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## News Release

### **Local Georgian Emergency Manager Lanita Lloyd, CEM, Sworn in as IAEM-USA President**

**Nov. 4, 2016 (Falls Church, Va.)** – Lanita Lloyd, CEM, manager of emergency preparedness for WellStar Paulding Hospital, has taken office as 2016-2017 president of the USA Council of the International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM-USA). She was sworn in at the Annual Conference in Savannah, Georgia. Also sworn in were IAEM-USA First Vice President Nick Crossley, CEM, CPM, and IAEM-USA Second Vice President Marty Shaub, CEM.

Upon taking office, Ms. Lloyd noted that now is an exciting time to be an emergency manager and a member of IAEM. “In my opinion, one of the greatest strengths of IAEM is that we allow for a broad scope of emergency management professionals to collaborate together – providing a unified voice while still recognizing our commonalities and differences,” stated Lloyd. “Our profession continues to grow and would not command the respect it does had it not been for previous great leadership in IAEM and the thousands of volunteers and dedicated IAEM members. During the next year, I am focused on building on our great success as an organization.”

Ms. Lloyd is an emergency management professional with more than 30 years of emergency management experience. Her versatile skill set was developed through practical efforts in emergency management and homeland security in the state and local public sector, work with non-government organizations, and service on local, state, and national committees. She has hands-on experience in planning, preparedness, mitigation, response and recovery from actual disasters and exercises. Through her training and experience, Ms. Lloyd has gained intricate knowledge of national approved standards, requirements and guidelines for emergency management.

In her present position at WellStar Paulding Hospital, Ms. Lloyd collaborates with hospital administration and staff to maintain hospital safety, comprehensive emergency plans, and regulatory compliance. Additionally, Ms. Lloyd teaches emergency management at several universities and is a volunteer staff member at her local emergency management agency in Carroll County, Georgia.

Previously, Ms. Lloyd was employed as the corporate and inter-agency liaison with the Emergency Disaster Services of The Salvation Army, covering its southern territory (15 states), local emergency manager in Cobb County, the director of faculty for the School of Public Service and Health at the American Military University/American Public University System, and she worked for the Georgia Department of Public Safety and Homeland Security.

Ms. Lloyd is a member of the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC) Advisory Group, a commissioner on the IAEM CEM® Commission, and serves as an assessor for the Emergency Management Accreditation Program (EMAP).

Ms. Lloyd earned the Certified Emergency Manager credential through IAEM and also the Georgia Professional Certified Emergency Manager credential. She graduated Summa Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science, Business Administration from Shorter University (Rome, Georgia); she earned a Master of Science in Emergency Management from Jacksonville State University (Jacksonville, Alabama); and she completed a Certification in Humanitarian Logistics from Georgia Tech.

Ms. Lloyd is married to Mickey Lloyd, and together, they have five children.

*IAEM-USA, the nation's largest emergency management professional association, is a non-profit professional organization representing more than 4,500 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.*

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