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News Release

Major Justin Ogden, Civil Air Patrol, Receives the Inaugural 2016 IAEM-USA Emergency Management Volunteer of the Year Award

Oct. 31, 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 Volunteer of the Year Award** is **Major Justin Ogden**, leader of the Civil Air Patrol's National Headquarters Emergency Management Cell Phone Forensics Team. Major Ogden recently was recognized at the IAEM 64th Annual Conference & EMEX, in Savannah, Georgia.

For more than 10 years the Civil Air Patrol (CAP) National Headquarters Cell Phone Forensics team, led by Major Ogden, a CAP volunteer, has been a citizen-based national treasure; serving multi-jurisdictional governments and state-wide communities across the nation. In 2015, Major Ogden continued to invigorate these relationships, partnering with the U.S. Border Patrol, the U.S. Coast Guard, U.S. Air Force, U.S. and State Departments of Forestry and Park Services, the States' National Guard, and dozens of state and county emergency management and law enforcement agencies across the nation, providing irreplaceable technological and operational capabilities that saves lives. He did this all with a selfless spirit of volunteerism, uncompensated for his service.

Major Ogden kept the National Cell Phone Forensics Team available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year – always responsive to the needs of others. Through his peerless leadership, he sustained a history of successes measured in lives saved and missing recovered. In 2015, he provided cell phone forensics on 182 search missions, resulting in 65 lives saved and 61 finds, in 35 states across the nation. This unparalleled effort resulted in more than 35 percent of the lives saved by all emergency management offices and search-and-rescue forces tasked across the nation. This culminated in an astonishing and unprecedented 211 lives saved, attributed to Major Ogden's pursuit of excellence.

About the New IAEM-USA Emergency Management Volunteer of the Year Award

The IAEM-USA 2016 Emergency Management Volunteer of the Year Award recognizes the services of a single individual who made extraordinary emergency management volunteer contributions during the 2015 calendar year. The winner must be an individual who participates as an active volunteer within a recognized emergency management volunteer organization and who has demonstrated exceptional contributions across the full spectrum of emergency management.

About the New IAEM-USA EM Volunteer Awards Competition

The IAEM-USA Emergency Management Volunteer Awards were incorporated into the annual IAEM Awards Competition 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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