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News Release

IAEM-USA Announces the 2025 Emergency Management Educator Award

Oct. 17, 2025 (Falls Church, Va.) – The Awards & Recognition Committee of the U.S. Council of the International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM-USA) has selected Dr. Claire Knox as the IAEM-USA 2025 Emergency Management Educator Award recipient. The award will be presented at the 3rd IAEM Annual Conference & EMEX in Louisville, Kentucky.

**2025 IAEM-USA Emergency Management Educator Award Recipient
Dr. Claire Knox**

Dr. Claire Knox has demonstrated extraordinary dedication to improving emergency management education and preparing the next generation of emergency management and public service professionals.

Dr. Knox's teaching exemplifies excellence. She combines rigorous academic content with real-world application, integrating disaster simulations, case studies, and cross-disciplinary collaborations that bring emergency management to life for her students. At the University of Central Florida (UCF), her creation of the Master of Emergency and Crisis Management is widely regarded as one of the most innovative programs in UCF's public administration and emergency management curriculum and is recognized nationwide.

Beyond her classroom achievements, Dr. Knox has made significant contributions to the scholarly and professional communities. She has published extensively on emergency management policy, resilience, and pedagogy, and has secured competitive funding to develop new curriculum modules that benefit students and practitioners alike. Her leadership roles—including service with the International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM), the Florida Emergency Preparedness Association (FEPA), and advisory work with regional and national emergency preparedness initiatives—underscore her influence on the field.

Perhaps most importantly, Dr. Knox is a dedicated mentor. She has guided many undergraduate and graduate students toward successful careers in emergency management, homeland security, and

related public service fields.

The Emergency Management Educator Award recognizes educators who have demonstrated outstanding achievement as educators of students within the field of emergency management. It recognizes and rewards educators' special skills and excellence throughout the United States. This award recognizes general or special topics within the field of emergency management, such as incident action planning, emergency operations center, and incident command.

IAEM-USA, the nation's largest emergency management professional association, is a non-profit organization representing more than 5,800 emergency management and homeland security professionals for local communities, state and federal disaster officials, the 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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