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

Eleven candidates have been approved by the IAEM USA-Certification Commission to receive the Associate Emergency Manager (AEM) credential (*editors: see the attached list to use as a sidebar*). 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 1,640 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 respected professionals in the field. The USA-CEM<sup>®</sup> Commission met February 21-25, 2011 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.

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 February 21-25, 2011 AEM Recipients

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### **Associate Emergency Managers**

**Jason A. Block, AEM**  
Detroit Dept. of Health  
Redford Township, MI

**Adam Cohen, AEM**  
Miami-Dade Dept of Emerg.  
Mgmt.  
Miami, FL

**John G Elmore, AEM**  
Greene County OEM  
Springfield, MO

**Greg Gamble, AEM**  
Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid  
Transit Authority  
Atlanta, GA

**Frank Graff, III, AEM**  
LA Emergency Response  
Network  
St. Rose, LA

**Seconda Hollinger, AEM**  
US NAVY  
Bowie, MD

**Scott A. Phillips, AEM**  
LVMP / UNLV ECEM  
Las Vegas, NV

**Frank J. Russo, AEM**  
Norfolk Fire Rescue  
Chesapeake, VA

**Jeffrey K. Snoddy, AEM**  
Greenville, SC

**Karen Vail, AEM**  
Sarasota Co. Board of Co.  
Commissioners  
Sarasota, FL

**Zack Workman, AEM**  
West Texas A&M University  
Canyon, TX

**TOTAL: 11 AEM's Approved February 21-25, 2011**