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NEWS RELEASE

IAEM Announces Winners of 2007 Awards

November 15, 2007 (Falls Church, Va.) – The International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM) has announced the winners of the IAEM 2007 Career Excellence, Academic Recognition, Executive Citation, Presidential Citation, Certificate of Appreciation, Honorary Citation, and Clayton R. Christopher awards. The awards were announced and presented at the IAEM 55th Annual Conference & EMEX 2007, Nov. 11-14, 2007, Reno, Nevada.

The **Career Excellence Award** recognizes a national/international leader who has made significant contributions throughout his/her career to promote and improve the emergency management profession. The first-ever recipient of the IAEM Career Excellence Award is **Alan Clive, PhD**, who was nominated for his expansive career achievements as an advocate for vulnerable populations and federal emergency manager and for the strong convictions and spirit he brought to his work. Dr. Clive, blind since the age of 22, holds a PhD in history; has taught at the university level; is a published author and was the director of a disability advocacy office in Massachusetts prior to joining FEMA in 1983. As a staff member of the Office of Equal Rights for more than 22 years, Dr. Clive was involved in almost every aspect of FEMA's disability program. His primary focus has been on the disaster-related needs of people with disabilities and elderly people in preparing for, responding to and recovering from disaster. He taught this subject to the emergency management community through courses at FEMA, and by television in a series of innovative videoconferences. Dr. Clive also supervised a cadre of disaster reservists who represent the ERO office at disaster sites, both attempting to resolve employee issues and assuring that FEMA assistance is delivered with fairness and equity. Since 1990, Dr. Clive has chaired the National Hurricane Conference's Special Needs/Health Care Topic Committee – a role he still holds. In 1996, he was diagnosed with cancer. However, he continues to contribute to a textbook being written on the impact of emergency management on the disability population. Even in retirement, Alan has remained engaged in the field and committed to improving conditions for all people impacted by disaster.

The **Academic Recognition Award** recognizes an academic leader or institution that has made a significant contribution to the formal education of students pursuing a career in emergency management or through research and development of paradigms or standards that have helped shape the broader field of emergency and disaster management. The first-ever recipient of the IAEM Academic Recognition Award is **James Smith, PhD**, Emergency & Disaster Management (EDM) and Environmental Studies Professor, American Public University System (APUS) and American Military University (AMU), and Faculty Advisor for the APUS IEMSA student chapter. Dr. Smith holds a PhD in environmental design and planning from Virginia Tech and worked in environmental regulation 1977-1999. He is a professional engineer and a graduate with distinction from the Naval War College. A retired U.S. Navy officer, he continues active research in the areas of agency decentralization and modernization, contracted services for water and sewer, evaluation research, and preparedness for natural disasters. He is president of Smith-Woolwine Associates, which offers environmental, engineering, regulatory, planning and organizational services. Dr. Smith facilitated the development of the APUS chapter, an atypical IEMSA chapter consisting exclusively of online students with a membership in excess of 140 and growing. This chapter allows information sharing, networking and camaraderie building among future emergency managers.

The **Executive Citations Awards** recognize an IAEM member within each region whose professional image and achievements enhance the field of emergency management. The award recipients include:

Region 3:

- Rocky Lopes – for support to emergency management preparedness programs at the regional and national level.
- Stacy Peerbolte, CEM – for support to emergency management preparedness programs at the regional and national level.

Region 4:

- David R. Bujak – for being instrumental in championing the IAEM Universities & Colleges Committee, which is becoming known throughout academic institutions as the premier committee for national and international emergency management practitioners.

Student Region:

The following members were recognized for leadership, dedication, and service towards membership recruitment and retention for the IAEM Student Region:

- Daniel Hahn, President, AMU IEMSA Chapter.
- Brian Silva, President, MCNY IEMSA Chapter.
- Deon Pfenning, President, UNT IEMSA Chapter.
- Patrick Hardy, International Representative, University of Hertfordshire London, England.

Europa Region:

- Karen Thompson – for support, development and growth of IAEM Europa through its web site presence.

The **Presidential Citation Awards** recognize an outstanding contributor to the field of emergency management who is representative of the principles and practices for which IAEM stands. Winners may include, but are not limited to, an elected official or high-level appointee who has successfully worked at the national/international level to improve emergency management programs or homeland security through resolution, legislation, policy or public awareness.

The award recipients include:

- Arthur Rabjohn – for his work towards IAEM internationalization.
- Eileen Sullivan, CQ – for outstanding reporting on national emergency management issues, which was always fair, accurate, professional and inclusive of the opinions of all stakeholders.
- Dan Summers, CEM – in recognition for his contributions to promote and improve the emergency management profession.
- The Department of Health, Government of Western Australia – for development of the Disaster Medical Assistance Team (DMAT).
- Herve Martin – for establishing the Monitoring and Information Centre, which is making considerable contribution to the emergency management capabilities, policy and legislation throughout the European Union.

The **Certificate of Appreciation Awards** recognize any person at any time in recognition of specific achievements or participation in special events.

- Gideon F. For-mukwai, CEM – for his work and development in IAEM International.
- John Ash – for his work and development in IAEM Canada.
- Ali Asgary – for his work and development in IAEM Canada.
- Tony Pearce – for his work and development in IAEM Oceania and development of the IAEM Web site in Oceania.
- Nathaniel L. Forbes – for his work and development in IAEM Oceania.
- Victor Bai – for his work and development in IAEM International and development of IAEM Web site in Asia.
- Paul Hayden – for work and development in fire service capabilities and other emergency services in the UK's Chief Fire Officers Association.

The **Honorary Citation Awards** recognize individuals who have visibly and actively supported IAEM in its efforts to improve the level of international preparedness.

- Fabio Pirota – for his support of IAEM Europa.

The **Clayton R. Christopher Award** was established in honor of Clayton R. Christopher for his unselfish dedication to the field of emergency management. His principles of integrity and leadership have served as a guiding force to the institution of emergency management and formed a strong foundation for its future. The award is presented to an IAEM member in recognition of unselfish devotion and outstanding contributions to emergency management. This year's award recipient is Dewayne West, CEM, Johnston County Emergency Services, Smithfield, NC.

Learn more about the IAEM Awards Program at www.iaem.com, where the 2008 Call for Nominations will be posted in Summer 2008.

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.