

Hoosier Responder



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Meet EMS Commission Chair

Lee Turpen

All someone has to do is take a quick look at this man’s vitae or resume and it’s easy to see he’s really someone special. He’s the first one to admit he “has a tendency to not be able to say ‘no’ very often.” He loves Indiana. He is passionate about helping people and is a huge advocate of all the people in emergency medical services. And he’s the chair of the Emergency Medical Services Commission. Meet G. Lee Turpen II.

Turpen’s vitae is eight pages long, single-spaced, filled with a myriad of medical certifications, specialty courses, seminars, organizational memberships, awards and other accomplishments. Even with all that, he’s the first to bring up the fact that what he’s missing is a four-year college degree, although he attended Indiana State University, Evansville, and the University of Evansville. No EMS degree was avail-

plained, but it hasn’t stopped him from being a primary instructor in an Emergency Medical Services degree program at Ivy Tech.

“One of my initial goals as a paramedic was just to contribute by being appointed to the EMS Commissions,” Turpen said. “I find it amazing that I have been able to spend time as the chair of that group and actually help guide impact.”

Turpen’s day job is Quality Improvement Manager at American Medical Response, located in Evansville, his hometown. It’s an umbrella position that includes everything from process definition and process improvement to design and affirmation of clinical medicines to general improvement of emergency vehicle operations. He’s been in this position since 1988 and holds various licenses in three states, Kentucky, Illinois and Indiana, because of being located at the crux of where the three states meet.



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As EMS Commission Chair, Turpen leads the meetings, provides direction, and seeks opinions from EMS Director Mike Garvey, state legal counsel, the public and other interested parties. He was appointed chair of the Commission by then-Governor Mitch Daniels in 2012, after being appointed to the Commission in 2005.

While Turpen has quite a few letters after his name, one is especially important to him. That's CCEMT-P, which stands for Critical Care Emergency Medical Technician-Paramedic. He said there are "just a handful" of people in Indiana who have that special designation. And he's a nationally registered paramedic, or NREMT-P, too.

"First responders, EMTs, paramedics, ambulance drivers – these

are all great people who deserve, in my opinion, a lot more recognition and thanks," Turpen said.

"One of my personal and professional goals is to try to get more recognition for them, especially when things go super right. I'd love for these folks to be more in the public eye, although often it's a struggle to fully talk about a medical run because of the restraints of HIPPA (Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act, ensuring patient privacy). These people are so valuable to their communities. I want them to know it and feel it. They need to be recognized."

As Turpen looks back on nearly 30 years in emergency medical services, he now enjoys contributing to the leadership and process development program of EMS through his teaching. He feels car-

diac care is his forte and he works to keep himself and others up to date with the latest changes in cardiac treatment. He also enjoys being able to share many real-life trauma stories with others, especially ones that have been real medical puzzles.

Turpen and his wife have five children, ranging in age from 23 to 5 (twins). In his spare time, Turpen is active in the Boy Scouts of America and is currently a Scoutmaster and founder of Troop 310. Even though retirement is about 15 years away, Turpen says he's already thinking about his next endeavor – possibly becoming a Lutheran pastor.

"For me, it's all about helping people," he said.

Holiday World receives 'storm ready' designation

Holiday World, in Santa Claus, Indiana, has received a "Storm Ready" designation from the National Weather Service.

This designation is in recognition of Holiday World's work and dedication to making the park a safe place to be during a storm.

Park President Matt Eckertt says they've added weather monitoring equipment, storm shelters and back-up generators. In addition, Eckertt says the Holiday World staff has taken storm-spotting courses.

"I think it's great that we are the only theme park within a four-

state radius of the National Weather Service of Paducah," said Eckertt. "To be the only theme park in the region to have that designation, that means a lot. And I think it just goes to show we really take safety seriously."



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Indiana to participate in Vibrant Response Exercise 2014

Indiana will be participating in what's slated to be the largest multi-agency exercise ever to occur in North America. The exercise, called Vibrant Response 2014, will involve about 10,000 military and civilian personnel from across the country taking part in a national-level exercise to respond to a simulated terrorist attack in the United States.

Participants will be located at Camp Atterbury, Muscatatuck and the Indiana Government Center in Indianapolis. The Indiana Government Center will be the hub for the Joint Information Center and the State Emergency Operation Center (EOC). The exercise is hosted by the U.S. Army North (Fifth Army), U.S. Northern Command's Joint Force Land Component Command.

