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EMERGENCY MANAGERS RECEIVE C.E.M.[®] CREDENTIAL

Forty-nine candidates have been approved by the IAEM USA-Certification Commission to receive the Certified Emergency Manager[®] (CEM[®]) credential (*editors: see the attached list to use as a sidebar*). The CEM[®] designation is the highest honor of professional achievement available from the International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM), which has in its membership more than 5,000 emergency managers representing local, state, and federal government; private industry; and military emergency managers. The new class of CEM[®]'s join the 2,017 other emergency managers who were approved for the designation since January, 1993 bringing the total number of Certified Emergency Managers[®] to 2,066.

Commission, Requirements

IAEM administers the program for the profession, and policy decisions and judgments are made by a Commission of respected professionals in the field. The USA-CEM[®] Commission met September 5-7, 2013 and approved applicants who successfully completed an extensive credentials package, a management essay and a written examination. The credentials requirements include experience, references, education, training, and contributions to the profession. The management essay requires respondents to submit a response to a scenario they might face while fulfilling emergency management responsibilities.

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To maintain certification, CEM[®] recipients must submit additional training and contributions to the professional every five years.

CEM[®] Program

The emergency management certification program was developed over the last several years by IAEM with funding from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and guidance from an advisory board which included professionals from a variety of disciplines and representatives of key groups with a stake in emergency management.

Below: List of September 5-7, 2013 CEM Recipients

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Certified Emergency Managers[®]

Gregory B. Abbe, CEM
University of North Texas
Denton, TX

Joseph G. Bechtold, III, CEM
Precision Emerg. Mgmt. Solutions
Peoria, IL

Jeremy S. Beck, CEM
Benton County Emerg. Mgmt.
Pasco, WA

Madeline Benyeda, CEM
FEMA
Gettysburg, PA

Richard Bochenek, CEM
Public Health Ontario
Toronto, ON CANADA

Thomas I. Bowman, CEM
CDC, Ofc. of Public Health
Preparedness & Response
Senoia, GA

Brenda V. Bramwell, CEM
City of Issaquah
Sammamish, WA

Kirsten Brown, CEM
Victoria, BC CANADA

Lori L. Cannon, CEM
DHS/FEMA
Ochlocknee, GA

Michael T. Chance, CEM
US Army North
Seguin, TX

Robert S. Cook, CEM
Applied Materials
Charlotte, NC

Sherri D. Copeland, CEM
TX Dept of Public Safety/Div. of
EM
Corinth, TX

Cristin L. Corcoran, CEM
Cities Readiness Initiative
Hillsboro, OR

Michelle Cullerton-Conforti, CEM
Chicago Ofc. of Emerg. Mgmt.
Chicago, IL

Kathy A. Dollarhide, CEM
St. Mary Medical Center
Long Beach, CA

Christine A. Dorr, CEM
Booz Allen Hamilton
Washington, DC

Lucas Eckroad, CEM
Walt Disney Company
Burbank, CA

William H. Feist, III, CEM
The Salvation Army
Jackson, MS

Matt Feryan, CEM
Plano Dept. of Emerg. Mgmt.
Plano, TX

David Fogerson, CEM
East Fork Fire & Paramedic
Districts
Minden, NV

Kristina M. Freas, CEM
Dignity Health
Roseville, CA

Robert D. Girard, CEM
Qatar Petroleum
Doha QATAR

Randall T. Gurney, CEM
McKinney Ofc. of Emerg. Mgmt.
McKinney, TX

Thad Hicks, CEM
Salvation Army
Clinton, MS

Dora Hjalmarsdottir, CEM
Verkis, Ltd.
Reykjavik, Iceland

Jefferson Howells, CEM
Environmental Health & Public
Safety
West Lafayette, IN

David Johnson, CEM
Missouri State University
Springfield, MO

Joseph E. Jones, CEM
Jones Consulting Group of Illinois
DeKalb, IL

Jeremy R. Kaufman, CEM
Tetra Tech EMI
Kansas City, MO

Elton Lewis, CEM
Virgin Islands Territorial EMA
Christiansted, St. Croix, VI

Nicholas A. Lowe, CEM
Oak Ridge Associated Universities
Monrovia, CA

Joshua A. Margulies, CEM
Cambridge, MA

Carol A. McCormick, CEM
SAIC
Jacksonville, AL

Ronda L Oberlin, CEM
Lansing Emerg. Mgmt. Office
Lansing, MI

Darshan Patel, CEM
Orange County Emerg. Services
Chapel Hill, NC

Amy D. Ramirez, CEM
San Francisco Dept. of Emerg.
Mgmt.
San Francisco, CA

Donald S. Rogers, CEM
Nash County EMA
Nashville, NC

Connie M. Rooke, CEM
Melbourne, FL

Christopher M. Schwartz, CEM
Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E)
Bakersfield, CA

David Shaw, CEM
Texas Department of Public Safety
Leander, TX

Steven A. Smith, CEM
US Air Force
Crestview, FL

Carrie L. Speranza, CEM
MBL Technologies
Springfield, VA

Cynthia A. Spindler, CEM
Maryland Emerg. Mgmt. Agency
Mount Airy, MD

Steve Trisler, CEM
U.S. Army
Orlando, FL

Danielle Trudeau, CEM
Canadian Red Cross
Richmond, BC CANADA

Michael D. Whalen, CEM
Emergency Educators LLC
Mohrsville, PA

Laura Wolbert, CEM
Crestline, CA

Edward J. Wurster, III, CEM
PPL Corporation
Glenside, PA

Jerald L. Ziller, CEM
City of Orange
Orange, TX

TOTAL: 49 CEM[®]'s Approved September 5-7, 2013