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News Release

IAEM-USA Announces the 2018 IAEM-USA EM Volunteer of the Year

Oct. 17, 2018 (Falls Church, Va.) - The IAEM-USA Awards & Recognition Committee of the International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM) is pleased to announce the winner of the IAEM-USA 2018 Emergency Management Volunteer of the Year Award. All award winners will be recognized at the IAEM 66th Annual Conference & EMEX, Oct. 19-24, 2018, in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

The winner of the 2018 IAEM-USA Emergency Management Volunteer of the Year Award is **Brian Scroggins**, chair of the Southern Nevada Volunteer Organization Active in Disaster (SN VOAD). In addition to serving as chair of the SN VOAD, he wears many volunteer hats in his local emergency management community, including acting as Nevada Area welfare specialist (emergency manager) for the Church of Latter-Day Saints (LDS), and he is a voting member of the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) and the Las Vegas Urban Area Working Group. He has been active in emergency management training for years and graduated in 2018 from the FEMA National Emergency Management Advanced Academy and has been accepted into the Executive Academy beginning in 2019.

Mr. Scroggins was asked to serve on the Incident Command Team the morning of Oct. 2, 2017, to oversee spiritual care for victims and families impacted by the Oct. 1 festival shooting. In addition, he directed donation logistics and volunteer management from the first three weeks at the Las Vegas Convention Center through the transition to the Vegas Strong Resiliency Center.

Through LDS Charities, Mr. Scroggins provides leadership in developing local and statewide communications networks, as well as promoting annual preparedness fairs open to the entire community. As a member of the SN VOAD since 2013, and the chair since January 2017, he has brought leadership and increased capacity within the organization reaching out to the underserved. He reaches out and builds relationships to increase capacity with organizations not previously included. His willingness to serve in crisis are well known in his community. Mr. Scroggins finds a way to get things done and has been instrumental in distributing emergency supplies to veterans groups, homeless shelters, women's shelters, refugee organizations, and local food banks.

The IAEM-USA Emergency Management Volunteer of the Year Award recognizes the services of a single individual who made extraordinary emergency management volunteer contributions during the 2017 calendar year. The individual recognized should have demonstrated exceptional contributions across the full spectrum of emergency management. Learn about the IAEM Awards Competition at www.iaem.com/Awards.

IAEM-USA, the nation's largest emergency management professional association, is a non-profit professional organization representing more than 4,600 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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