***2018 ALERRT (Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training) MEDICAL SYMPOSIUM FLYER***

The 2018 annual ALERRT conference at the Gaylord Texan in Grapevine, Texas will be different from years past in several exciting ways. Aside from the change in conference location, physician stakeholders working in the fields of emergency medicine, trauma surgery, anesthesia, blood bank, critical care and blood collection center directors will join law enforcement, fire services, EMS, emergency communications and emergency management for the first time.

The 2018 ALERRT meeting has two objectives. The first is to create an atmosphere that continues to build on an emerging culture defined by a shared consciousness, effective communication and trust among professional disciplines involved in responding to, and recovering from, a critical or mass casualty incident. Interoperability among all stakeholders is vital to effectively respond to increasing complexity and time constraints that will define future threats. Second, is to empower these professionals to more effectively serve their communities because of the valuable lessons learned from the conference.

In addition to educational tracks for police, fire and EMS, a distinct hospital physician conference will be offered. It will address the physiology and resuscitation of hemorrhagic shock, the historical background of whole blood, its advantages over a 1:1:1 resuscitation strategy as well as the challenges of implementing a whole blood program.

On day two, speakers will discuss how organizations can create systems capable of adaptive learning during periods of chaos and complexity using examples from the Dallas Ebola experience as well as the Las Vegas shooting. Finally, will examine current civilian Mass Casualty Incident (MCI) response models to assess where opportunities for improvement may exist.