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## **LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGERS EARN HIGHEST CREDENTIAL**

Brier, WA – The Emergency Services Coordinating Agency is now one of the first emergency management agencies in the nation - and the only one in Washington State - to have all professional staff members earn the Certified Emergency Manager (CEM) credential. The CEM credential, awarded by the International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM) is the highest level of professional achievement in emergency management.

To earn this prestigious title, the IAEM CEM Commission, a panel of nineteen distinguished emergency management professionals reviews an extensive application package. The qualifications include years of experience, professional references, a written test, advanced emergency management training and education, and significant contributions to the emergency management profession.

There are presently 1,358 Certified Emergency Managers in the nation and throughout the world. The Certified Emergency Managers are ESCA Director, Lyn Gross, CEM 1993, Coordinator Chandra Fox, CEM 2007, Coordinator Jamie Gravelle, CEM 2008, and Coordinator Daniel Good, CEM 2009.

“I understand that a designation as Certified Emergency Manager is the highest degree of professional achievement in the field of emergency management, and I applaud your outstanding accomplishments,” Congressman Jay Inslee, 1<sup>st</sup> Congressional District, said. “This realization will augment the agency’s level of emergency preparedness, making our community safer in a time of crisis.”

(Director’s quote: Recommend answer the question: Why this is important to the public?)

The Emergency Services Coordinating Agency is a local government emergency management organization that provides disaster preparedness, mitigation, response and recovery support to the cities of Brier, Edmonds, Kenmore, Lake Forest Park, Lynnwood, Mill Creek, Mountlake Terrace, Mukilteo, Woodinville, and the Town of Woodway.

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