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News Release

IAEM-USA Announces the 2024 USC Auxiliary Emergency Manager of the Year 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 Colonel Jack Ozer for the IAEM-USA 2024 Auxiliary Emergency Manager of the Year 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.

Colonel Jack Ozer IAEM-USA USC Auxiliary Emergency Manager of the Year Award Recipient

Colonel Jack Ozer’s remarkable achievements and unwavering commitment to the field of emergency management epitomize the qualities sought after by this prestigious award. As a 25-year volunteer Civil Air Patrol (CAP) member, Col. Ozer demonstrated selfless leadership, stamina, and genuine care for those assigned to him and throughout several CAP missions. During the award period, Col. Ozer served as a CAP National Emergency Services Academy Mobile Training Team volunteer lead instructor, curriculum planner, and regional command emergency management training and incident management advisor for the three East Coast (all volunteer) CAP regional headquarters, covering 21 states. He also served as a Unified Command (UC) team trainer for CAP’s response during the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Region 8 earthquake response exercise in the Fall of 2023, providing incident management training to CAP’s Unified Command.

A highly requested emergency management trainer, Col. Ozer, was requested by name on three separate FEMA curriculum projects, both writing and designing new course curricula promoting the Emergency Management Institute’s new situational awareness and air operations courses as well as the Civil Air Patrol’s incident command and unified command qualification standards validation. A dedicated educator, Col. Ozer volunteered his time (pro bono), leading a team of instructors to teach FEMA incident command systems and emergency management courses to 58 joint active/reserve commissioned and non-commissioned officers from Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, New Jersey and

Travis Air Base, California. He also taught additional emergency management courses to 658 Civil Air Patrol volunteers and military members during eight multi-day course delivery sessions.

Col. Ozer's remarkable accomplishments, innovative educational and training program design, and deep emergency management community involvement make him highly deserving of the 2024 IAEM-USA Auxiliary Emergency Manager of the Year Award. His exceptional contributions embody the qualities and values that this award seeks to recognize.

The Auxiliary Emergency Manager of the Year Award recognizes a Uniformed Services Auxiliary member for outstanding contributions to the field of emergency management.

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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