



IAEM Headquarters

201 Park Washington Court
Falls Church, VA
22046-4527 USA
703-538-1795
www.iaem.com

Contact: Dawn Shiley
IAEM Communications Manager
703-538-3542

News Release

IAEM-USA Announces the Winners of the 2018 Uniformed Services Awards

Oct. 15, 2018 (Falls Church, Va.) - The IAEM-USA Awards & Recognition Committee of the International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM) is pleased to announce the winners of the IAEM-USA 2018 Uniformed Services Awards. The award winners will be recognized at the IAEM 66th Annual Conference & EMEX, Oct. 19-24, 2018, in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

- **LCDR Richard A. Mach, U.S. Coast Guard has been named the IAEM-USA 2018 Military Uniformed Services Emergency Manager of the Year.** LCDR Mach is recognized for being instrumental in enhancing the readiness of Sector Los Angeles–Long Beach through the development of innovative contingency plans, facilitating exercises, and leading responses to incidents. He has gone above and beyond as the contingency planning and force readiness chief by taking a leadership role in search-and-rescue program management, organizing and hosting interagency training that has enhanced the proficiency of port partners.
- **Zachary H. Pickett, U.S. Coast Guard, has been named the IAEM-USA 2018 Civilian Uniformed Services Emergency Manager of the Year.** As preparedness and readiness trainer, Mr. Pickett is recognized for improving Sector Corpus Christi’s response readiness. His 26 years of incident management experience is critical in developing support, building consensus, and advancing preparedness initiatives for the unit, the port, and partners.
- **Mark Stone, U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, has been named the IAEM-USA 2018 Uniformed Services Auxiliary Member of the Year.** Mr. Stone is recognized for significantly contributing to the operational readiness of Coast Guard Sector-Long Island Sound and the Coast Guard Auxiliary, as a national member of the Incident Management and Preparedness Directorate.

The IAEM-USA Uniformed Services Awards include: IAEM-USA Military Uniformed Services Emergency Manager of the Year, IAEM-USA Civilian Uniformed Services Emergency Manager of the Year, and IAEM-USA Uniformed Services Auxiliary Member of the Year. All eligible active-duty, reserve, auxiliary and guard members of the Uniformed Services and civilian employees can be nominated for the Uniformed Services awards. The nominee should be performing emergency management as his/her primary function. Recognized individuals must have consistently demonstrated significant contributions to the field 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.