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## News Release

### IAEM-USA Announces the Winners of the 2016 IAEM-USA Uniformed Services Awards Competition

**July 26, 2016 (Falls Church, Va.)** – The IAEM-USA Awards & Recognition Committee, of the USA Council of the International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM), is pleased to announce the winners of the IAEM-USA 2016 Uniformed Services Awards Competition. The winners will be recognized at the IAEM 64<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference & EMEX 2016, Oct. 14-19, 2016, in Savannah, Georgia.

The IAEM-USA Military Uniformed Services Emergency Manager of the Year and the IAEM-USA Civilian Uniformed Services Emergency Manager of the Year awards recognize individuals serving in the uniformed services of the United States who have consistently demonstrated significant contributions to the field of emergency management while continuously self-developing as emergency managers. Nominations are open to members of the U.S. Armed Services, including U.S. Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marines, Navy, U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps, and NOAA Commissioned Corps.

- The **IAEM-USA 2016 Military Uniformed Services Emergency Manager of the Year Award** is awarded to **Lt Donald Porter**, manager, U.S. Coast Guard Incident Command System (ICS) for the entire U.S. Coast Guard, U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, Washington, D.C. Lt Porter has been critical in shaping policy, direction, and culture in the field of emergency management since his assignment to Coast Guard Headquarters in 2015. He expertly managed a \$1.4 million program budget and developed the Coast Guard's ICS training requirements, providing performance-based training and readiness solutions that aligned with operational needs and requirements. In 2016, Lt Porter assisted in the development of a new mobile Incident Management Handbook application for use by first responders worldwide. The handbook was made available in June for use on Android and Apple devices and will enhance technological productivity and efficiency for users. In 2015, Lt Porter was responsible for the execution of 73 ICS courses that trained 3,106 students. These courses closed critical gaps in competencies among Coast Guard personnel and resulted in 60% more training being provided to reserve and active duty personnel than the Coast Guard funded capacity.
- The **IAEM-USA 2016 Civilian Uniformed Services Emergency Manager of the Year Award** is awarded to **Charles L. Funkhouser**, fire chief, U.S. Coast Guard Petaluma's Fire Department (CGFD) at Training Center Petaluma, the Coast Guard's largest West Coast Training Center, Petaluma, California. Having implemented mutual aid agreements, Mr. Funkhouser's efforts ensured the safe response to 442 events in support of local firefighting agencies. His leadership enhanced the CGFD's response protocols through the developed of 20 standard operating procedures to ensure compliance with National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) requirements. He worked diligently to promote fire safety and prevention awareness by implementing a prevention program that reached 3,000 people. Mr. Funkhouser led numerous working groups supporting

the firefighting services of Coast Guard units and developed active shooter mass casualty incident training scenarios that incorporated 10 partner agencies. His ability to work with interagency partners, across all hazards, highlights his dedication to teamwork. Mr. Funkhouser's continued high performance and commitment help to ensure the safety and security of all who work at Training Center Petaluma. He continues to be an inspiration and a valued member of the Coast Guard incident management community.

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 (CEM®) program; annual scholarships; a comprehensive monthly newsletter; and more. Visit [www.iaem.com](http://www.iaem.com) for details.*

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