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News Release

IAEM-USA Announces the 2024 Emergency Management Educator of the Year

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 William Schlosser as the IAEM-USA 2024 Emergency Management Educator of the Year. The award will be presented at the President’s Banquet and Awards Ceremony on Nov. 20 at the 72nd IAEM Annual Conference & EMEX in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Mr. William Schlosser 2024 Emergency Management Educator of the Year Recipient

Will Schlosser came to Pennsylvania College of Technology (PCT) following a very active engagement as a High School assistant principal and (for 15 years) the EM official for the Southern Tioga School District, the second largest school district in the State of Pennsylvania. Professor Schlosser holds an Instructional 1 and Administrative 1 certificate from the Pennsylvania Department of Education. He received a Bachelor of Music in Music Education from Mansfield University of Pennsylvania and an Administrative Certificate from Indiana University of Pennsylvania. He also holds a Master of Arts in Disaster and Emergency Management from American Military University. Finally, Instructor Schlosser is a graduate of both Air Command and Staff College graduate and Air War College, Air University, United States Air Force.

Instructor Schlosser’s method of teaching is very hands-on. Whether through field trips to the historical disaster site of the Johnstown Flood or emergency management partners such as the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency and the Pennsylvania State Police Academy, Instructor Schlosser is always trying to get his students in the field. He also uses exercises as a method of engaging students. These exercises can be simulations but sometimes use real-world, real-time incidents to model incident response, recovery, and planning. Examples would be the COVID-19 pandemic, the Francis Scott Key Bridge Collapse, and Chinese Anti-Satellite Launches related to Homeland Security. Through partnerships with over 11 emergency response and planning organizations, Penn College students, under the supervision of Instructor Schlosser, plan and execute an event called Rotorfest, which brings

between 2,000-3,000 visitors – both campus students and high school students – to participate. In addition, he is a planning partner for the annual full-scale exercise, which brings together multiple majors on campus to respond to a simulated emergency.

In addition, every course that Instructor Schlosser teaches is very project oriented. For example, students in his Spatial Analysis class create simulated Senior Leader Briefs using ESRI products and perform statistical analysis of potential damage in flood plains. In his Homeland Security course, students learn to perform PMESII-PT analysis on current homeland security topics. This real-world relevant experience using today's tools allows students to attain employment successfully and quickly promoted within their organizations.

The Emergency Management Educator of the Year Award recognizes educators who have demonstrated outstanding achievement as educators of students within the field of emergency management. It recognizes and rewards educators' special skills and excellence throughout the United States. This award recognizes general or special topics within the field of emergency management, such as incident action planning, emergency operations center, and incident command.

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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