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News Release

IAEM-USA Names Stephanie Murphy, CEM, as the Winner of the 2016 IAEM-USA Career Excellence Award

July 25, 2016 (Falls Church, Va.) – The IAEM-USA Awards & Recognition Committee of the International Council of Emergency Managers (IAEM) has selected IAEM member **Stephanie Murphy, MS, CEM**, emergency preparedness coordinator, Metropolitan Washington Airport Authority, Washington, D.C., for the 2016 IAEM-USA Career Excellence Award. She will be recognized at the IAEM 64th Annual Conference & EMEX, Oct. 14-19, 2016, in Savannah, Georgia.

Ms. Murphy has demonstrated excellence throughout her career, furthering emergency management and bettering her community. She has more than 17 years of progressive experience in the areas of emergency management, incident response and operations, airport emergency preparedness and response, homeland security policy, all-hazards planning, and customer service. She has held positions that include: deputy coordinator-NIMS compliance coordinator and deputy coordinator-regional planner for Arlington County (Virginia) Office of Emergency Management; crisis management trainer for the U.S. Department of State; and planning section chief for the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) National Incident Management Assistance Team (IMAT).

In 2008, Ms. Murphy formed and chaired the regional National Incident Management System (NIMS) Committee, in Washington, D.C., Virginia, and Maryland. Her foundational leadership is still visible, as the region continues to engage the committee for recommendations and subject matter expertise. At FEMA, she developed innovative briefing tools and situational status reports that were recognized recently by the FEMA Administrator. As the emergency manager for the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority (Airports Authority), she is developing the emergency management program from the ground up. She ensures that her agency is strongly represented, not only in emergency management but in the aviation industry. The relationships that she has built in the community allow her to be a strong voice and advocate for her organization, elevating the Airports Authority to the national stage.

Ms. Murphy has found ways to engage and involve hundreds of thousands of stakeholders and community members throughout her career. From managing more than 50 planning staff on federally-declared disasters to ensure that survivors were assisted quickly and professionally, to preparing Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport (National Airport), Dulles International Airport, airlines, the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority personnel, and the traveling public for incidents that could affect these major transportation hubs, Ms. Murphy finds a way to involve and inspire those around her. She managed the first active shooter full-scale exercise at National Airport in 2015, not only enlisting the help of the Transportation Security Administration (TSA), Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), and the Airports Authority in an official capacity, but also encouraging the participation of more than 300 volunteers from the Arlington County (Virginia) Community Emergency Response

Team (CERT), Airports Authority employees and family members, and federal agencies to volunteer as role players. Ms. Murphy's influence is still felt from her previous leadership achievements and will continue to be called upon now and in the future.

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.

About IAEM: 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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