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## News Release

### IAEM-USA Names Winner of the 2017 EM Volunteer of the Year Award

**Oct. 27, 2017 (Falls Church, Va.)** – The IAEM-USA Awards & Recognition Committee of the International Council of Emergency Managers (IAEM) is pleased to announce that **Emily Martuscello** is the winner of the IAEM-USA 2017 Emergency Management Volunteer of the Year Award. Award winners will be recognized on Nov. 13 at the IAEM 65<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference & EMEX, Nov. 10-15, 2017, in Long Beach, California.

In describing the volunteer work of Emily Martuscello at Nashua (New Hampshire) Office of Emergency Management, Justin Kates, CEM, Director of Emergency Management at Nashua, noted that he has “worked with Emily Martuscello since 2013, when she started at the Nashua OEM as an unpaid intern. I did not expect at the time that she would be one of our office's greatest resources for years to come.” Emily has led a number of initiatives as a volunteer for Nashua OEM, including:

- building our CERT program from scratch, ultimately training 525 citizens during 17 classes;
- organizing PrepareAthon activities;
- facilitating workshops for responders;
- responding to emergencies; and
- serving as an advisor for the Nashua's emergency management program.

Emily has gone above and beyond the responsibilities of a volunteer with the Nashua OEM, and has become an irreplaceable supporter of its activities. She is the volunteer CERT Program Manager with Nashua OEM and serves as a sounding board for all of its initiatives. Most recently, she implemented the “Until Help Arrives” program and led the Nashua OEM to be the first to provide in-person training in the United States for citizens. In addition she has responded to a number of emergencies on behalf of the Director when he was unavailable or working from another location. Emily has been able to work with public safety officials to identify resources needed and obtain them immediately.

**The IAEM-USA Emergency Management Volunteer of the Year Award** recognizes the services of a single individual who made extraordinary emergency management volunteer contributions during the 2016 calendar year. The individual recognized must have demonstrated exceptional contributions across the full spectrum of emergency management. 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.

Learn more about the annual IAEM Award Competitions at [www.iaem.com/Awards](http://www.iaem.com/Awards).

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