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NEWS RELEASE

General Swan Receives Certified Emergency Manager® Credential

December 18, 2007 (Falls Church, Va.) – The International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM) is pleased to announce the presentation of the Certified Emergency Manager® (CEM®) credential to Guy C. Swan III, Major General, U.S. Army, Director of Operations, J-3, U.S. Northern Command, at the IAEM 55th Annual Conference & EMEX 2007, held Nov. 11-14, 2007, in Reno, Nev. General Swan also delivered a conference presentation on USNORTHCOM and its role in emergency management, disaster assistance and homeland defense.

“I was proud to receive my credential as a CEM®,” said General Swan, speaking in his personal capacity, who described the CEM® as “a certification that is well respected and creates immediate credibility.” He noted that a number of his staff members are seeking CEM® certification, and he has recommended Col. Bob Ditch, USAF Ret., MS, CEM, chair of the IAEM Uniformed Services Committee, to his colleagues if they should wish a briefing on IAEM and its Certified Emergency Manager® Program. (Col. Bob Ditch may be contacted at Rditch23693@aol.com).

“General Swan is a great example of the caliber of person who is represented in the U.S. military and who has devoted his career for the benefit of the American people,” said Billy Zwerschke, CEM, chair of the CEM® Commission and past IAEM president (2000-2001). “It was a great honor for me to present General Swan with his CEM® certificate.”

The growth rate in CEM® applications has sharply increased during the past year. IAEM will offer the new CEM® Preparatory Course at various conferences and locations in 2008. (Check www.iaem.com for a list of locations and more details). There is great interest in the CEM® Program among members of the U.S. military, according to CEM® Preparatory Course Instructor Daryl Lee Spiewak, CEM, past IAEM president (2003-2004), who is confident that the program will continue to grow and attract emergency managers from both the United States and throughout the world. Recently, IAEM announced that the U.S. Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has enrolled all 34 of its Federal Coordinating Officers (FCOs) as IAEM members and Certified Emergency Manager® program applicants.

About the CEM® Program

CEM® certification is a peer review process administered through the International Association of Emergency Managers. IAEM membership is not a requirement of certification, but it does offer applicants a number of benefits that can assist them through the certification process. Certification is maintained in five-year cycles. The CEM® program is served by a CEM® Commission that is composed of emergency management professionals, including representatives from allied fields, education, the military and private industry. Development of the CEM® program was supported by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the National Emergency Management Association (NEMA), and a host of allied organizations.

About IAEM

The International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM) is a non-profit organization consisting of more than 4,000 emergency management professionals from local, state and federal governments, the military, private industry, and volunteer organizations. IAEM has consistently promoted the goals of saving lives and protecting property during emergencies and disasters since its founding in 1952 as the U.S. Civil Defense Council.

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