



## **The International Public Safety Association Announces Open Registration for its 2018 Conference in Tempe, Arizona**

*The 2018 IPSA Conference will convene public safety officials - law enforcement, fire, EMS, telecommunications, emergency management and allied emergency responders from around the United States and internationally.*

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The International Public Safety Association opened registration for its 2018 Conference in Tempe, Arizona, a cross-disciplinary training opportunity for all public safety officials. The conference will be held February 21 - 23, 2018, at the Tempe Center for Performing Arts in Tempe, Arizona. A discount is available for conference attendees who register on or before November 30.

The conference will host several distinguished panelists and speakers, including first responder experts from various disciplines. In addition to the general sessions that will address a wide range of contemporary issues facing today's public safety community, there will be a dynamic Active Shooter/Mass Casualty Incident Workshop and Tabletop Exercises event. This highly interactive workshop will bring together all first responders. Attendees will review and discuss several video scenarios that include different types of radio traffic and response challenges. Some discussion examples include closing a freeway; children evacuating a school; upset mother; IED as well as radio interoperability issues between law, fire and dispatch. An example of the tabletop exercise includes a subject who shoots three people at a business then goes home to his apartment and barricades; this turns into a fire and spans multiple jurisdictions and agencies.

"The IPSA is excited about the amount of enthusiasm we have received from speakers, sponsors and attendees for our upcoming conference," said Heather R. Cotter, Executive Director and Founder of the IPSA. "We look forward to bringing together a cross-disciplinary group of public safety professionals for substantive and relevant discussions of real-world issues facing today's public safety community."

"The speakers at the 2018 IPSA conference represent many important facets of public safety – from active shooter and PTSD to tactical medical support and emotional intelligence," said Cotter. "We feel it's important that we address a wide range of contemporary and real-world issues facing the public safety profession."

Some of the panel topics include:

- **PTSD - When first responders have to listen, work through violence**
- **United States Department of Homeland Security, Office of Infrastructure Protection, Emergency Services Sector 'No Cost Tools and Services'**
- **Tactical Medical Support of Civil Disturbance Operations - Lessons from Ferguson**
- **Emotional Intelligence: How to effectively respond to a call when tensions begin to escalate**

Conference panelists include practitioner experts from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, the National Sheriffs' Association and several public safety professionals with significant front-line experience.

The General Sessions sponsor for the conference is Group Mobile, a global leader in full end-to-end mobile technology solutions, providing project lifecycle services across all sectors and vertical industries. The IPSA is currently seeking another leading sponsor for its ASI/MCI Workshop. Additional sponsors include Symbol Arts, NOWHERETO HIDE, Strategos International, Columbia Southern University, Koronis Revenue Solutions, Grand Canyon University, LEAP 21, MANAGEURID and Perlman Architects of Arizona.

For more information and to register for the conference please visit [www.joinipsa.org/2018-IPSA-Conference](http://www.joinipsa.org/2018-IPSA-Conference)

### **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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