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## News Release

### **IAEM-USA Announces the 2022 Uniformed Services Auxiliary Emergency Manager 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 Colonel Mark Lahan for the IAEM-USA 2022 Uniformed Services Auxiliary Emergency Manager of the Year Award. The award will be presented at the Monday Networking Luncheon and Awards Ceremony on Nov. 14 at the 70<sup>th</sup> IAEM Annual Conference & EMEX, in Savannah, Georgia.

#### **Colonel Mark Lahan Winner of the IAEM-USA Uniformed Services Auxiliary Emergency Manager of the Year Award**

Colonel Mark Lahan is known for unparalleled accomplishments and unprecedented in resourcefulness. He was requested by name to participate in three Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) curriculum projects, assisting (pro bono) FEMA's Emergency Management Institute (EMI), during the COVID-19 pandemic, to pilot new curriculums. Noteworthy was his volunteer efforts supporting the rewrite of EMI's new Situational Awareness course.

In 2021, as the Civil Air Patrol's (CAP) lead instructor conducting FEMA emergency management training for Department of Defense members, Lahan traveled and led a team of CAP instructors twice to teach (pro bono) FEMA Incident Command System (ICS) and other EM courses, to active/reserve commissioned and non-commissioned officers from Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, in New Jersey and Travis Air Force Base in California.

Since 2006, Lahan has continuously led hundreds of CAP cadets at the multi-week Oshkosh Wisconsin Fly-In, supporting Emergency Operations Center (EOC) duties as well as conducting continuous operations in support of the event's missing/overdue aircraft and Emergency Locator Transmitter activations. In Kansas, he provided the primary staffing for the Planning and Logistics Sections in the State EOC during three major activations (including COVID which lasted the full year of 2021) during major floods and tornado outbreaks. He also led the emergency transport of hundreds of blood units on

71 sorties and participated in 50% of all COVID test kits, specimens, vaccines, and Strategic National Stockpile transports which helped save multiple lives across the region.

**The IAEM-USA Uniformed Services Auxiliary Emergency Manager of the Year Award** recognizes one individual who made extraordinary emergency management volunteer contributions as a member of a uniformed services auxiliary organization.

*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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