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News Release

IAEM-USA Announces the 2023 Rising Star Award

Oct. 19, 2023 (Falls Church, Va.) – The IAEM-USA Awards & Recognition Committee of the International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM) has selected James “Jack” Leeber, Jr., for the IAEM-USA 2023 Rising Star Award. The award will be presented at the President’s Banquet and Awards Ceremony on Nov. 8 at the 71st IAEM Annual Conference & EMEX in Long Beach, California.

James “Jack” Leeber, Jr.
Winner of the IAEM-USA Rising Star Award

Jack’s exceptional contributions and leadership in the field of emergency management are highly commendable. He has consistently demonstrated a strong commitment to delivering high-quality work and implementing innovative solutions to address critical challenges.

One of Jack’s notable achievements is establishing a statewide telehealth program in Vermont to support intensive care needs during a surge in demand and resource scarcity. This initiative showcases his ability to apply emergency management principles and coordinate resources effectively to address critical healthcare challenges.

Additionally, his leadership in providing training webinars for healthcare professionals during a surge in pediatric respiratory illness demonstrates his dedication to sharing specialized knowledge and expanding resources when most needed.

His volunteer work in providing clinical training and telemedicine consults to support burn care in Ukraine following the Russian invasion exemplifies his commitment to global emergency response efforts.

Jack’s ability to bring together highly accomplished professionals and his application of emergency management principles, including collaboration, coordination, and innovation, set him apart as a thought leader and practical manager. His accomplishments have earned him speaking engagements

and co-authorships, highlighting his contributions to the field. Furthermore, his pursuit of ongoing professional development, including certification preparations and active involvement in various volunteer activities, showcases his dedication to continuous growth and excellence in emergency management.

In summary, Jack's impressive track record of achievements, leadership, and commitment to the field of emergency management make him deserving of recognition as he is an inspiration to others in the profession.

The IAEM-USA Rising Star Award recognizes someone new to the emergency management profession who has displayed enthusiasm, innovation, and commitment, has made significant contributions to the field, and has worked in the emergency management profession for five years or less.

IAEM-USA, the nation's largest emergency management professional association, is a non-profit professional organization representing more than 5,800 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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