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News Release

IAEM-USA Announces the 2022 IAEM-USA Emergency Management Voluntary Organization of the Year Award

Oct. 11, 2022 (Falls Church, Va.) – The IAEM-USA Awards & Recognition Committee of the International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM) has selected Bainbridge Prepares as the IAEM-USA 2022 Emergency Management Voluntary Organization of the Year. The award will be presented at the Monday Networking Luncheon and Awards Ceremony on Nov. 14 at the 70th IAEM Annual Conference & EMEX, in Savannah, Georgia.

Bainbridge Prepares

Winner of the IAEM-USA Emergency Management Voluntary Organization of the Year Award

During COVID, Bainbridge Prepares, in partnership with the City of Bainbridge Island (BI), the BI Fire Department, and the BI Community Pharmacy, helped facilitate and operate over 88 vaccination clinics administering more than 38,000 vaccines. People came from all over the county and beyond to get vaccinated at the Bainbridge Island High throughput clinics because they were well organized and more easily accessible than some of the clinics in other neighboring communities. Bainbridge Prepares was a local recipient of the [Bainbridge Community Foundation Humanitarian Award](#) for their work during COVID. More than 500 of Bainbridge Prepares' 650 volunteers participated in 2021, helping out with vaccine clinics and operating a community-based test site. Vaccine clinics were held almost weekly from January to June in 2021, and then booster clinics were held in the fall of 2021.

The Voluntary Organization of the Year Award is presented to one U.S. voluntary organization that made extraordinary emergency management contributions within the United States.

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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