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News Release

IAEM-USA Announces the 2021 IAEM-USA Uniformed Services Auxiliary Emergency Manager of the Year Award

Oct. 15, 2021 (Falls Church, Va.) – The IAEM-USA Awards & Recognition Committee of the International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM) is pleased to announce the winner of the IAEM-USA 2021 Uniformed Services Auxiliary Emergency Manager of the Year. 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-USA Uniformed Services Auxiliary Emergency Manager of the Year is John Desmarais, Sr.

In 2020, John was unparalleled in accomplishments and unprecedented in resourcefulness. He directed CAP's nationwide response to 102 disasters including its Type I National Incident Management Team (IMT) in the Puerto Rico earthquake, Hurricane Laura, the California wildfires, and the COVID-19 pandemic. He planned and led CAP's support of 130 COVID-19 missions employing more than 4,500 volunteers in 50 states. Additionally, he engaged in 1,530 blood unit donations; transport of 300K COVID-19 test kits and 36 medical site teams; and setup staffing of 42 blood donors.

For the 25th year, John directed all education and training programs as the Commandant of the National Emergency Services Academy (NESA). There he oversaw all aircrew, ground team, chaplain, communications, public information, incident command/IMT, unmanned aerial systems, and EM curriculums. He also directed the operations of CAP's NESA-Mobile Training Team, providing 71 virtual classes nationwide, and conducting 26 (pro bono) classes requested by the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Emergency Management Institute.

The **IAEM-USA Uniformed Services Auxiliary Emergency Manager of the Year Award** is for the individual serving as a member of a uniformed services auxiliary organization (U.S Coast Guard Auxiliary or the U.S. Air Force Civil Air Patrol) performing emergency management as his/her primary function. Accomplishments must show not only a benefit but a measurable impact.

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.

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