Vibrant Response provides the

chance to exercise capabilities of responding to catastrophic events in major metropolitan areas. In a large scale disaster, many rely on military resources to support local and state needs. Knowing how to coordinate and understand the military capabilities is critical should a large event actually occur.

The training will include urban and aerial search and rescue missions, simulated decontamination operations, airlift, medical training and many other events.

Exercise participants for the state:

- Indiana Department of Homeland Security
- District Response Task Force 5
- Indiana Task Force 1

Federal participants:

- FEMA, Region V Regional and National Response Coordination Centers
- FEMA, Region V Incident Management Assistance Team
- FEMA, Denver Mobile Emergency Response Support
- Defense Coordinating Element, Region V
- Department of Energy
- National Technical Nuclear Forensic Team (FBI, DOE, USA, USAF)
- Health and Human Services
- Defense Threat Reduction Agency
- Environmental Protection Agency
- United States Department of Agriculture
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- Joint Requirements Office
- Ohio Task Force 1

New Legislation Effective July 1

July 1, 2014, marks the effective date of several new laws that affect the Indiana Department of Homeland Security and/or its partners. Below is a summary of provisions of several of them:

- **HEA 1009** – this requires a law enforcement officer to obtain a search warrant in order to use an unmanned aerial vehicle, with certain exceptions. The bill also contains other provisions relating to searches of

electronic forms of communication and may result in an interim study committee addressing those issues;

- **HEA 1121** – this provides for the inspector general to create a statewide code of conduct for administrative law judges (ALJ), allow agencies to share ALJs and to require ALJs be licensed to practice law in Indiana;
- **HEA 1301** – this, among other provisions, creates the office of

state building commissioner, who is appointed by the governor and has the duties and responsibilities of the state building law compliance officer. It requires the state building commissioner to issue a written interpretation of a building or fire safety law no later than 10 business days after the date of receiving a request. It allows a design release to be issued without a plan review under

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Don't Ignore the Warning Signs of Heart Disease

Indiana Department of Homeland Security Assistant State Fire Marshal Robert Johnson has a word of advice to offer anyone who will listen – “Don't ignore the warning signs.”

Johnson had a real medical scare late last year. In fact, it was right after he had accepted his new position with IDHS. He started exhibiting the warning signs of a heart attack.

“I knew something was wrong and, because of my years in emergency services, I even thought to myself that it could be heart-related,” Johnson said. “But then I told myself it wasn't anything because I had a physical every year, complete with blood work and stress tests, and nothing showed up.”

Johnson, who is 45 years old and very trim and in shape, finally made his way to the hospital, partially because his medical training kicked in and he started truly seeing the warning signs. Within hours, he had one stent inserted into a major artery, the one called the widow maker.

“Physically, I am doing very well,” he said. “I am on several different medications, I continue to work out and I'm eating smart. But, to be honest, I am still struggling with the mental part of it. I found out I am mortal. I have spent my life saving lives, helping

others. Now the shoe is on the other foot and it's hard.”

Johnson offers the following words of advice:

- Don't ignore the warning signs. Stay in tune with your body and don't rationalize away changes in how you feel;
- As medical services people and first responders, we must change the culture and rules of

engagement—don't wait to call a mayday if you start feeling like something is wrong; and

- Women need to stop delaying seeking treatment when they feel something might be wrong. Studies show women are less likely to seek medical attention for heart-related issues for fear of inconveniencing others.

Train Like You Fight Was Message for Fire/EMS Safety and Health Week

This year's International Fire/EMS Safety and Health Week (June 15–21) was dedicated to raising awareness of the health- and safety-related issues that are injuring and killing firefighters and other emergency responders.

In 2013, the number of firefighters who died in the line of duty rose—reversing a trend of declining numbers over the past few years. Injury rates do not appear to be declining, and long-term health and exposure issues continue to be an issue. To help combat these specific issues, the 2014 Fire/EMS Safety and Health Week provided a forum to discuss these issues at length and what can be done to mitigate or prevent them.

The theme for this year's Safety and Health Week—**Train Like You Fight**—was selected to reinforce and solidify the idea that it's an absolute necessity to make training a top priority to increase the health and safety of all responders.

