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## News Release

### IAEM Announces Winners of the 2016 Global Awards Competition

**July 22, 2016 (Falls Church, Va.)** – The IAEM-Global Awards & Recognition Work Group of the International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM) is pleased to announce the winners of the 2016 IAEM-Global Awards, who will be recognized at the IAEM 64<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference & EMEX, Oct. 14-19, 2016, in Savannah, Georgia.

- The **2016 IAEM-Global Partners in Preparedness Award** was awarded to the **Barwon South West Regional Emergency Management Training and Exercise Committee**, a partnership composed of eight representatives from six different agencies, for its development of **Exercise Red Alert**, an exercise involving more than 30 agencies in that region of Victoria, Australia. Exercise Red Alert involved all local governments, emergency services and recovery agencies to assess their knowledge, preparation, response to and recovery from a period of extended heat. This winning entry also received the 2016 IAEM-Oceania Partners in Preparedness Award.

The **Partners in Preparedness Award** recognizes programs or processes that demonstrate innovative, multi-participant involvement between local governments and governmental entities and private sector businesses, non-governmental organizations and non-profits, or individuals which have resulted in effective and efficient incident management, emergency management or homeland security processes.

- The **2016 IAEM-Global Public Awareness Award, Division 2**, was given to **Andrew Friend**, disaster clinical coordinator, King Faisal Hospital, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, for his development of the **Diamond and Iceberg Model**, that explains to the general public and especially to leadership within organizations, who may not have an understanding of emergency management, the importance of proper preparedness and mitigation. This winning entry also received the 2016 IAEM International Council Public Awareness Award, Division 2.

The **Public Awareness Awards** recognize outstanding public awareness programs or public education products related to emergency management, homeland security, and/or disaster preparedness.

- The **2016 IAEM-Global Technology & Innovation Award, Division 2**, was given to **Estmryya Academy**, Dubai, United Arab Emirates (**Ahmed Riad Ali**, managing partner), for its portal specializing in providing technical and specialized e-content in the areas of business continuity, crisis management and emergency response. It is the first Arabic-language portal of its kind in the world, and the content is offered free of charge.

The **Technology & Innovation Awards** recognize the development of technology and innovation to improve emergency management operations, public education, or the emergency management/homeland security field.

- The **2016 IAEM-Global Business & Industry Preparedness Award** was given to the **Wellington Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals** (Wellington SPCA), for its creation of New Zealand's first animal emergency management reserve training program. The SPCA nationally plays an important role in disaster response, yet has

never had a formal training capacity other than a specialist technical rescue unit based in Wellington. Volunteers now are cross-trained to provide emergency management surge capacity, with specialist training in setting up and operating pet friendly evacuation centers (which improves evacuation compliance and enhances the psycho-social well-being of affected evacuees), microchipping (to aid in rapid reunification of non-chipped evacuated animals) and the ability to assist emergency services with door-to-door evacuation of homes, including pets. This is a national first, providing a model for other SPCAs throughout New Zealand and around the world. This winning entry also received the IAEM-Oceania Business & Industry Preparedness Award.

The **Business & Industry Preparedness Award** recognizes excellence in implementing a program that plans for multiple hazards, sets implementation priorities, is cost effective, links all levels of the organization, and coordinates with local emergency response and management agencies.

Learn more about the IAEM Council and Global Awards Competitions at [www.iaem.com/Awards](http://www.iaem.com/Awards), where information about all IAEM awards is posted.

*The International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM), which has more than 6,000 members in 58 countries, is a non-profit educational organization dedicated to promoting the goals of saving lives and protecting property during emergencies and disasters. 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. Visit [www.iaem.com](http://www.iaem.com) for details.*

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