



## MPI MEDIA ADVISORY – October 2, 2017

### **MPI Official Statement re: Las Vegas Shooting**

“MPI extends our deepest sympathies to the victims of the recent shooting in Las Vegas and their loved ones. This incident is being described as the deadliest mass shooting in modern US history; the loss of life from this tragedy is truly senseless. Our thoughts and prayers are with the City of Las Vegas and all those impacted, including our partners and members based in the area.

Our events planned for IMEX America next week in Las Vegas will continue as scheduled. We will work closely with our partners to ensure the safety and security of attendees, staff, volunteers, vendors and partners.

A heightened focus on safety, security and risk management within our industry is paramount. This incident reinforces that we must all exercise vigilance for the meetings and events we plan, and MPI is focused on raising awareness, education and preparedness across our industry.”

– Paul Van Deventer, President and CEO of Meeting Professionals International

#### IMEX Group Statement

“We are shocked and saddened at the events that have taken place in Las Vegas recently. Both IMEX America and the Sands have very strong security in place, with both visible and plain clothes security teams in the venue and at the tradeshow. Over the coming days we will be working closely with the Sands, the Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority and the Las Vegas authorities to assess any additional security measures that are needed at this time. We will take their full advice in ensuring the best possible security and safety of our guests. We will give further information as it becomes available.”