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## News Release

### IAEM-USA Announces Winners of the 2015 IAEM-USA Awards Competition

**Nov. 24, 2015 (Falls Church, Va.)** – The USA Council of the International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM) has announced the winners of its IAEM-USA 2015 Awards Competition. The award winners were announced at the IAEM 63<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference & EMEX, Nov. 13-18, 2015, in Clark County, Nevada. **The winner of the 2015 IAEM-USA Technology & Innovation Award, Division 1, the Carlsbad (CA) Community Emergency Response Team, and the winner of the 2015 IAEM-USA Technology & Innovation Award, Division 2, Naval Hospital Bremerton (WA), also won the IAEM-Global Awards in their divisions.**

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

- The **2015 IAEM-USA Career Excellence Award** winner is **Martha Braddock**, IAEM-USA Policy Advisor. 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 **2015 IAEM-USA Partners in Preparedness Award** winner is the **California Department of Health Hospital Emergency Preparedness Project**, a collaboration led by the California Department of Public Health-Emergency Preparedness Office (CDPH-EPO) working in partnership with hundreds of California hospitals, to increase the preparedness of hundreds of hospitals throughout the state.

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.

▪ **2015 IAEM-USA Public Awareness Awards:**

- *Division 1 (Local):* Two awards were given in this division:
  - **Spartanburg County Office of Emergency Management**, for Spartanburg’s PrepareAthon.
  - **City of Henderson, Nevada** for its “Get Ready – Stay Ready” public education and awareness outreach campaign.

- *Division 2 (Regional/Nonprofit):* **Office of Emergency Management at University of Texas at San Antonio**, for development and implementation of its Emergency Preparedness Training - Online Course.
- *Division 3 (Commercial):* **PSEG Foundation and the Sesame Street Workshop**, for development of “Let’s Get Ready: Planning Together for Emergencies” and “Here for Each Other: Helping Families after Emergencies,” a free online program aiming to institute emergency preparedness into family routines.

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

▪ **2015 IAEM-USA Technology & Innovation Awards:**

- *Division 1 (Local):* **Carlsbad (California) Community Emergency Response Team** for developing the Carlsbad EOC: City Organization, Services and Functions Assessment Tool. This entry also won the IAEM-Global Technology & Innovation Award, Division 1.
- *Division 2 (Regional/Nonprofit):* **Naval Hospital Bremerton** for its NHB Commercial Barcode Scanner tracking of Mass Casualty Patients, Staff Accounting, Tracking and Dispatching in Emergencies. This entry also won 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.

**About IAEM:** The International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM), which has more than 9,000 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](http://www.iaem.com) for details.

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