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Christopher B. Coleman, Mayor
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Mayor Coleman:

On behalf of the EMAP Commission, I am pleased to inform you that the emergency management program of the City of Saint Paul has been granted full accreditation by the Emergency Management Accreditation Program (EMAP). Upon recommendation by the Program Review Committee, the EMAP Commission voted on the City of Saint Paul's accreditation at its meeting on April 27, 2017.

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Emergency management accreditation represents a significant achievement. The City of Saint Paul is commended for the work accomplished to achieve compliance with industry standards. To achieve accreditation, your program, which includes many agencies and individuals within the program, took steps to document compliance with sixty-four industry-recognized standards and a peer-review on-site assessment by a team of EMAP trained assessors.

Accreditation recognizes the ability of programs to bring together personnel, resources, and communications from a variety of agencies and organizations in preparation for and in response to a disaster of any type. We applaud the City of Saint Paul's leadership and congratulate you on your commitment to achieve accreditation. More importantly, we recognize the dedication to the safety and security of the residents that it represents.

Attached for your use is a news release regarding this noble achievement. In the coming weeks, EMAP will provide a plaque recognizing City of Saint Paul's accredited status. If the EMAP personnel or I can be of assistance or provide more information, please contact us.

Respectfully,

Robie Robinson
Chairperson, EMAP Commission

Cc: Kristin Beckmann, Deputy Mayor; **Richard Larkin, Director, Emergency Management;** Terrance A. Sieben, Emergency Management Coordinator, Emergency Management; and Ben Petok, Senior Communications Advisor.

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Highest Honor for Emergency Management Awarded to Seventeen Programs

Jacksonville, FL. – Congratulations to the following Emergency Management Programs that have earned Accreditation by the Emergency Management Accreditation Program (EMAP): Osceola County, FL; Sumter County, FL.; St. Paul, MN.; United States Army Corp of Engineers(USACE) Mississippi Valley Division; USACE Mobile District; USACE New Orleans District; USACE Louisville District; Shelby County, TN.; and King County, WA. In addition, Alabama, California, Colorado, Utah, San Diego County, CA., Springfield-Greene County, MO., Austin, TX., and Miami-Dade County, FL. have achieved reaccreditation.

“Congratulations to those programs that have maintained their Accredited status as well as those who have joined the elite leaders in emergency management having earned Accreditation through the Emergency Management Accreditation Program. Through their commitment and leadership, they have proven to their communities and stakeholders that their Programs are sustainable and that they continue to focus on their communities’ best interests,” stated Robie Robinson, Executive Director of Public Safety, University of Tennessee-Chattanooga and the EMAP Commission Chair.

Providing emergency management programs the opportunity to be evaluated and recognized for compliance with standards certified by the American National Standard Institute (ANSI) and recognized by the industry complies with the EMAP’s mission to build safer communities through credible standards of excellence. These programs demonstrate accountability and focus attention on areas and issues where resources are needed to heighten their preparedness efforts to any technical or natural disaster that may affect their communities.

To achieve Accreditation, Applicants must demonstrate through Self-Assessment, documentation and peer assessment verification that its Program meets the *Emergency Management Standard*. The Program uses the Accreditation to prove the capabilities of their disaster preparedness and response systems. Accreditation is valid for five years and the program must maintain compliance with the *Emergency Management Standard* and is reassessed to maintain Accredited status.

For those programs that were undergoing the process multiple times, this accreditation achievement proves just as significant. By maintaining their Accredited status throughout the years, these Programs prove that they adhere to the *Emergency Management Standard*, and successfully maintain Accreditation status to achieve reaccreditation this year.

EMAP revolutionizes emergency management programs that coordinate preparedness and response activities for disasters based on standards. EMAP recognizes the ability of emergency management programs to bring together personnel, resources and communications from a variety of agencies and organizations in preparation for and in response to an emergency, in addition to obtaining the ability to measure those capabilities. The *Emergency Management Standard* is flexible in design so that programs of differing sizes, populations, risks and resources can use it as a blueprint for improvement and can attain compliance with those standards in an accreditation process. The Accreditation process evaluates emergency management programs on compliance with requirements in sixteen areas, including: planning; resource management; training; exercises, evaluations, and corrective actions; communications and warning; and administration. This forms the foundation of the nation’s emergency preparedness system. EMAP is the only Accreditation process for emergency management programs.

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