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News Release

Rick Cox, CEM, Elected Chairman of the Board of the International Association of Emergency Managers

Nov. 3, 2009 – (Orlando, Fla.) – Rick Cox, CEM, Senior Planner, IEM, Inc., has been elected Global Board Chairman of the International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM). Outgoing Chairman Arthur Rabjohn, CEM, passed the gavel to Cox during the IAEM-Global Board of Directors Meeting on Nov. 3, 2009, in Orlando, Fla. The IAEM 57th Annual Conference & EMEX 2009, Oct. 31-Nov. 5, 2009, is currently taking place at the Rosen Centre Hotel and the Orange County Convention Center in Orlando.

“I look forward to continuing to serve on the IAEM-Global Board,” said Cox, who served as IAEM-Global Business Director during 2008-2009. He pledged to work with the Councils of IAEM to advance the association’s outreach and networking around the world. The International Association of Emergency Managers is governed by an international Board of Directors that includes representatives from each of the seven IAEM Councils, including IAEM-Asia, IAEM-Canada, IAEM-Europa, IAEM-International, IAEM-Oceania, IAEM-Students, and IAEM-USA.

Rick Cox brings years of experience in the emergency management arena to his new position leading the IAEM-Global Board. He has served as IAEM-USA Treasurer since 2001, during a period of rapid membership growth, and served this past year as one of the IAEM-USA representatives on the IAEM-Global Board as its Business Director. He has been a Certified Emergency Manager® since 1995, and presently serves as IAEM-USA Board Liaison to the CEM® Commission and to the IAEM-USA Uniformed Services Caucus. His past IAEM participation includes terms as IAEM-USA Region 4 President and Co-Chair of the IAEM Training & Education Committee.

Cox has worked as a Senior Planner with IEM, Inc., since July 2008. He retired in July 2008, after 22 years with the Commonwealth of Kentucky as an Area Manager for the Division of Emergency Management. Additionally, Rick has been a volunteer firefighter with the Hawesville Fire Department for almost 30 years, and currently serves as the department’s chief.

IAEM 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. The 2010 IAEM Annual Conference & EMEX Expo is scheduled for Oct. 30-Nov. 4, 2010, in San Antonio, Texas. Visit www.iaem.com to learn more about the work of the International Association of Emergency Managers.

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