The IAFC and the National Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC), both sponsors of Safety and Health Week, are encouraging all responders and agencies to focus training activities all year long around this year's theme, which focuses on two specific areas: 1) safety on the training ground to reduce training-related injuries and deaths; and 2) the importance of adequate training to prepare for safe fire-ground operations.

“Although it goes without saying, firefighters and other responders must make a lasting commitment to training,” said Indiana Department of Homeland Security Fire and EMS Training Director John Buckman. “**Train Like You Fight** is meant to reinforce the critical nature of training and how it relates to your overall health and safety.”

Buckman added that to make training complete, firefighters and other emergency responders must put more emphasis in things such as proper eating and nutrition, cancer prevention and cardiac conditioning. More information on cancer prevention will be coming in August.

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- specific circumstances, and established deadlines for the division to conduct plan reviews and provide notices and provides that, with certain exceptions, if the division fails to provide notice or complete plan review within the time required by statute, a design release must be issued without further review. It also requires the Fire Prevention and Building Safety Commission to establish objective criteria for certifying the competency of a city, town or county to perform plan reviews;
- **HEA 1336** – this requires the executive director of the Indiana Department of Homeland Security to appoint a state emergency medical services director to oversee all medical aspects of the state EMS system and the Emergency Medical Services Commission must approve or reject the appointment within 30 days or it is deemed approved. It also established the qualifications and duties for the EMS medical director;
 - **SEA 85** – this permits the Secured School Safety Board to award a matching grant for school resource officer training. It requires a school resource officer to be employed by a law enforcement agency or appointed as a police reserve officer or special deputy, or employed as a school corporation police officer.
 - **SEA 227** – this allows EMS certified or license personnel to administer an overdose intervention drug to a person suffering from an overdose and gives them tort immunity unless the act is grossly negligent or willful misconduct. It also requires the EMS Commission to establish standards for distribution, administration, use and training in the use of an overdose intervention drug.
 - **SEA 343** – this requires the EMS Commission to establish protocols for persons who provide emergency medical services to notify law enforcement when services have been provided to an individual who has attempted to commit suicide and who has indicated that the attempt was due, in part, to bullying; and
 - **SEA 387** – this eliminates the designation of the division of planning and assessment as the division within IDHS that disburses federal and state homeland security funds to the state and local governments. It transfers from the Indiana State Department of Health to the IDHS the authority to regulate specific radioactive materials.

ISDH, MESH Give Medical Personnel Training for Disasters

An Indiana Disaster Medicine course was recently held at various locations around the state.

The Indiana State Department of Health and the MESH Coalition, a public-private ensemble of emergency healthcare providers, sponsored the course.

The course was offered 12 times in counties across Indiana and was aimed at professionals interested

in volunteering as part of a medical assistance team in response to disasters. Participants received hands-on experiences in patient triage and treatment for injuries that would be sustained in a disaster.

Attendees had to provide proof of licensure or certification as a physician, physician assistant, registered nurse, nurse practitioner,

paramedic or emergency medical technician to participate.

MESH teaches and trains healthcare providers to respond effectively to an emergency event. It also allies private healthcare entities and governmental partners to maximize cooperation in the event of a disaster. To view other educational programs offered by MESH, visit <http://www.meshcoalition.org/training>.

Medals of Valor Presented to Three Firefighters

When firefighters Jerry Roush and Paul Stearns, from the Argos Fire Department, and Emery "Hap" Ferry, from the Tippecanoe Fire Department, arrived at a burning house, fire had control of the structure. They tried to get inside because they were told that someone was still in the home. The fire was overwhelming at the front door. They tried to gain access to the interior through the side door

and garage area, but were not successful. Then they looked through the window of the master bedroom. And there he was – Jason Oldham – down on the floor. They entered through the window. The bedroom was hot and starting to fill with smoke. They reached Oldham at the same time fire started to engulf the room.

Then the explosions started. First a television in the bedroom exploded from the heat. Then came more explosions, from significant



Three firefighters stand with the person they rescued as they receive medals of valor. They are (left to right): Tippecanoe Firefighter Emery "Hap" Ferry; fire victim Jason Oldham; Jerry Roush; and Paul Stearns, both from the Argos Fire Department.

amounts of ammunition stored in the home. Bourbon Fire Chief Brandon Chapman started yelling for Ferry, Roush and Stearns to hurry as fire now rolled across the ceiling and toward the window, their only way to escape. They quickly put Oldham on a backboard and lifted him through the window to other firefighters. He was transported to an area medical facility and did survive his injuries.

