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News Release

IAEM-USA Announces the 2022 Uniformed Emergency Manager of the Year Award Winner

Oct. 11, 2022 (Falls Church, Va.) – The IAEM-USA Awards & Recognition Committee of the International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM) has selected Major Michael Baddley for the IAEM-USA 2022 Uniformed Emergency Manager of the Year Award. 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.

Major Michael Baddley Winner of the IAEM-USA Uniformed Emergency Manager of the Year Award

Major Michael Baddley planned and led the 62nd Medical Brigade's successful execution of the Department of Defense COVID-19 pandemic response in five FEMA regions. His leadership in crisis enabled over 1,000 military healthcare professionals to deliver more than 80,000 hours of clinical care providing direct support and benefitting 39 civilian hospitals across 31 U.S. cities, spanning seven states and the Navajo Nation. Additionally, he directed a 300-person team comprised of military, Washington State and local authorities, and non-governmental organizations to transform the Seattle Events Center from a sports arena to a world-class 248-bed hospital, which benefited the community by freeing bed space, relieving the stress of pandemic impacts on local healthcare facilities, and combatting the spread of COVID-19. Lastly, Baddley spearheaded the development and implementation of the U.S. European Command Medical Common Operating Picture, which directly benefited the Department of Defense's ability to maintain global awareness and provide urgent, life-saving assistance to more than 44,000 vulnerable Afghanistan evacuees in Operations Allies Welcome. His tireless efforts enabled the medical care provided to all Afghan evacuees at seven military temporary safe havens in four European nations during the Afghan evacuation mission. He supported interagency coordination with the German, Italian, Spanish, and Kosovo embassies via the Department of State for host nation evacuee trauma care. His

emergency management expertise facilitated the deployment of 502 personnel, logistics for 14,000 supply items, funding oversight and delivery of vital immunizations to a vulnerable population, ensured the timely transfer of evacuee healthcare records to the United States, and directly impacted the DoD's successful response to one of the largest, most complex humanitarian airlift operations in history. Baddley's accomplishments were recognized by the Joint Staff Surgeon for the expert development of the Afghan evacuation mission's medical common operating picture and became the combatant command standard.

The IAEM-USA Uniformed Emergency Manager of the Year Award is for the individual who has consistently demonstrated significant contributions to the field of emergency management while continuously self-developing as an emergency manager.

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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