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## **Norfolk Director of Emergency Preparedness Wins National Award**

NORFOLK, VA – Jim Redick, Norfolk’s director of Emergency Preparedness and Response, received the International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM) Clayton R. Christopher Memorial Award on October 18, 2016 at the 64<sup>th</sup> Annual IAEM Conference in Savannah, Georgia. The award is presented in recognition of unselfish devotion and outstanding contributions to the overall emergency management program.

Redick has been the Director of Emergency Preparedness and Response in Norfolk for the past five years, and recognizes the importance of creating partnerships and building relationships in the field. He created “Operation Brother’s Keeper,” a program similar to one in New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina, that local, state and federal resources and manpower to assist the public through faith-based organizations in Hampton Roads. The partnership has been effective in building community relationships and extending vital resources. Redick has also developed a committee that unifies community partners’ efforts in mitigation, prevention, preparedness, response and recovery.

Redick serves as Chairperson for the Local Emergency Preparedness Committee in Norfolk. He was appointed to a second term on the Virginia Governor’s Secure Commonwealth Panel and co-chaired a sub-panel focused on the high probability/high impact threat of recurrent flooding and sea level rise.

The Clayton R. Christopher Memorial Award was established by IAEM-USA Region 4 in honor of Clayton R. Christopher, who served as Director of Clayton County (Ga.) Civil Defense from June 1962 until his death on Oct. 29, 1976, while on business travel. Mr. Christopher was unselfishly dedicated to the emergency management profession and IAEM. His principles of integrity and leadership have served as a guiding force to the institution of emergency management, forming a strong foundation for its future. The award is presented annually to a local emergency management director/coordinator, who is a current IAEM-USA member, in recognition of contributions to the profession of emergency management.

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