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## News Release

### **IAEM-USA Announces the 2024 Business and Private Sector Integration and Public Sector Partnership Award**

**Oct. 22, 2024 (Falls Church, Va.)** – The Awards & Recognition Committee of the U.S. Council of the International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM-USA) has selected Civil Air Patrol/Ready OP for the IAEM-USA 2024 Business and Private Sector Integration and Public Sector Partnership Award. The award will be presented at the President’s Banquet and Awards Ceremony on Nov. 20 at the 72<sup>nd</sup> IAEM Annual Conference & EMEX in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

#### **Civil Air Patrol/Ready OP 2024 IAEM-USA Business and Private Sector Integration and Public Sector Partnership Award**

The Civil Air Patrol/ReadyOp partnership showcases a strong integration of public and private sector capabilities, leveraging technology to enhance emergency management and volunteer coordination. The partnership's innovative approach was tested in real-world scenarios and has significantly impacted emergency response capabilities.

Key strengths of the Civil Air Patrol/ReadyOP program include a nationwide unified communications platform, including nationwide radio communications, voice-over-internet capabilities, and forms for training and actual incident response and recovery operations. They have proven effectiveness in real-world disaster scenarios such as hurricanes and FEMA/CAP regional exercises. In addition, they support diverse operations such as blood collection and transport and disaster response, including hurricane, fire, tornado, and flood.

Through this partnership, Civil Air Patrol (CAP) can provide distributive communications and staffing resources during disasters and other emergencies to FEMA, the Department of Defense, state emergency management command and control nodes, hospitals and emergency medical services, public health and other health system nodes, first-responder coordination centers, as well as other emergency support function/disaster recovery function (ESF/DRF) stakeholder communication sites. More importantly, it provides CAP with a simple, standardized communication system, linking all its vehicles,

aircraft, and command and control nodes/staging areas under a single responsive and tested/demonstrated system to support its response and the ESF/DRF partners, as mentioned above. This partnership aligns and couples CAP's "Spirit of Volunteerism" with the novel technologies of Ready Op. Ask CAP to help with communications, and they will bring the no-cost CAP/RO linkages with them – "Anywhere and Anytime," ... as a partnership to save lives!

**The Business and Private Sector Integration and Public Sector Partnership Award** recognizes excellence in integrating public/private emergency management partnerships.

*IAEM-USA, the nation's largest emergency management professional association, is a non-profit organization representing more than 5,800 emergency management and homeland security professionals for local communities, state and federal disaster officials, the 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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