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News Release

IAEM Endorses EMAP as the Standard for Emergency Management Programs

April 4, 2018 (Falls Church, Va.) – The United States Council of the International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM-USA) Board of Directors officially endorses the *Emergency Management Standard* administered by the Emergency Management Accreditation Program (EMAP) as the standard for emergency management programs.

“IAEM-USA has been actively involved with EMAP’s development, maintenance and administration of the international *Emergency Management Standard* since its inception,” stated IAEM-USA President Nick Crossley, CEM, CPM. “Through the standard’s development and continuous improvement, IAEM-USA is proud to participate and represent interests of the association’s membership: federal, tribal, regional and local government, academia and the private sector.

Since 2001, Congress has sought metrics for understanding the capabilities and capacities of local governments to respond to, and be resilient in the face of, terrorism and other emergencies and disasters. EMAP’s standard is the only international emergency management standard that is accredited through the American National Standards Institute (ANSI).

“IAEM recognizes that the capacities and resources of federal, state, city, county, regional, tribal, academia, and private sector programs for emergency management will always vary, however the core capabilities for which emergency management programs are responsible are the same,” said Crossley. “Therefore, the IAEM-USA Board confirmed that this standard should be the only standard applied across all emergency management programs to assess their capability to perform the minimum functions for emergency management and to provide metrics for documenting changes and improvement to these capabilities.”

EMAP, as an independent non-profit organization, fosters excellence and accountability in emergency management and homeland security programs by establishing credible standards applied in a peer review accreditation process. Learn more about EMAP accreditation and the *Emergency Management Standard* at www.emap.org.

IAEM-USA, the nation’s largest emergency management professional association, is a non-profit professional organization representing more than 4,500 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.

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