to rebuild.

My husband was in Las Vegas during this attack, he is safe and on his way home, but I can assure you that the fear I had about his whereabouts when this incident occurred can only be described as tear-jerking. I am lucky.

Our thoughts and prayers are with everyone impacted by last night's tragedy in Las Vegas and the LVMPD.

### **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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