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News Release

IAEM-Oceania Announces the 2021 Partners in Preparedness Award

Oct. 11, 2021 (Falls Church, Va.) – The IAEM-Oceania Awards & Recognition Committee of the International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM) is pleased to announce the winner of the IAEM-Oceania 2021 Partners in Preparedness Award. The award will be presented at the Monday Networking Luncheon and Awards Ceremony on Oct. 18, 2021, at the 69th IAEM Annual Conference & EMEX, in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

The winner of the 2021 IAEM-Oceania Partners in Preparedness Award is the Global Animal Disaster Management Conference (GADMC).

The spirit of this event was to reduce the barriers to access to world class expert advice on animal disaster management, and as such was run as a non-profit event by Animal Evac New Zealand, with in-kind administration by a volunteer committee. It relied on the good will of presenters to share their experience without charging a fee. They worked to prove through good will of emergency managers, a world class conference can be delivered for free. This conference has and will further change how animals in disasters are managed around the world. Already GADMC2022 is looking to grow.

The **Partners in Preparedness Award (Public/Private Partnership)** recognizes programs or processes that demonstrate innovative, multi-participant involvement between local governments/governmental entities and private sector businesses, non-governmental organizations/nonprofits, public or private schools, or individuals which have resulted in effective and efficient incident management, emergency management or homeland security processes. This award is to showcase the public emergency management program and a specific private sector partner whose collaboration made your community more prepared.

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 around the world. 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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