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News Release

IAEM-USA Announces the Winner of the 2018 IAEM-USA Partners in Preparedness Award

Oct. 16, 2018 (Falls Church, Va.) - The IAEM-USA Awards & Recognition Committee of the International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM) is pleased to announce the winner of the IAEM-USA 2018 Partners in Preparedness Award. The award winners will be recognized at the IAEM 66th Annual Conference & EMEX, Oct. 19-24, 2018, in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

The winner of the **2018 IAEM-USA Partners in Preparedness Award** is the **Single Automated Business Exchange for Reporting (SABER)**, a nonprofit organization created by the private sector to streamline information sharing with authorized government agencies and other entities for improved emergency management. This organization provides innovative SABER technology that helps businesses transform individual resource/status information into national data standard formats in order to simplify and accelerate distribution. Companies save time and money by uploading information to a single website rather than answering inquiries from a host of federal, state and local agencies. Communities benefit because government agencies get easier access to information they need to expedite response and recovery operations.

FEMA's National Business Emergency Operations Center, State Business Emergency Operations Centers, and local governments receive business status information through SABER in real emergencies and exercises. For all exercises, SABER business members with a national footprint provide simulated closure status for local communities. SABER volunteers monitor technology during an actual event and, for exercises, the SABER SimCenter is staffed to simulate business closures to help governments practice resource allocation. Other communities then learn about the results through After Action Reports and SABER webinars on lessons learned that are recorded for viewing on the SABER/XchangeCore YouTube Channel.

SABER enables government to provide timely restoration support for business, which is only the beginning. SABER members are foundational employers, providing essential income as well as consumer goods and infrastructure for people throughout disaster-stricken areas. When a SABER business returns to daily operations faster, the economic engine of the community becomes infused with employee paychecks. SABER impacts the "whole community" partnership between government and the private sector by streamlining the exchange of mission-critical information. Find out more about SABER at <http://saberspace.org>.

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

IAEM-USA, the nation's largest emergency management professional association, is a non-profit professional organization representing more than 4,600 emergency management and homeland security professionals for local communities, state and federal disaster officials, private sector, non-governmental organizations and others involved in preparing for, responding to, and recovering from all types of disasters including acts of terrorism. 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.