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News Release

Certified Emergency Manager® Application Now Available for Free

February 21, 2008 (Falls Church, Va.) The International Association of Emergency Manager (IAEM) Board of Directors voted to eliminate the enrollment fee that used to be required before making the application available for the Certified Emergency Manager® (CEM®) program. This move allows anyone to download the CEM® application booklet electronically without first paying an enrollment fee.

Originally, the program was set up to require payment in two steps. Participants paid an enrollment fee prior to receiving the application booklet. Then, the enrolled participant paid an application fee when submitting their application booklet for review.

IAEM's new certification program procedure will allow interested emergency managers to see the application in order to self-assess and determine their qualifications without first paying a fee. This provides a more streamlined and transparent application process. IAEM believes this will encourage more emergency managers to decide to begin the certification process.

The IAEM Board determined that there will be no fee increase under the new procedures: \$325 for IAEM members and \$450 for non-members. However, the fee will now be collected only when the application is submitted.

CEM® application forms may be downloaded for free at http://iaem.networkats.com/members_online/members/app_fee.asp.

For more information on the CEM®, visit <http://www.iaem.com/CEM>.

IAEM created the Certified Emergency Manager® Program to raise and maintain professional standards. It is an internationally recognized program that certifies achievements within the emergency management profession. CEM® certification is a peer review process administered through the International Association of Emergency Managers. The CEM® Program is served by a CEM® Commission that is composed of emergency management professionals, including representatives from allied fields, education, the military and private industry. Development of the CEM® Program was supported by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the National Emergency Management Association (NEMA), and a host of allied organizations.

The International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM) is a non-profit organization consisting of more than 4,000 members including emergency management professionals from local, state, and the federal governments, tribal nations, the military, colleges and universities, private industry and the nonprofit sector in the United States and in other countries. Most of our members are U.S. city and county emergency managers who perform the crucial function of coordinating and integrating the efforts at the local level to prepare for, mitigate the effects of, respond to, and recover from all types of disasters including terrorist attacks. IAEM has consistently promoted the goals of saving lives and protecting property during emergencies and disasters since its founding in 1952 as the U.S. Civil Defense Council.