



FEMA Director Craig Fugate Joins in Recognizing Contributions of Rx Response



Editor's Note: Rx Response is pleased to share this brief story about the recognition Rx Response recently received from FEMA Director Craig Fugate and the International Association of Emergency Managers. As Rx Response continues to gain recognition as a vital public health and emergency management resource, we wanted to thank our colleagues in public health and emergency management whose partnership with Rx Response has made our success possible. We look forward to continuing our work together to help build America's resilience in the face of natural or manmade disasters.

< Erin Mullen, R.Ph., Ph.D., Director of Rx Response (center), accepts the International Association of Emergency Managers' (IAEM) Partners in Preparedness Certificate of Recognition at IAEM's recent annual conference in San Antonio, TX. Joining Mullen was IAEM-USA President Pamela L'Heureux, CEM (left) and FEMA Administrator Craig Fugate (right).

Recognizing Rx Response's growing reputation as a vital national security asset, the International Association of Emergency Managers recently awarded Rx Response with one of only two national **Partners in Preparedness Certificate of Recognitions** as part of its 2010 Awards program.

The **Certificate of Recognition** acknowledges excellence throughout the emergency management and public health community. Rx Response was nominated for the 2010 IAEM-USA Partners in Preparedness Award, which recognizes programs or processes that demonstrate innovative, multi-participant involvement between governmental entities and private sector businesses, non-governmental organizations/non-profits, or individuals. To win an award or receive a Certificate of Recognition, an organization must demonstrate effective and efficient incident management, emergency management or homeland security processes.

In the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, the bio-pharmaceutical supply sector came together with the realization that a critical factor in preserving and protecting public health was ensuring continued access to essential medicines – for treatment of injury or illness caused by the hurricane, as well as continued supply of essential day-to-day medicines. With this in mind, the Rx Response coalition was built to help ensure the continued flow of medicine to patients during a severe natural disaster, large-scale terrorist attack or an influenza pandemic. Rx Response partners and stakeholders include private and public sector organizations that encompass the entire bio-pharmaceutical supply chain.

"We're very proud to be honored by the IAEM with a **Partners in Preparedness Certificate of Recognition**," said Rx Response Director Erin Mullen. "This award demonstrates that our professional peers recognize the important contribution Rx Response is making in enhancing disaster resiliency in the United States."

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