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Press Advisory

More than 2,100 Emergency Managers to Gather in San Antonio, Texas
One Keynote Speaker Is FEMA Administrator Craig Fugate

(Falls Church, Va. – Oct. 28, 2010) More than 2,100 emergency managers from around the United States and the world will be in San Antonio, Texas, to attend the International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM) 58th Annual Conference to be held Oct. 29-Nov. 4, 2010 at the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center. The conference theme is **Talk the Talk – Now, Walk the Walk**. IAEM's EMEX Exhibit is the show that brings together homeland security and disaster preparedness suppliers. More than 180 suppliers will exhibit the latest technologies available to local emergency managers.

This IAEM flagship event draws members of the largest professional organization for emergency managers and homeland security officials to help leaders prepare for a disaster should one strike their communities. The U.S. Department of Defense will hold its Emergency Management Summit in conjunction with the conference further building synergies between civilian and military at the IAEM event. The IAEM Conference sessions are designed to provide a forum for current trends and hot topics, as well as tools and technology in emergency management and homeland security.

The program features a keynote address on Tuesday, Nov. 2, by Craig Fugate, Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Mr. Fugate began serving in the position of Administrator of FEMA in May 2009. Prior to coming to FEMA, he served as Director of the Florida Division of Emergency Management (FDEM).

Other featured speakers are:

Lieutenant General Guy C. Swan, III, CEM, Commanding General, United States Army North (Fifth Army)
Janine Driver, aka The Lyin' Tamer, best-selling author of "You Say More Than You Think"
Margaret Davidson, Director of the NOAA Coastal Services Center
Ana-Marie Jones, Executive Director of CARD (Collaborating Agencies Responding to Disasters)
Madhu Beriwal, President and CEO of IEM

The Annual Conference will feature more than 70 break-out presentations from issue experts.

The media is welcome to attend the sessions and the EMEX exhibit. The conference schedule is available on the IAEM website at www.iaem.com/Conference. Please notify the communications manager of your attendance plans by emailing Shiley@iaem.com and register with your credentials when you arrive.

IAEM-USA, the nation's largest emergency management professional association, is a non-profit professional organization representing more than 5,000 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.