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News Release

International Association of Emergency Managers is Accepting Entries in the 2016 IAEM Awards Competition

April 4, 2016 (Falls Church, Va.) – The entry period for the annual International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM) 2016 Awards Competition opened on Apr. 1, 2016, and will remain open until Tuesday, May 31, 2016, 5:00 p.m. EDT. The purpose of the IAEM Awards Competition is to recognize and honor persons who have made special or significant contributions to the field of emergency management and have represented the profession well by their outstanding performance.

The IAEM Awards Competition offers many categories for entries:

- **The IAEM-Global Awards Competition** is open to entrants worldwide, and it is a multi-level competition in which entrants compete at the Council level and then Council winners compete at the Global level. Categories include: Business & Industry Preparedness Award, Partners in Preparedness Award (Public/Private Partnerships), Public Awareness Award (3 divisions), and Technology & Innovation Award (3 divisions). Also included are the Student of the Year and the Student Ally of the Year Awards. Awards will be presented to both Council and Global winners.
- **New this year, the IAEM-Canada Council Awards Competition** offers four Canada-only award categories, including: IAEM-Canada Career Excellence Award, IAEM-Canada Emergency Management Volunteer Award, IAEM-Canada Prepared Community Award, and IAEM-Canada Merit Award.
- **The IAEM-USA Awards Competition** offers USA-only awards in the following categories: IAEM-USA Clayton R. Christopher Memorial Award, IAEM-USA Career Excellence Award, IAEM-USA Academic Recognition Award, IAEM-USA Military Uniformed Services Emergency Manager of the Year Award, IAEM-USA Civilian Uniformed Services Emergency Management of the Year, IAEM-USA Student Chapter of the Year Award, and IAEM-USA Student Chapter Advisor of the Year Awards.

The complete award guidelines and official entry forms are posted on the IAEM website at <http://www.iaem.com/awards>. There is no entry fee for IAEM members. Non-members must pay a small entry fee as noted on the entry forms.

Notification of winners will occur during July 2016 and awards will be presented during the IAEM Annual Conference in Savannah, Georgia, Oct. 14-19, 2016. Visit www.iaem.com/Awards for details. Email any questions about award guidelines to Karen Thompson, IAEM Award staff liaison, at Thompson@iaem.com.

IAEM is a nonprofit professional organization representing more than 4,600 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/Associate Emergency Manager program; annual scholarships; a comprehensive monthly newsletter; and more.

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