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News Release

IAEM-USA Announces Millersville University's IAEM Student Chapter as the 2018 IAEM-USA Student Chapter 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 Student Chapter of the Year Award. The 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 Student Chapter of the Year Award** is the **Millersville University IAEM Student Chapter (MU-IAEM)**, in Millersville, Pennsylvania. In recent years, MU-IAEM has gone above and beyond to build and improve upon student and chapter success and networking with emergency management professionals in the public and private sector. Membership has jumped from a little more than 20 students in the 2015-2016 year to more than 90 members in the 2017-2018 year. Members are working to combine the efforts of their chapter with a new IAEM regional/local chapter to cooperate with professionals from the area. This would include joint events that would host a combination of students and professional participants making connections, networking, and developing collaborative initiatives.

One of the primary goals of MU-IAEM is to promote emergency management through public awareness. The chapter works with Millersville University's Center for Disaster Research and Education to host an annual Preparedness Day on campus. Hundreds of students, faculty, staff, and community members attend to learn more about disaster and personal preparedness to aid in improving community resiliency. The chapter also provides training on how to reduce the burden on emergency personal and first responders through enrollment in the university Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training program. In May, the chapter presented to Lancaster area public school students to provide information about environmental hazards and emergency management.

The IAEM-USA Student Chapter of the Year Award recognizes an IAEM-registered student chapter that has made significant contributions in promoting IAEM, the Student Council and the field of emergency management through public awareness, increasing membership, showing leadership and initiative in education, and increasing the professionalism of emergency and disaster 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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