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Celebrating Excellence as 13 Programs Achieve Emergency Management Accreditation

FALLS CHURCH, VA. – We are excited to recognize the following emergency management programs have achieved accreditation by the Emergency Management Accreditation Program (EMAP): Seminole County, FL; Missouri; Williamson County, TN; Houston, TX; New York; Tennessee; Chester County, PA; Florida International University; Orange County, CA; El Paso, TX; St. Petersburg, FL; U.S. Virgin Islands; and District of Columbia.

“Congratulations to all of the programs that have recently received EMAP accreditation and those that have maintained their accreditation status. We commend their dedication to their communities and stakeholders and their commitment to excellence,” stated Angee Morgan, Deputy Director of the Kansas Division of Emergency Management and EMAP Commission Chair.

EMAP accreditation is a high honor awarded to emergency management programs that showcase their compliance with the *Emergency Management Standard* certified by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI). This achievement complies with EMAP’s mission to build safer communities through credible standards of excellence. These programs demonstrate accountability and continually identify areas for improvement to ensure they are prepared for any disaster – whether natural or technical.

Accreditation is achieved by a comprehensive evaluation process that includes self-assessment, documentation, and peer review to confirm the program’s alignment with the *Emergency Management Standard*. The *Standard* serves as a tool for those seeking to enhance their disaster preparedness and response systems. Accreditation is valid for five years. Programs must maintain compliance and undergo reassessments to retain their accredited status.

For programs earning consecutive accreditation, this achievement is not just a one-time success but a continuous commitment. This ongoing dedication proves that the program continues to adhere to the high standards set by the *Emergency Management Standard*.

EMAP’s goal is to transform emergency management programs. These programs must collaborate with various agencies, personnel, and resources to achieve success in the accreditation process. The *Emergency Management Standard* is designed for programs of all sizes, populations, risks, and resources to use as a blueprint for improvement and compliance. It evaluates 17 key areas, including planning, resource management, training, communication, and administration.

EMAP remains the foundation of the nation’s emergency preparedness system, as it is the sole accreditation process for emergency management programs.

For more information and to view the complete list of accredited programs, please visit emap.org.