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Indiana Interoperable Communications Conference
September 28-29, 2010 Indianapolis, Indiana

You're Invited...

Nine years have passed since the acts of a handful of terrorists changed the landscape of our country. For some of us, the purpose of our job changed that day. The 9/11 attacks tragically highlighted the critical need for interoperable communications, and preparing/planning for interoperability became our priority. For others of us - firefighters, law enforcement officers, emergency responders - our day-to-day jobs didn't change so much, but the need to talk with our neighbors and fellow first responders finally recieved the urgent attention it deserved. ***All*** of us became united that day in our mission to protect Hoosier first responders and the public they serve through improved interoperable communication.

As time has passed, the urgency of our mission may have faded just a bit. The purpose of the 2010 Indiana Interoperable Communications Conference is to renew our focus on this mission. We'll honor our heroes, highlighting the stories that unite us, but we'll also look to the future with an eye on keeping the communication flowing, keeping up with ever-changing technology, and dealing with day-to-day challenges.

We hope you can join us!

2010 Interoperable Communications Conference

"Remembering Our Mission"

The Integrated Public Safety Commission is pleased to announce details for the 2010 Indiana Interoperable Communications Conference.

- WHEN: September 28 & 29, 2010
- WHERE: Marriott East Conference Center, Indianapolis, IN
- WHO: Indiana first responders, communications and public safety professionals
- WHAT: A discussion of current and future interoperable communications issues, including practical application workshops.

As in past years, IPSC will use grant funds to allow **two representatives from each county to attend the conference free of charge**. Registration includes lodging, conference materials, continental breakfast, and lunch. Registrants are responsible for all other meals and expenses.

Additional parties may attend at their own cost as space allows. Details regarding these costs and other conference details can be found at http:www.in.gov/ipsc/2501.htm.

How to register
Submit this online registration form.

Deadline
All registrations must be received by 5:00 p.m. EST on September 10, 2010. After this date, please call the conference planner, Tammy Wiley, 317.852.5734, for information about on-site check-in. If space permits, you may register at the conference.

The two-per-county complimentary registration will be awarded on a first-come-first-serve basis, so REGISTER TODAY!

We look forward to seeing you in September.

Captain Al Fuentes to Deliver Keynote Address

Captain Fuentes was the acting battalion chief for his FDNY division on September 11 and lead fireboat rescue teams to ferry survivors to local hospitals. When the North Tower collapsed, he was pinned under steel girders. He sustained a fractured skull, hand and fingers, broken ribs and a collapsed lung. He survived by maintaining radio contact, slipping into unconsciousness at times, while dispatchers guided other rescuers to his position.

In addition to his 30+ year career with the NYFD, Fuentes has also worked with FEMA on national and international urban search and rescue teams, including the Oklahoma City bombing and the Humberto Vidal collapse in Puerto Rico. Since retiring from the NYFD, he has earned his Masters degree in Homeland Security Leadership from the University of Connecticut. He also founded "The Patriot Group," a non-profit organization that trains, consults, responds and assists first responders with updated technology and information gathering systems to make their professional and citizen's life a little safer.

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