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Press Advisory

More than 2,500 Emergency Managers to Gather in Las Vegas, Nevada

(Falls Church, Va. – Nov. 10, 2011) More than 2,500 emergency managers from around the United States and the world will be in Las Vegas, Nev., to attend the International Association of Emergency Managers U.S. (IAEM-USA) 59th Annual Conference and EMEX 2011, Nov. 11-18, at the Rio All-Suites Hotel. The conference theme is **The Stakes Are High for Emergency Managers**. IAEM-USA's EMEX Exhibit brings together homeland security and disaster preparedness suppliers. More than 180 suppliers will exhibit the latest technologies available to local emergency managers.

This IAEM-USA flagship event draws members of the largest professional organization for emergency managers and homeland security officials to help leaders prepare for disasters that could strike their communities. The U.S. Department of Defense will hold its Emergency Management Summit in conjunction with the conference, further building synergies between civilian and military attendees at the IAEM-USA event. The IAEM-USA Conference sessions are designed to provide a forum for current trends and hot topics, as well as tools and technology in emergency management and homeland security.

On Monday, Nov. 14, following a welcome from the Honorable Brian Sandoval, Governor of the State of Nevada, Richard Serino, Deputy Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), will deliver the Keynote Address.

Other featured speakers are:

- Amanda Ripley, Author of *The Unthinkable*, the first mass-market book to explain how the brain works during disasters
- Major General Jonathan Treacy, U.S. Air Force Commander, Joint Task Force Civil Support
- Jack Hayes, Director, National Weather Service
- Gordon Graham, Graham Research Consultants
- Jason Dorsey, The Gen Y Guy

The Annual Conference will feature more than 85 break-out presentations from issue experts.

The media is welcome to attend the sessions and the EMEX exhibit. The conference schedule is available on the IAEM website at www.iaem.com/Conference. Please notify the communications manager of your attendance plans by emailing Shiley@iaem.com and register with your credentials when you arrive.

IAEM-USA, the nation's largest emergency management professional association, is a non-profit professional organization representing more than 5,000 emergency management and homeland security professionals for local communities, state and federal disaster officials, private sector, non-governmental organizations and others involved in preparing for, responding to, and recovering from all types of disasters including acts of terrorism. IAEM provides: access to the largest network of emergency management experts who can provide advice and assistance; the Certified Emergency Manager[®] program; annual scholarships; a comprehensive monthly newsletter; and more.