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## News Release

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### IAEM Certifies 1,000 Emergency Management Professionals

**September 21, 2006 (Fall Church, Va.)** – The International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM) has announced that its Certified Emergency Manager<sup>®</sup> Program has achieved an important milestone. This year, the association certified its 1,000<sup>th</sup> professional. Of this total, 311 have been certified more than five years and 157 have been certified more than 10 years. “Emergency managers are vital to preparing our nation for disasters of any kind,” said George W. Foresman, Under Secretary for Preparedness at the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. “Certifying 1,000 emergency managers in this program is a significant achievement, and I hope many more will follow.”

“Certifying our 1,000th emergency management professional with the CEM<sup>®</sup> credential is a tremendous achievement for both IAEM and our profession,” said Marg Verbeek, CEM, IAEM President. “This ultimate credential enhances the emergency management community, while ensuring the employability and advancement of our peers.”

“This is truly a milestone in emergency management,” noted CEM Commission Chairman David Sullivan, CEM. “It points not only to the growth of the profession, but to the marked increase in professionalism across the United States and internationally.”

#### CEM<sup>®</sup> Is Internationally Recognized

Created by IAEM in 1993 to raise and maintain professional standards, the Certified Emergency Manager<sup>®</sup> Program certifies achievements within the emergency management profession. Its development was supported by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the National Emergency Management Association (NEMA), and a host of allied organizations. IAEM Executive Director Beth Armstrong, MAM, CAE, points out that the CEM<sup>®</sup> is “the only internationally recognized certification for emergency managers and can enhance careers and salaries. Many employers now list the CEM<sup>®</sup> as a requirement or advantage for job applicants.”

CEM<sup>®</sup> certification is a peer review process; you do not have to be an IAEM member to be certified, although IAEM membership does offer a number of benefits that can assist you through the certification process. Certification is maintained in five-year cycles. The CEM<sup>®</sup> Program is served by a CEM<sup>®</sup> Commission that is composed of emergency management professionals, including representatives from allied fields, education, the military and private industry.

#### About IAEM

The International Association of Emergency Managers is a non-profit organization representing 3,000+ emergency management and homeland security professionals for

communities, state and federal disaster officials, private sector, non-governmental organizations, and others involved in preparing for, responding to, and recovering from all types of disasters, including acts of terrorism. IAEM is dedicated to promoting the goals of saving lives and protecting property during emergencies and disasters. To learn more about IAEM and the CEM<sup>®</sup> Program, visit [www.iaem.com](http://www.iaem.com).

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