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News Release

Colonel Brian Ready Honored as the Winner of the Inaugural 2016 IAEM-USA Emergency Management Uniformed Services Auxiliary Member of the Year Award

Nov. 2, 2016 (Falls Church, Va.) – The IAEM-USA Awards & Recognition Committee of the International Council of Emergency Managers (IAEM) is pleased to announce that the winner of the inaugural **2016 IAEM-USA Emergency Management Uniformed Services Auxiliary Member of the Year Award** is **Colonel Brian Ready**. Colonel Ready was recently recognized at the IAEM 64th Annual Conference & EMEX, in Savannah, Georgia.

Colonel Brian Ready, commander of the Arizona Wing of the Civil Air Patrol (CAP), distinguished himself by providing outstanding emergency management services to the United States, while providing cell phone forensics on 182 search-and-rescue (SAR) missions, resulting in 76 lives saved and 65 finds. These efforts culminated in more than 35 percent of the lives saved by all SAR missions across the United States in 2015. He also led his wing in achieving its second "outstanding" operational readiness evaluation rating in two years from the U.S. Air Force evaluation team, an accomplishment unprecedented in the nation.

In 2015, Colonel Ready led the Arizona Wing in multiple emergency management missions. Over six weeks, the region experienced three tropical storms, causing widespread flooding, and Colonel Ready responded by directing airborne disaster photography/SAR missions to assess damages and find missing persons. On the eve of 2016, he again launched missions in preparation for Winter Storm Frona, setting up and directing an Area Command with four Incident Commands, along with multiple aircraft/vehicles crews/teams. During the summer, he directed statewide fire watch/patrol operations, reporting 48 wildland fires, preventing any loss of life, and protecting thousands of acres of forests. He sustained emergency blood transshipment missions, transporting more than 6,000 units of blood to remote mountainous/desert regions across Arizona. His efforts leading the cell phone forensics team resulted in the saving of 76 lives. He directed more than six dozen missions for the U.S. Border Patrol and U.S. Northern Command, assisting in the abatement of drug/human smuggling across the U.S.-Mexico border and providing training for U.S. Air Force fighter/interceptors. Finally he directed CAP participation in 16 emergency management exercises in the region, providing staff augmentation to the state EOC and many local EOCs during the exercises and during the 13-day 2015 Super Bowl events.

The Arizona Wing of the CAP is a citizen-based organization serving multi-jurisdictional governments and statewide communities. In 2015, Colonel Ready continued to invigorate these relationships, partnering with the U.S. Border Patrol, the U.S. Coast Guard, U.S. Northern Command, U.S. and Arizona Departments of Forestry, the State National Guard, the United States Air Force, the State of Arizona Division of Emergency and Military Affairs, and 15 counties. His leadership was involved in providing statewide operational capabilities to support our nation's war on drugs and war on terrorism, while assisting in the prevention of lives lost and protecting the environment from both natural and man-made disasters. He did that with a

selfless spirit of volunteerism, uncompensated for his services. He kept his wing's resources and the national cell phone forensics team available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, to respond in support of the needs of others. Through his leadership, he also sustained a ring of command-and-control and communications centers across Arizona to maximize mission effectiveness and interoperability with regional emergency management partners. As a result, Colonel Ready has been the quintessential leader in volunteer emergency management excellence, personifying the organization's national motto – "Citizens Serving Communities."

About the New IAEM-USA EM Uniformed Services Auxiliary Member of the Year Award

The IAEM-USA 2016 Emergency Management Uniformed Services Auxiliary Member of the Year Award recognizes the services of a single individual who made extraordinary emergency management volunteer contributions during the 2015 calendar year as a member of a uniformed services auxiliary organization. The winner must be an individual who participates as an active volunteer within one of the uniformed services auxiliaries. This includes members of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary and the U.S. Air Force Civil Air Patrol. There are more than 55,000 U.S. Air Force Civil Air Patrol members and more than 32,000 U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary members serving in every state in the United States and Puerto Rico. The winner of the award must have demonstrated exceptional contributions across the spectrum of any of the emergency management mission areas.

About the New IAEM-USA EM Volunteer Awards Competition

The IAEM-USA Emergency Management Volunteer Awards were incorporated into the annual IAEM Awards Competition in 2016 to recognize the contributions of volunteers who assist emergency managers in the United States. Volunteerism in emergency management has always 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.

Obtain information about the IAEM-USA Emergency Management Volunteer Awards Competition at www.iaem.com/Awards.

About the International Association of Emergency Managers

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 for details.

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