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Honoring Excellence in Emergency Management: Two Programs Accredited

FALLS CHURCH, VA. – The Emergency Management Accreditation Program (EMAP) is thrilled to recognize the following emergency management programs that have achieved accreditation: Anchorage, Alaska and the State of Louisiana.

"We congratulate these Programs on achieving EMAP accreditation—an accomplishment that reflects not only their dedication to preparedness and coordination, but also their commitment to continuous improvement," said Jody Ferguson, Chair of the EMAP Commission and former Director of Pierce County, Washington Emergency Management. "By meeting rigorous national standards, these Programs demonstrate strong leadership and an unwavering commitment to the communities and stakeholders they serve."

EMAP accreditation is a high honor awarded to emergency management programs and urban search and rescue task forces 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. EMAP accreditation is not only an achievement, but a promise – a promise to maintain the highest level of service and readiness for the communities these programs serve.

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.

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* are designed for Programs of all sizes, populations, risks, and resources to use as a blueprint for improvement and compliance. The Standard provides a comprehensive framework for evaluating program capabilities, governance, planning, resource management, training, communications, administration, and operational readiness within its respective discipline.

EMAP remains the foundation of the nation's emergency preparedness system, as it is the sole accreditation process for emergency management programs and urban search and rescue task forces.

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