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NEWS RELEASE

IAEM-USA Announces Winners of the 2014 IAEM-USA Awards Competition

July 11, 2014 (Falls Church, Va.) – The USA Council of the International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM) has announced the winners of its IAEM-USA 2014 Awards Competition. The awards will be presented at the IAEM 62nd Annual Conference & EMEX 2014, Nov. 14-19, 2014, in San Antonio, Texas. The winner of the 2014 IAEM-USA Public Awareness Award, Division 1, **City of Bellevue (Washington) Office of Emergency Management**, also won the **2014 IAEM-Global Public Awareness Award, Division 1.**

IAEM-USA is pleased to announce these winners of IAEM-USA Awards:

- The **2014 IAEM-USA Career Excellence Award** winner is **Dr. Dee Ellis, DVM**, State Veterinarian/Executive Director, Texas Animal Health Commission, Austin, Texas. He knows firsthand that behind every animal disaster is a human disaster due to the special relationship people develop with their animals, whether they be livestock or pets. Dr. Ellis has lent his support to the development of animal-related activities in other agencies and organizations, nationally and internationally. Under his guidance, the Texas Animal Health Commission has recognized and professionalized its emergency management program, creating one of the best in the nation, serving the best interests of animals and their owners. In 1997, Dr. Ellis was one of the first state veterinarians to become a USDA-certified Foreign Animal Disease Diagnostician (FADD). He and other staff veterinarians have deployed across the country and to the UK in response to disease outbreaks. Ellis established the first state “Vet on Call” program in 2004. He has coordinated agency response efforts during major hurricanes, wildfires, flooding, and the Shuttle disaster.

The IAEM-USA Career Excellence Award recognizes a national leader who has made significant contributions throughout his/her career to promote and improve the emergency management profession in the USA.

- The **2014 IAEM-USA Academic Recognition Award** winner is **North Dakota State University Department of Emergency Management**. The IAEM-USA Awards & Recognition Committee recognized this program for its significant contribution to the formal education of both undergraduate and graduate students pursuing a career in emergency management practice, policy, or teaching. NDSU DEM has helped to shape and advance the academic discipline of emergency management; helped further the emergency management higher education community's goals; helped further professionalization efforts; served public, private, and nonprofit partners' emergency management needs at the university, local, regional, state, national, and international level; and contributed to the academic discipline's body of knowledge.

The IAEM-USA Academic Recognition Award recognizes a U.S. academic leader or institution that has made a significant contribution to the formal education of students pursuing a career in emergency management or through research and development of paradigms or standards that have helped shape the broader field of emergency and disaster management.

- The **2014 IAEM-USA Partners in Preparedness Award** winner is a collaboration between **AARP Alaska, the Anchorage Office of Emergency Management, and the City and Borough of Juneau Office of Emergency Management**, on interviews about emergency preparedness featured on AARP Alaska, a weekly TV program broadcast on public television.

The Partners in Preparedness Award recognizes programs or processes that demonstrate innovative, multi-participant involvement between local governments/governmental entities and private sector businesses, non-governmental organizations/non-profits, or individuals which have resulted in effective and efficient incident management, emergency management or homeland security processes.

- The **2014 IAEM-USA Business & Industry Preparedness Award** winner is **Los Angeles County Emergency Medical Services Agency** for its Family Information Center Planning Guide for Healthcare Entities. This project involved development of a groundbreaking and much needed resource.
- **2014 IAEM-USA Public Awareness Awards:**
 - *Division 1 (Local):* **City of Bellevue Office of Emergency Management** for its video “Ways to Survive,” an animated music video that shows individuals how to survive an earthquake, winter storm, power outage, and terrorist event. *This Council winner went on to the win the IAEM-Global Public Awareness Award, Division 1.*
 - *Division 2 (Regional/Nonprofit):* **University of Texas at Arlington** for its creation of an emergency preparedness video to teach students what to do in severe weather, when & where to evacuate if necessary, and what to do in a threatening situation.
 - *Division 3 (Commercial):* **Warner Bros.’ “I Am WB Ready” preparedness** campaign that ran during National Preparedness Month 2013, a campaign that creatively engaged the entire Warner Bros. community.

The **Public Awareness Awards** recognize outstanding public awareness programs or public education products related to emergency management, homeland security, and/or disaster preparedness.

- **2014 IAEM-USA Technology & Innovation Awards:**
 - *Division 1 (Local):* **Pierce County Emergency (Washington) Management & Information Technology** for development of the Pierce County Lead Management System: A System Designed for Child Abduction Response Team (CART).
 - *Division 2 (Regional/Nonprofit):* **Jacksonville State University Emergency Management** for its development of the Shelter Etowah Mobile App.
 - *Division 3 (Commercial):* **Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center** for its development, patenting, and implementation of a patient evacuation device.

The **IAEM-USA Technology & Innovation Awards** recognize the development of technology and innovation to improve emergency management operations, public education, or the emergency management/homeland security field.

Learn more about the IAEM-USA Council Awards Competition at www.iaem.com/Awards, where information about all IAEM awards is posted.

The International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM), which has more than 6,700 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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