

## International Public Safety Association Announces an Open Public Comment Period on its Rescue Task Force Best Practices Guide

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The International Public Safety Association is seeking public comments and recommendations on its <u>Rescue Task Force Best Practices Guide Version I</u>. All recommendations will be fully considered for adoption in Version II of this important publication that is influencing integrated public safety training and response policy.

For any jurisdiction to be fully prepared for any ASHE/MCI means that they must have a comprehensive, integrated response and recovery plan with allied emergency responders. A truly integrated response means that law enforcement, fire/EMS and 911 telecommunications must increase their opportunities to cross-train and debrief with allied emergency responders. These opportunities are not currently widely available.

While there are several existing, valuable and recent studies that address unique components of ASHEs/MCIs, there is a lack of research and readily available information about how agencies can create an effective integrated, cross-disciplinary response to dynamic ASHEs/MCIs.

The International Public Safety Association's Rescue Task Force Committee, comprised of practitioner, subject matter experts who convene regularly to discuss ASHEs/MCIs, debriefings, response strategies and best practices, came together to share their lessons learned and expertise to create the International Public Safety Association's Rescue Task Force Best Practices Guide Version I. This committee is charged with reviewing the best practices guide on an annual basis and release new versions as rescue task force tactics and operations evolve.

## Feedback will be accepted through June 30, 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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