"There are no routine fires and

there are heroes among our ranks every day," said Indiana Department of Homeland Security Fire and EMS Training Director John Buckman, "but this one is a little different. This was the first fire for Stearns and he was instrumental in a rescue and a save. Right out of training and he saves a person. Removing the man was a physical challenge, fire was ripping into that room and things were exploding all around them. Stearns, along with his fellow fire-

fighters, overcame fear and apprehension and used their training for a successful outcome."

A grateful Oldham was on hand recently to help Buckman present Medals of Valor to Ferry, Roush and Stearns. Buckman said, "The importance of quality training to the standard and our 'Train Like You Fight' mentality certainly came into play with this fire and save."

IDHS Developing Tactical Medical Course for First Responders

Terrible acts of violence in schools, shopping centers and other public places seem to dominate the news on a weekly basis. With these violent acts taking place more frequently in a variety of settings, first responders need more train-

ing to help them handle a wide range of situations.

IDHS Emergency Medical Services/ Weapons of Mass Destruction Training Manager Josh Kreigh, and State Representatives Wendy McNamara and Ron Ba-

con recognized this need and recently spent a week participating in a Tactical Operational Medic Support Course in Houston, Texas. Instructors from the Cypress Creek Tactical Medic Team

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Tips for Staying Safe in the Heat

When meteorologists use terms like “extreme heat” or “excessive heat,” they mean more than just discomfort from hot weather. These terms indicate a level of high temperature and high humidity, a potentially dangerous combination.

The term “heat index” is a number in degrees Fahrenheit that indicates how hot it actually feels outside, when relative humidity is added to the air temperature. So when the temperature is 90 degrees, it may feel like it’s five or 10 degrees hotter, depending on humid conditions. Because heat index values were derived for shady, light wind conditions, exposure to full sunshine can increase heat index values by up to 15 degrees.

So what should we do to protect ourselves from the heat? Water. Rest. Shade. That’s the mantra for anyone working outdoors in the heat. Heat illnesses and deaths are preventable. Learn the signs of heat illness. Drink water every 15 minutes even if not thirsty.

Symptoms of Heat Stroke

The hallmark symptom of heat stroke is a core body temperature above 105 degrees Fahrenheit. But fainting may be the first sign.

Other symptoms may include:

- Throbbing headache
- Dizziness and lightheadedness
- Lack of sweating despite the heat

- Red, hot, and dry skin
- Muscle weakness or cramps
- Nausea and vomiting
- Rapid heartbeat, which may be either strong or weak
- Rapid, shallow breathing
- Behavioral changes such as confusion, disorientation, or staggering
- Seizures
- Unconsciousness

Be aware of the weather, especially those first few really hot days of summer, in order to get used to it. And remember that some people are at greater risk than others. So, keep an eye on co-workers.

IDHS Leads Indiana’s Participation in Multi-State Exercise

The Indiana Department of Homeland Security (IDHS) led Indiana in the Central United States Earthquake Consortium’s (CUSEC) multi-state CAPSTONE-14 exercise. The exercise took place from June 16 through June 20.

The exercise simulated earthquakes along the New Madrid Fault Line and in the Wabash Valley Seismic Zone. For Indiana’s part, the Emergency Operations Center activated and facilitated coordination with

other state agencies to address simulated issues.

Not only did CAPSTONE-14 assess response and recovery capabilities both nationally and regionally, it built off lessons learned during the New Madrid Seismic Zone Catastrophic Planning Project and National Level Exercise 2011 (NLE11) and completed the full planning, training, and exercise cycle, while serving as a regional and national model to the emergency management community. The exercise took

three years to coordinate. The primary focus areas of CAPSTONE-14 included:

- Regional Communications
- Regional Situational Awareness
- Regional Transportation
- Private Sector Integration
- Regional Resource Management
- Regional Defense Support of Civil Authorities

An objective of CAPSTONE-14 was to practice recovery efforts that would take place following

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District 1 Participates in Operation Exodus

District 1 recently participated in a full-scale exercise that was based on a scenario where Indiana would have to handle a large amount of evacuees from Chicago. The exercise, called Operation Exodus, was held May 28 at Valparaiso University in Porter County.

