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**Emergency Managers Bestow Top Honors ...**



Civil Air Patrol members have accounted for all three individual awards from the International Association of Emergency Managers, which recognized the threesome's roles in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, tornadoes, floods, winter storms, and other challenges.

On Nov. 14, during its annual conference in Savannah, Georgia... Col. Jerry Wellman of the Utah Wing [was recognized] as National Volunteer Emergency Manager of the Year — the highest award given to a volunteer emergency manager.



Wellman was Utah Wing commander from September 2009-May 2013. Previously the emergency services training officer for the Salt Lake Senior Squadron, he's now the Phoenix Cadet Squadron's assistant officer for communication and for education and training.

The award announcement praised Wellman for being “active in enhancing his own emergency management professional development while relentlessly contributing to his community.” He taught emergency management communications classes in Arizona, Utah, and Colorado and chaired the Kearns, Utah, Metro Township Emergency Planning Commission.

He also served on the Utah State Emergency Response Team and volunteered in the state Emergency Operations Center, contributing more than 150 days during the COVID-19 response and floods, fires, and winter storms. He also served as an air operations coordinator on three search and rescue operations involving missing individuals.

...Wellman's honors marked the third straight year CAP received the organization's top awards for the third straight year and fourth time in the five years since volunteers and volunteer organizations began receiving the annual honors.

IAEM-USA, the nation's largest emergency management professional association, is a nonprofit professional organization representing more than 5,000 emergency management and homeland security professionals for local communities, state and federal disaster officials, private sector, nongovernmental organizations and others involved in preparing for, responding to, and recovering from all types of disasters, including acts of terrorism.

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News release...

Jerry Wellman, W7SAR, former Utah SEC and Life Member receives top honors.

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