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## News Release

### **IAEM-USA Announces the 2023 USC Uniformed Emergency Manager 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 Lt. Daniel Dunn, CEM, as the IAEM-USA 2023 USC Uniformed Emergency Manager of the Year. The award will be presented at the President’s Banquet and Awards Ceremony on Nov. 8 at the 71<sup>st</sup> IAEM Annual Conference & EMEX in Long Beach, California.

#### **Lt. Daniel Dunn 2023 USC Uniformed Emergency Manager of the Year**

Lieutenant Dunn's outstanding contributions and achievements in the field of emergency management and disaster response are truly commendable. His dedication to continuous improvement and lifelong learning is evident through his certification as a Type 2 Operations Section Chief (OSC) and his selection as the CG’s Emergency Management Postgraduate Education selectee.

During Hurricane Ian, Lieutenant Dunn's coordination of the National Strike Force (NSF)-wide launch of Catastrophic Incident Search and Rescue boat crews was instrumental in rescuing 746 survivors. His operational accomplishments demonstrate his ability to effectively lead and manage high-risk, low-probability incidents. In addition, Lieutenant Dunn led port assessment responders through identifying, prioritizing, and targeting imminent environmental threats, resulting in the protection of endangered species, critical habitats, coastal barriers, and tribal lands/historical sites.

Lieutenant Dunn's deployment to oversee the containment and cleanup of the Mississippi Canyon-20 (MC-20) site, resulting in the recovery of 40,000 gallons of pure oil and the establishment of a permanent Incident Command Post, highlights his leadership and expertise in managing complex environmental incidents.

As the head of operations at one of the busiest units in the NSF, Lieutenant Dunn has successfully coordinated more than 20 high-risk incidents, demonstrating his ability to manage disasters

effectively. His re-certification as an IAEM CEM® and selection to serve on the IAEM Certification Commission further underline his commitment to the profession.

Lieutenant Dunn's exceptional contributions, leadership, and dedication to emergency management and disaster response make him an asset to the field and a laudable recipient of this award. His commitment to continuous improvement and ability to effectively manage complex incidents demonstrate his outstanding capabilities in the field.

**The IAEM-USA USC Uniformed Emergency Manager of the Year Award** recognizes one individual serving in the uniformed services of the United States 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 5,800 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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