Operation Exodus was made possible by a grant awarded to 10 of the largest cities in the U.S. to do regional planning in the event of a catastrophic event. One of the plans included identifying a Regional Hub Reception Center, which took about two years to complete. District 1 has been planning with Illinois and Wisconsin since 2008 through the Regional Catastrophic Planning Team.

The main objectives of the exercise were to utilize the National Mass Evacuation Tracking System and process where evacuees would go after check-in. The Hub plan was tested, as well.

After the exercise, FEMA Region V Rep. William Wooten told the group that FEMA was once again very pleased to see how District 1

came together and worked with so many agencies, from locals to task force to COAD (Community Organizations Active in Disaster) to



Alijah Hunter, Michigan City Animal Control (standing), reviews evacuation plans during Operation Exodus with Micah Bell, District Public Information Officer and National Parks Service employee.

private sector organizations. He said that if all the groups can come together for a regional exercise such as this, the districts will have no problem working together and supporting one another during a local event.

“The Regional Catastrophic Planning was large scale, but it made the locals confident to know they can rely on one another during local and multi-county events,” said Angela Cloutier, IDHS District 1 Coordinator. “In fact, Porter County had a gas leak and resulting evacuation about two weeks after Operation Exodus and we spoke of how we had just practiced evacuating a lot more folks than this!”

Agencies that participated in Operation Exodus included: District 1 Incident Management Team, Indiana Department of Homeland Security, Northwest Indiana COAD, American Red Cross, Salvation Army, United Way, District 1 Mental Health and Comfort Dogs, fire departments, Emergency Medical Services, Emergency Management Agencies from four counties, Valparaiso University, Indiana Board of Animal Health and the District 1 Hospital Group. FEMA was also at the exercise.

Registration Now Open for Juvenile Firesetters Prevention Conference

Registration is now open for the annual conference to prevent juveniles from setting fires. The Juvenile Firesetters Prevention Conference, set for August 7, 2014, at the Northeast Indiana Public

Safety Academy/Ivy Tech Campus South, Fort Wayne. The conference is sponsored by the Allen County Juvenile Firesetters Task Force and the Fort Wayne Fire Department.

The theme for this year’s conference is “The Impact of Social Media and Multiple Sides of Juvenile Firesetting.”

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Tactical Medical Course for First Responders *(continued from page 6)*

taught law enforcement, firefighters, and EMS personnel advanced medic skills in high-risk situations, such as active shooters.

“Across the state, there were many EMTs who received ‘tactical emergency medicine’ training but could not properly utilize these skills in certain critical, sometimes violent situations,” said Rep. McNamara. “In 2013, I authored a law which permits trained EMTs to use their skills in order to prevent lives from being lost. The training our first responders receive is extremely important, and they should not be discouraged from using it, especially when it

could save someone’s life.”

Kreigh is now using the experience to develop a similar course here in Indiana. Representative Bacon said starting this kind of training in Indiana will help strengthen our communities. The course must be approved first by the Indiana Emergency Medical Services Commission. Kreigh said he hopes to have it submitted to the commission by the end of the year.

“When an emergency occurs and lives are at risk, it is essential that law enforcement, EMTs and paramedics are able to respond immediately to any situation, which

requires considerable training,” said Rep. Bacon. “In Houston, I was able to see firsthand the type of tactical medical emergency training that many first responders across our state have received, and I am confident that that training has better prepared them to safely and effectively respond to these emergencies, which might just save a life. In 2011, officers at the Evansville Police Department also attended this training and began to implement some of the concepts there, so being able to see what they went through only made me respect them more.”

Registration Now Open for Juvenile Firesetters Prevention Conference *(continued from page 8)*

Juvenile firesetting is a devastating, costly and sometimes deadly problem that affects every community in the United States. When causes of fires are undetermined and then young people never receive the needed treatment or understand the consequences of their actions. Fort Wayne Fire Department Captain Dave Meadows says this conference will focus on the significant impact current social media use and the constant exposure to the virtual world has on juveniles.

