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## News Release

### Carrie Speranza, CEM, Takes Office as IAEM-USA President

**July 9, 2024 (Falls Church, Va.)** – On July 1, Carrie Speranza, CEM, took office as the USA Council of the International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM-USA) president. She assumed office four months early to replace IAEM-USA’s 2023-2024 president, who resigned to fulfill work responsibilities. Josh Morton, CEM, SCCEM, advanced from second vice president to first vice president.

“I am honored to serve as IAEM’s president,” stated Ms. Speranza. “The association has provided me, and so many other emergency managers, a network of colleagues to share best practices and exchange information that help us better serve our communities before, during, and after disasters.”

Ms. Speranza is the director of emergency management solutions at Esri, responsible for industry-wide strategic initiatives. She is an industry-recognized emergency management and homeland security executive with 20 years of experience in the public, private, and nonprofit sectors. Before joining Esri, Ms. Speranza was deputy director for the District of Columbia's Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency. She has deployed in support of post-hurricane disaster relief efforts for multiple hurricanes, and she has worked as the deputy agency administrator and executive command staff in response to multiple civil unrest emergencies, extreme weather emergencies, and over two dozen National Special Security Events (NSSEs). Ms. Speranza was also the senior executive overseeing the District’s Emergency Operations Center during the United States Capitol Attack on Jan. 6, 2021.

Ms. Speranza serves as chair of the FEMA National Advisory Council and is an advisory board member for the Private Sector Emergency Management Association. She is a graduate of the National Emergency Management Executive Academy and was selected for IAEM-USA Region 3’s Top 40 Under 40 in 2021. She received a BS in Environmental Science from Oregon State University and an MS in Engineering Management from George Washington University.

Ms. Speranza is a Certified Emergency Manager (CEM®), as recognized by IAEM. She received a BS in Environmental Science from Oregon State University and an MS in Engineering Management from The George Washington University.

*IAEM-USA, the nation’s largest emergency management professional association, is a non-profit professional organization representing more than 5,800 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.*

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