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NEWS RELEASE

IAEM-USA Announces Winners of the 2013 IAEM-USA Awards Competition

July 1, 2013 (Falls Church, Va.) – The USA Council of the International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM) has announced the winners of its IAEM-USA 2013 Awards Competition. The awards will be presented at the IAEM 61st Annual Conference & EMEX 2013, Oct. 25-30, 2013, in Reno, Nev. **IAEM-USA is pleased to announce these awards:**

- For the first time, the IAEM-USA Awards & Recognition Committee has named two winners of the **IAEM-USA Career Recognition Award**. The **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 2013 winners are:
 - **Barb Graff**, executive director, Seattle Office of Emergency Management, has demonstrated leadership and professionalism in the EM field. She is creative in finding solutions to difficult problems, navigating smoothly through political challenges. In Seattle, insiders refer to her as “Switzerland” because of her ability to negotiate compromise and collaboration between the executive and legislative branches of city government. She is respected by superiors, peers, subordinates, elected officials, stakeholders and community members. Over the years she has led efforts on dozens of programs and projects, mentored hundreds and shared her knowledge with thousands. Her most passionate contribution is in support of the nationwide Emergency Management Accreditation Program (EMAP) where she is currently Chair of the Commission and the Program Review Committee.
 - **Donald M. Lumpkins**, director, National Integration Center, FEMA, has been the driving force behind an array of invaluable preparedness products in use by emergency managers across all levels of government. In addition to coordinating implementation of PPD-8, he led the development of: the National Preparedness Goal, which identifies U.S. core preparedness capabilities; the National Preparedness System, the means by which the nation will build, sustain and deliver those core capabilities; and Comprehensive Preparedness Guide (CPG) 201, “Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment Guide,” which provides a comprehensive approach for identifying and assessing risks and associated impacts.
- The **2013 IAEM-USA Academic Recognition Award** winner is the **FEMA Higher Education Program and Conference, administered by Dr. Wayne Blanchard and Barbara Johnson**. The IAEM-USA Awards & Recognition Committee recognized this program for its huge impact on emergency management and higher education. The program has been especially important in changing the way we educate and train future emergency managers, giving a solid basis in theory as well as practical application.

The 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 **2013 IAEM-USA Partners in Preparedness Award** winner is the **Seattle-Target Preparedness Event for National Preparedness Month**, a collaboration between Seattle Office of Emergency Management and Target. This entry went on to win the IAEM-Global Partners in Preparedness Award.

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.

2013 IAEM-USA Public Awareness Awards:

- **Public Awareness Award (Division 1, Local Emergency Management Agency)**
 - **Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department** for its Resilient Metro Campaign, an ongoing program designed to increase public awareness and offer preparedness training in the community.
 - **Certificate of Recognition: Randolph Mantooth and Monte Fronk, CEM**, for the development and creation of **Strength and Resiliency: Emergency Preparedness for Tribal Leaders**, a 30-minute training video designed to educate elected Tribal leaders about disaster preparedness.
- **Public Awareness Award (Division 2, State/Regional National Government, International, or Non-Profit Organization)**
 - **What to Do to Make it Through**, a multi-agency effort to educate the public on preparing for a catastrophic event, led by **the City of Seattle and King County Offices of Emergency Management**, supported by an advisory committee that included representatives from local emergency management offices in eight counties. This entry went on to win the IAEM-Global Public Awareness Award, Division 2.
- **Public Awareness Award (Division 3, Commercial or Other For-Profit Organization)**
 - **Exelon Generation – Emergency Preparedness, for its Exelon Generation Public Information Brochure (PIB)**, a company initiative that ensures the residents within each station's Emergency Planning Zone (EPZ) have preparedness information. The initiative covers communities in four states and serves more than 700,000 residents and businesses. This entry went on to win the IAEM-Global Public Awareness Award, Division 3.

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

● **2013 IAEM Technology & Innovation Awards:**

- **Technology & Innovation Award (Division 1, Local Emergency Management Agency)**
 - The **San Diego (California) Office of Emergency Management** for its creation of the **SD Emergency App**. The app contains disaster preparedness information, interactive checklists to help you to create your emergency plan, build an emergency supplies kit, and when disaster strikes; SD Emergency will keep you and your family informed with emergency updates, interactive emergency maps, and shelter locations. It can be downloaded free of charge at www.ReadySanDiego.org/SDEmergencyApp. This entry went on to win the IAEM-Global Technology & Innovation Award, Division 1.
- **Technology & Innovation Award (Division 2, State/Regional National Government, International, or Non-Profit Organization)**
 - **Broadband Hamnet™**, developed by Amateur Radio operators to provide Amateur Radio operators a high speed digital wireless communications mesh network. The firmware is available at no charge via the project website at www.hsmm-mesh.org. This entry went on to win the IAEM-Global Technology & Innovation Award, Division 2.

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 5,000 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.