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## News Release

### IAEM-USA Announces the 2021 IAEM-USA Uniformed Services Civilian 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 Civilian Emergency Manager of the Year 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-USA Uniformed Services Civilian Emergency Manager of the Year Award is Garth C. Phoebus.

Garth served as the installation emergency manager, U.S. Army Garrison Fort Detrick, Maryland, as the Department of the Army Civilian. He has prepared and trained senior leadership for cultural change on the installation through initiating partnerships with FEMA and MFRI to facilitate COOP courses educating more than 100 people. He also served as the primary instructor to leadership for ICS 300/400 courses to multiple federal organizations for 30 people. He identified and encouraged IMCOM-sponsored training for EOC representatives, EM, ESFs, and liaison positions.

Garth schoolhouse consults as a trusted agent for input to the EM program curriculum at the installation level due to his breadth and depth of experience and complexity of his installation. He initiated a planning concept to a fully functional validating annual operation and established the model to deliver non-medical and medical countermeasures that proved successful during the current pandemic optimizing resources saving hundreds of thousands of dollars for regional medical partners and agencies.

The **IAEM-USA Uniformed Services Civilian Uniformed Emergency Manager of the Year Award** is for the individual serving in civil service or as contractors serving U.S. Armed Forces performing emergency management as his/her primary function.

*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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