



## **The International Public Safety Association Launches a New Webpage Honoring First Responders Who Made the Ultimate Sacrifice**

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First responders experience extreme physical demands, often in hazardous environments. Many tragedies occur suddenly and without warning. Gunshot wounds, building collapses, vehicular accidents, assaults and other causal factors contribute to untimely deaths in our emergency response community. They face several threats to occupational related diseases such as cancer and cardiorespiratory related maladies. Law enforcement, firefighting and rescue activities are inherently dangerous occupations.

This webpage is meant to serve as a dedication to the fallen. It is dedicated to their families and loved ones who have suffered such terrible losses. It is dedicated to their agencies who lost colleagues, friends and confidants. Finally, this page is dedicated to the first responder community, who with the loss of every member: experience, expertise, contribution and camaraderie are also lost.

“The IPSA is inclusive of the entire public safety community and this new webpage is meant to honor all first responders who made the ultimate sacrifice,” said Heather R. Cotter, Executive Director and Founder of the IPSA. “It is currently an unfunded project the IPSA is leading. Our hope is to develop a more comprehensive webpage in the future that will help us better understand the leading causes of line of duty deaths, so we can better inform policy, training and scene safety situational awareness and prevent the next tragedy.”

Visit this website for additional details. <https://www.joinipsa.org/2019-LODDs>

### **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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