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## **EMERGENCY MANAGERS RECEIVE A.E.M. CREDENTIAL**

Ten 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 1,578 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 25 respected professionals in the field. The Commission met September 15-17, 2010 and approved applicants who successfully completed an extensive credentials package to include references, emergency and general 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 September 15-17, 2010 AEM Recipients

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### **Associate Emergency Managers**

**Phillip M Gordon, AEM**

Homeland Security & Emerg.  
Mgmt.  
Austin, TX

**Mehwish Qasim, AEM**

University of Iowa  
Aurora, IL

**Janusz Wasiolek, AEM**

ICF Macro  
Fairfax, VA

**Errollyn T Jackson, AEM**

FEMA  
Baton Rouge, LA

**Judith A Rowland, AEM**

The Salvation Army  
Atlanta, GA

**Joseph Kevin Youngberg, AEM**

Booz Allen Hamilton  
South Weber, UT

**Bijan P Karimi, AEM**

Marin County Sheriff's OES  
San Rafael, CA

**Eric N Sawyer, AEM**

Cumberland County EMA  
South Windham, ME

**Bethany L Moore, AEM**

Alberta Health Services EMS  
Joussard, AB Canada

**Jerone K Thomas, AEM**

Gulf States Dive and Rescue  
Carriere, MS

**TOTAL: 10 AEM's Approved September 15-17, 2010**