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News Release

IAEM-USA Announces the 2024 Technology & Innovation 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 the North Carolina State University Emergency Preparedness and Strategic Initiatives Team for the IAEM-USA 2024 Technology and Innovation Award. 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.

North Carolina State University Emergency Preparedness and Strategic Initiatives Team 2024 IAEM-USA Technology & Innovation Award Recipient

The North Carolina State University Emergency Preparedness and Strategic Initiatives Team has been selected to receive the Technology and Innovation Award for their outstanding work on the North Carolina University Event Management System. This system addresses the growing need for efficient event planning and security management as the number of events increases. A virtual planning, preparedness, response, and mitigation hub was developed to centralize information, staffing, and actions necessary to run event operations. Praised for its user-friendly interface, cross-platform accessibility, and innovative use of available tools, the system also features agnostic data collection with intuitive graphical displays, making it a valuable resource for event organizers.

This program produced substantial resource enhancements in a time directly impacted by a lack of available staff, centralization of the process for the university, and the need for increased mutual assistance between campus partners. This enhancement included fiscal and human resource improvements, using existing IT campus resources and infrastructure. No additional resources were required other than staff, unit operations programming, and IT resources already available.

The Technology and Innovation Award recognizes the development of technology and innovation to improve emergency management operations, public education, and the emergency management/homeland security field.

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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