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News Release

IAEM-USA Announces the 2023 Student Chapter of the Year

Oct. 19, 2023 (Falls Church, Va.) – The IAEM-USA Awards & Recognition Committee of the International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM) has selected the University of Delaware IAEM Student Chapter as the IAEM-USA 2023 Student Chapter of the Year. 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.

University of Delaware IAEM Student Chapter 2023 IAEM-USA Student Chapter of the Year

The University of Delaware Student Chapter of the International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM@UD) has shown a strong commitment to promoting the field of emergency management among students and providing valuable experiences to its members.

IAEM@UD’s active calendar of events throughout the academic year, including field trips and panel discussions, provides members valuable opportunities to enhance their formal education with real-world experiences. The chapter’s visits to emergency management agencies and organizations in Washington, D.C., New York City, and other locations allow students to interact with practitioners, learn about various aspects of emergency management, and gain insights not typically covered in the classroom. These experiences are particularly valuable for students who may be new to the region or the United States.

The chapter’s involvement with local and county emergency management agencies, the University of Delaware Office of Emergency Management, and volunteer activities demonstrates its commitment to community engagement and preparedness. This well-rounded approach ensures that members learn about emergency management and actively participate in activities that contribute to their local community’s resilience.

Additionally, the chapter’s affiliation with the Disaster Research Center and members’ contributions to

research and knowledge-sharing in the field of emergency management add to the broader IAEM community's wealth of expertise and insights.

The University of Delaware IAEM Student Chapter has demonstrated its dedication to fostering the growth of future emergency management professionals, providing valuable educational experiences, and actively engaging with the emergency management community. Their efforts are a testament to the chapter's commitment to promoting the field and enhancing the knowledge and skills of its members.

The IAEM-USA Student Chapter of the Year Award recognizes an IAEM-registered student chapter that has made significant contributions in promoting the IAEM and the field of emergency management through public awareness, increasing membership, showing leadership and initiative in education, and increasing the professionalism of emergency and disaster management.

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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