At this year’s conference, participants will:

- Understand the current state of social media among children and teens;
- Explore how virtual media has implications for learning, particularly as it relates to delinquency and firesetting;
- See specific examples of social media use by juvenile firesetters;
- Learn how to combat juvenile firesetting;

- Examine specific cases of juvenile firesetting behavior and investigate these cases based on typology of firesetting; and
- Learn examples of therapeutic and intervention strategies.

Registration is \$60 and includes six Continuing Education Credits/ Professional Learning Units. For online registration, visit www.signmeup.com/101108.

EMSC Day Health Care Hero Award Winners Announced

May 21 was national Emergency Medical Services for Children Day. To honor health care providers, public safety workers, and community leaders statewide, Indiana Emergency Medical Services for Children hosted the 3rd annual Health Care Heroes breakfast. At the breakfast, several individuals were honored with a Health Care Hero Award, given for excellent care to children. The winners of the award were the following:

- Robin Costley, Certified Asthma Educator for Marion County Public Health Department and Coalition Manager for the Asthma Alliance of Indianapolis – nominated by Rae Wallis, RN MSN, for her work with the children of Marion County with asthma.
- Bobbi Byrne, MD, Associate Professor of Pediatrics at IU School of Medicine – nominated by Stephanie Fahner, RN BSN, for her dedication to the care of neonates and newborns, and the education of those who care for them.
- Rena Wheeler, Assistant Fire Rescue Teacher at Arsenal Tech High School – nominated by Gretchen Huffman, RN, EMT-P, MBA, for her work with IPS students and instruction of fire scenarios.
- John Pasley, Chief of Training for the Plymouth Fire Department – nominated by James Budd for starting the Riley's Gear Run at the Blueberry Festival and raising more than \$11,000 for Riley Hospital for Children.
- Paramedic Ryan Sexton, Lt. Doug Lathery, EMT Brad Joyce, EMT Scott Johnson, and EMT Michael Grant, Decatur Township Fire Department (Engine 74 and Medic 74) – nominated by Mike Kaufman for their response and treatment of a young female experiencing trouble breathing and an elevated heart rate.
- Troy Fettingner, Fishers police officer – nominated by Jolene Bracale for his efforts in saving the life of a boy who collapsed during a basketball game.
- Elizabeth Weinstein, MD, Director of IEMSC and Assistant Professor of Clinical Emergency Medicine and Pediatrics at IU School of Medicine – nominated by Jennifer Walthall, MD MPH, for her work with IEMSC and the development of community outreach for the care of children.

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an earthquake. The State of Indiana is focused on the Housing Recovery Support Function to address post-disaster housing issues and to facilitate delivery of resources to local governments for reconstruction.

Indiana is one of eight states that participated in the exercise in addition to Alabama, Arkansas, Illinois, Kentucky, Mississippi,

Missouri and Tennessee.

In addition to IDHS, other agencies involved were: American Red Cross, Board of Animal Health, Family and Social Services, Indiana Department of Transportation, Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority, Indiana National Guard, Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs, Indi-

ana Public Safety Commission, Indiana State Department of Health, Indiana Volunteers Active in Disaster, Salvation Army and United Way.

CUSEC is a multi-state partnership focused on response, recovery, public education, mitigation and research associated with earthquake preparedness among its member states.

Nominations Open for Lacy E. Suiter Distinguished Service Award

August 1, 2014, is the deadline for nominations for the Lacy E. Suiter Distinguished Service Award, presented each year by the National Emergency Management Association.

This award is presented to an individual who has made cumulative outstanding contributions directly to emergency management preparedness, mitigation, response or recovery at a local, state, regional or national level. These career accomplishments in emergency management should be of unusual merit. The Distinguished Service Award will be

presented in conjunction with the NEMA 2014 Annual Forum in Atlanta, GA on Saturday, October 11, 2014.

The NEMA Board of Directors, Past Presidents Committee and prior recipients serve as the selection group. They require information on specific activities and accomplishments of the nominee rather than general background. Self-nominations will not be accepted. Nominations should include a one-page summary of those accomplishments or activities.

A completed nomination form and one-page summary should be sent to:

Lacy E. Suiter Distinguished Service Award

c/o National Emergency Management Association

PO Box 11910

Lexington, KY 40578

The nomination form can be downloaded by visiting www.nemaweb.org and clicking on the **About NEMA** tab.

For questions, call 859-244-8233.

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