

Dena F. Jones

Dena Jones holds a Bachelor's degree in Accounting from the University of Central Missouri. After college she joined the Internal Revenue Service. For the last four years she has been a Federal, State and Local Government Specialist and is responsible for the greater Kansas City area.

Lt. Tommy Halfen

A decorated Persian Gulf War veteran, Lt. Halfen served with the United States Navy where he was a member of Search and Rescue and the Security Response Team. Immediately thereafter, he began his career in law enforcement in 1991. He currently holds four P.O.S.T. instructor certification: Defensive Tactics; Oleoresin Capsicum; ASP Baton, and General Instructor.

Lt. Halfen was the Assistant Chief of Police for the city of Emerson, Georgia prior to joining National Crime Prevention-Public Safety Coalition Task Force as a safety awareness speaker.

In addition to his work with Public Safety Coalition, Lt Halfen volunteers his time as an instructor for the North Central Law Enforcement Academy where he teaches new recruits and veterans traffic enforcement, domestic violence intervention, rape crisis, interpersonal communications, crisis intervention and defensive tactics.

Tina O. Chiappetta

Tina Ott Chiappetta, Senior Director of Government Affairs and Communications
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As director of government affairs, Ms. Chiappetta provides members with information on congressional activity and court cases affecting human resource professionals. She is also responsible for representing IPMA-HR's interests to Congress and executive agencies. A graduate of the Syracuse University College of Law, she is licensed to practice law in the District of Columbia, Virginia and New York. She gained Hill experience as a legislative intern in the office of Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan (D-NY) and worked as regulatory council for a state government relations firm before joining IPMA-HR.