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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **IAEM Awards Two EIIP Scholarships**

#### ***2012 Scholarship Application Period Begins in February 2012***

**Dec. 19, 2011 (Falls Church, Va.)** – The International Association of Emergency Management (IAEM) Scholarship Program awarded two 2011 scholarships through dedicated donations provided by the Emergency Information Infrastructure Project (EIIP).

The mission of the EIIP is to promote the safety of the general public by enhancing the effectiveness of individuals who are engaged in some aspect of emergency/disaster management. As a non-profit educational organization with 13 successful years in hosting EMForum.org Webinars, the EIIP Board of Directors specifically expanded the nonprofit's educational mission for FY 2012 by awarding two \$5,000 scholarships to emergency management students.

“The EIIP is pleased to partner with the IAEM Scholarship Program to carry out this worthwhile goal and thanks IAEM for allowing the EIIP to be part of this outstanding effort,” stated Havidan Rodriguez, Ph.D., provost and vice president for academic affairs, The University of Texas-Pan American, and EIIP's chairman of the Board. “The students that were selected by the IAEM Scholarship Commission to receive these awards truly exemplify the qualities needed for the future leaders in emergency management.”

The recipients of the EIIP Scholarships are Amy LePore Crabill, CEM, and Hsien-Ho (Ray) Chang. Crabill is working towards a Ph.D. in disaster science management at the University of Delaware. She has been with Cecil County (Md.) Department of Emergency Services for more than seven years and is now its deputy director where she is responsible for a department of 110 people. She is a former president of the Maryland Emergency Management Association and was awarded a Maryland Governor's Citation for her leadership during her term.

Chang is a student at the University of Delaware earning a Ph.D. in disaster science management. He has seven years experience in the American and Taiwanese fire service and has reached the level of fire captain in Taiwan. After earning his Master's Degree at Arizona State University, he returned to Taiwan and resumed his work in the fire department and was invited to join several international disaster management symposiums in the United Kingdom, China and the United States. He also served as liaison for many foreign disaster managers when they visited Taiwan prior to returning to the United States to resume his studies.

The IAEM Scholarship Program competitively awards scholarships to full time students working towards degrees in emergency management, disaster management, or related fields. The next application period will begin February 2012. The application will be available on the IAEM website at [www.iaem.com/scholarships](http://www.iaem.com/scholarships). For more information on EIIP, visit [www.emforum.org](http://www.emforum.org).

*The International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM), which has more than 5,000 members in 58 countries, is a non-profit educational organization dedicated to promoting the goals of saving lives and protecting property during emergencies and disasters. 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. Learn about the work of IAEM at [www.iaem.com](http://www.iaem.com).*

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