

## Announcement from the Ministry of Recognition

# The New and Improved IAEM Awards Program

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The IAEM Annual Awards Competition went through a deep soul-searching review over the past few months. The committee wanted to not only optimize what is in place but also to establish a solid path for the future.

**The outcome, you ask?** We have a newly invigorated awards competition in which all members are invited to participate.

**How did we do this?** We engaged a group of 16 IAEM members from across the spectrum of our association's membership to review the past five years of award submissions, look at multiple other association awards programs, and have long discussions about the current state and future of the awards program. We believe that the end results is a simplified program.

### What's Different This Year?

#### Simplification

- We eliminated the divisions so there is only one award for the Public Awareness and Technology & Innovation categories.

- We eliminated the "Academic Recognition Award," because the [Poster Showcase](#) fulfills the same area of recognition.

#### What's New

We created a new award category for *Emergency Manager of the Year*. We already had several "of the year" awards, but didn't have one overarching award for our profession. Now we do! This award is separate and distinctly different from the *Clayton R. Christopher Memorial Award*, as the *Emergency Manager of the Year Award* is open to any emergency management practitioner at any level (federal,

state, tribal, academic, military, and private).

See the IAEM website for more information, entry guidelines and forms at [iaem.com/Awards](http://iaem.com/Awards). We encourage anyone who has done something notable, contributed to the profession of emergency management, and/or developed a program that goes above and beyond to submit an entry for recognition by the IAEM.

Many awards can be self-nominated. For those who have done great work, but don't have a co-conspirator to submit the nomination for them, take a look at

the award guidelines. Awards are not only for those who have been long-standing IAEM members or for emergency management agency heads. Awards have been presented to people who are new to IAEM and even new to the profession.

### Don't Delay

**The awards entry deadline is Friday, June 1, 2018, at 5:00 p.m. EDT – and will not be extended.**

Remember the old saying, you can't win unless you buy a ticket – in this case, the ticket to enter is free as an IAEM membership benefit – submit an entry today! ▲



### P.S. – Rocky Wants You!

We are always in need of members who want to see the amazing work of the association – join us and serve as an awards judge. Even if you don't have time to serve on the overall Awards & Recognition Committee, serving as an awards judge (during June only) can be a way to work on a short-term project for the IAEM, our profession, and receive credit toward a CEM® credential.

Judges must be a current IAEM member and not be an award entrant in the category they are judging. If you are interested in serving as a judge, please contact Awards & Recognition Committee Chair, Rocky Lopes, at [iaem@rockylopes.com](mailto:iaem@rockylopes.com).