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EMERGENCY MANAGERS RECEIVE A.E.M. CREDENTIAL

Five candidates have been approved by the IAEM Certification Commission to receive the Associate Emergency Manager (AEM) credential. The AEM designates a high honor of professional achievement available from the International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM), which has in its membership more than 4,500 emergency managers representing local, state, and federal government; private industry; and military emergency managers. The new class of AEM's joins over 1,358 other emergency managers who have been recognized for certification by IAEM since January, 1993.

Commission, Requirements

IAEM administers the program for the profession, and policy decisions and judgments are made by a Commission of 19 respected professionals in the field. The Commission met June 4-6, 2009 and approved applicants who successfully completed an extensive credentials package to include references, emergency management training, a management essay and a written examination. The management essay requires respondents to submit a response to a scenario they might face while fulfilling emergency management responsibilities.

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To maintain certification, AEM recipients must submit additional training and contributions to the professional every five years.

AEM Program

The emergency management certification program was developed over the last several years by IAEM with funding from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and guidance from an advisory board which included professionals from a variety of disciplines and representatives of key groups with a stake in emergency management.

Below: List of June 4-6, 2009 AEM Recipients

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Associate Emergency Managers

Travis J Ingrodi, AEM
USAF, HQ ACC/SGXM
Yorktown VA

Lauren R Ohl-Trlica, AEM
Arlington Co. OEM
Alexandria, VA

O. Mitchell Smeykal, AEM
Okeechobee County Health Dept.
Fort Pierce , FL

Rich Lesser, AEM
Paramus Fire Department
Paramus, NJ

Wendy J. Price, AEM
Computer Science Corporation
Las Vegas, NV

TOTAL: 5 AEM's Approved June 4-6, 2009