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News Release

The International Association of Emergency Managers Announces the Winners of the 2017 IAEM-USA Uniformed Services Awards Competition

Oct. 20, 2017 (Falls Church, Va.) – The IAEM-USA Awards & Recognition Committee, of the USA Council of the International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM), is pleased to announce the winners of the IAEM-USA 2017 Uniformed Services Awards Competition. The winners will be recognized on Nov. 13 at the IAEM 65th Annual Conference & EMEX, Nov. 10-15, in Long Beach, California.

- **The IAEM-USA 2017 Military Uniformed Services Emergency Manager of the Year Award** is awarded to **Major Andrea Moore**, joint regional medical plans and operations officer for two FEMA Regions, United States Air Force. Major Moore's significant contributions have been critical to the success of the United States Northern Command and its Homeland Defense and Defense Support of Civil Authorities missions. She has demonstrated exceptional leadership and emergency management planning skills. She identified a critical planning gap in hurricane disaster preparedness and took the initiative to address it. Major Moore led a state and federal interagency effort, developing a patient flow plan and command and control structure for post-hurricane patient movement response. Her efforts ensured that interagency partners were postured to work together to safely transport 5,000 hospitalized New Orleans patients in the event of a devastating hurricane. The State of Louisiana Medical Director and the Office of the Secretary for Defense/Health Affairs lauded her expertise. Major Moore is a recognized emergency manager subject matter expert and interagency educator. She crafted the Department of Defense Ebola patient flow process and sculpted the FEMA Region 6 Ebola patient movement plan. This was the first regional Ebola patient movement plan in the United States and is the benchmark of all 10 FEMA regions.
- **The IAEM-USA 2017 Civilian Uniformed Services Emergency Manager of the Year Award** is awarded to **David L. Mergenthaler**, incident manager, United States Coast Guard. Mr. Mergenthaler provided critical leadership in planning for and executing the maritime security mission for the 2016 Republican National Convention. He was selected by the Incident Commander to serve as his aide throughout the duration of the event. His commitment and expertise was critical in developing partnerships between the St. Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation, the Canadian Coast Guard, Environmental Canada, and St. Regis and Akwesasne tribal authorities. His reputation with tribal leadership paved the way for future boom planning and emergency response procedures for major incidents spanning the United States, Canada, and tribal borders. Mr. Mergenthaler's dedication and continued high performance make him an inspiration and valued member of the Coast Guard incident management community.

The IAEM-USA Military Uniformed Services Emergency Manager of the Year and the IAEM-USA Civilian Uniformed Services Emergency Manager of the Year awards recognize individuals serving in the uniformed services of the United States who have consistently demonstrated significant contributions to the field of emergency management while continuously self-developing as emergency managers. Nominations are open to members of the U.S. Armed

Services, including U.S. Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marines, Navy, U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps, and NOAA Commissioned Corps.

Learn more about the annual IAEM Award Competition at www.iaem.com/Awards.

IAEM is a nonprofit 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/Associate Emergency Manager program; annual scholarships; a comprehensive monthly newsletter; and more.

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