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News Release

Bruce Lockwood Appointed by Speaker Pelosi for Presidential Commission

March 5, 2008 (Falls Church, Va.) House of Representatives Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi announced that she selected IAEM Region 1 President Bruce Lockwood to serve as one of her two appointments to the National Commission on Children and Disasters.

“As a sponsor of the KIDS WiSH Act that established the National Commission on Children and Disasters, I know that the product of the Commission’s work will be vital to emergency planning for children,” stated Congresswoman Corrine Brown (D-FL). “I wholeheartedly believe that an emergency manager must be present to give accurate assessments of the policy recommendations set forth in the Commission. Therefore, I am very pleased that Speaker Pelosi appointed Bruce Lockwood to the National Commission on Children and Disasters. I recommended Bruce Lockwood to Speaker Pelosi because of his 25 years of experience in emergency management, emergency medical services and public safety. His extensive experience at the local, regional and state level on planning for children will be a valuable asset to the Commission’s efforts.”

The Commission will have 10 members and is charged with conducting a comprehensive study to examine and assess the needs of children in preparation for, response to and recovery from all hazards, including major disasters and emergencies. A final report will be submitted to the President and Congress with specific recommendations to address the needs of children.

Mr. Lockwood is the public health emergency response coordinator for the Bristol-Burlington Health District in Connecticut. He has held many key positions that will provide valuable insight to the Commission, including: Canton Schools All Hazard Planning Chair (1999-2007); member of the Governor’s Prevention Partnership School Safety Portal Committee; member of the Child Safety and Crisis Response, State of Connecticut, Daycare and Child Care Subcommittee; and member of the State of Connecticut Public Health Emergency Preparedness Advisory Committee. Mr. Lockwood is a Certified Emergency Manager[®], an internationally recognized certification developed by IAEM.

“Mr. Lockwood is respected by his peers locally and nationally,” stated IAEM President Larry Gispert in a letter to Rep. Brown. “He is an assessor for the Emergency Management Accreditation Program, which evaluates state and local emergency management programs, was selected as the president of IAEM Region I, and serves on the IAEM Government Affairs Committee. He founded and served as president of the Connecticut Emergency Management Association.”

The International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM) is a non-profit organization consisting of more than 4,000 members including emergency management professionals from local, state, and the federal governments, tribal nations, the military, colleges and universities, private industry and the nonprofit sector in the United States and in other countries. Most of our members are U.S. city and county emergency managers who perform the crucial function of coordinating and integrating the efforts at the local level to prepare for, mitigate the effects of, respond to, and recover from all types of disasters including terrorist attacks. 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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