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## News Release

### IAEM Seeks Nominations in the 2016 IAEM-USA Emergency Management Volunteer Awards Competition

**July 15, 2016 (Falls Church, Va.)** – Today, the nominations period for the new International Association of Emergency Managers U.S. Council (IAEM-USA) Emergency Management Volunteer Awards Competition opened. Nominations will be accepted until Thursday, Sept. 1, 2016, 5:00 p.m. EDT. The IAEM-USA Awards & Recognition Committee is seeking nominations for three (3) new USA-only award categories that will recognize the contributions of volunteers who assist emergency managers in the United States.

Volunteerism in emergency management always has been part of the framework and fabric for the successful employment of integrated emergency management across the nation. Thousands of volunteer hours are provided annually to assist emergency managers across the spectrum of the emergency management mission areas. Without the support of volunteers, the field of emergency management would not be as capable and responsive as it is today.

**The IAEM-USA Emergency Management Volunteer Awards Competition offers three award categories:**

- IAEM-USA Emergency Management Volunteer of the Year Award
- IAEM-USA Emergency Management Volunteer Organization of the Year Award
- IAEM-USA Uniformed Services Auxiliary Member of the Year Award

Obtain information about the three new award categories and download the official nominations form on the IAEM website at <http://www.iaem.com/awards>. There is no entry fee for IAEM-USA members. Non-members must pay a small entry fee as noted on the entry form.

Judging and notification of winners will occur during September 2016, and winners will be recognized during the IAEM Annual Conference in Savannah, Georgia, Oct. 14-19, 2016. Visit [www.iaem.com/Awards](http://www.iaem.com/Awards) for details. Email any questions about award guidelines to Karen Thompson, IAEM Awards staff liaison, at [Thompson@iaem.com](mailto:Thompson@iaem.com).

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