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EMERGENCY MANAGERS RECEIVE A.E.M.SM CREDENTIAL

Twelve candidates have been approved by the IAEM USA-Certification Commission to receive the Associate Emergency Manager (AEMSM) credential (*editors: see the attached list to use as a sidebar*). The AEMSM 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 AEMSM's joins over 1,723 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[®] Commission met August 22-24, 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, AEMSM recipients must submit additional training and contributions to the professional every five years.

AEMSM 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 August 22-24, 2011 AEMSM Recipients

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Associate Emergency Managers

Timothy W. Allen, AEM
Coppell Fire Department
Denton, TX

Vickie S Fontaine, AEM
Emerg. Svcs. Coord. Agency
Brier, WA

Gina B Meyer, AEM
Plaquemines Parish Government
Braithwaite, LA

Brian P Bittner, AEM
Penn State University OEM
University Park, PA

Marc A Franklin, AEM
PAE, Camp Lemonnier, Djibouti
FPO, AE

Christopher Pitassy, AEM
Manitou Inc.
Scotch Plains, NJ

Lance Charnes, AEM
Ericsson Services, Inc.
Anaheim, CA

Steven K Hunter, Jr., AEM
Booz Allen Hamilton
Arlington, VA

Michael R Schantz, AEM
Shelby County Emerg. Mgmt.
Waldron, IN

William M Fitzpatrick, AEM
Gwinnett County Emerg. Mgmt.
Lawrenceville, GA

Richard L. Mallonee, AEM
City of Palo Alto
San Jose, CA

Brett Smith, AEM
AI Solutions
Parkville, MD

TOTAL: 12 AEMSM's Approved August 22-24, 2011