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News Release

IAEM-USA Announces the 2018 IAEM-USA Emergency Manager of the Year

Oct. 25, 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 Manager of the Year Award. The award was presented at the President's Banquet on Oct. 24 at the IAEM 66th Annual Conference & EMEX, in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

The inaugural winner of the new **2018 IAEM-USA Emergency Manager of the Year Award** is **Andrea Davis, MPH, CEM**, director of Global Crisis Management for The Walt Disney Company. Ms. Davis leads an enterprise-wide program that oversees the emergency planning, training & exercise and response for the company, as well as the fire and medical operations for the company's studio lots. In addition to her role as director, in the last year she has served as the board chair for the Los Angeles Chapter of the American Red Cross as well as sat on the board for the Resilient Children/Resilient Communities Initiative and The Lucy Jones Center for Science and Society.

In addition to the work that Ms. Davis has done during the last five years, it is the work she did over a nine-week span at the end of 2017 that warrants this award. Beginning with Hurricane Harvey, through the after effects of Hurricane Maria in Puerto Rico and the shooting at the Route 91 festival, The Walt Disney Company Corporate Emergency Operations Center was activated for nine weeks responding to eight separate incidents impacting 120,000 employees and multiple business units. During that span, Ms. Davis and her team managed the response for each incident and coordinated a global effort of response and recovery. Some of the key events include:

- Coordinating the safety and welfare accountability of 120,000 employees, including the use of Disney resources and third party providers to do door knock accountability of the company's employees in Puerto Rico when all other communications were down.
- Organizing the delivery of critical operational and food supplies via truck and plane to the company's news station in Houston to ensure that they could provide care to their employees while maintaining broadcast operations.
- Providing compassionate care and family assistance to the families of impacted employees.
- Coordinating both internal and external relief services to employees impacted by the storms.

The **IAEM-USA Emergency Manager of the Year Award** is presented to an IAEM-USA member in recognition of outstanding contributions to the overall field of emergency management. All nominations must contain written justification for the award and should focus on recent accomplishments and contributions because this is not a

lifetime achievement award. Angela Davis is the *first* recipient of this award. 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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