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Title	CESA-Southern Chapter (CESA-SC) Awards Committee Policy	Date Created 12/11/13
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Purpose	The purpose of this policy is to provide a fair and equitable manner to recognize performance programs and service of individuals and organizations in Emergency Management within Southern California.	

Section The CESA Southern Chapter Board adopted the following Policy:

- 1.0 Background: In accordance with the goals previously established, the Committee has developed user-friendly, objective selection criteria and evaluation procedures; a time line; nomination eligibility policy; award categories which correspond to the CESA awards; and, design of awards using the CESA-SC logo.

- 2.0 Objectives: Recognize performance, programs and service of individuals and organizations in Emergency Management in Southern California in a fair and equitable manner (without discrimination based on age, sex, race, color, national origin, religious creed, disability, marital status, sexual orientation, or gender identity) by honoring them with the CESA-SC awards.

- 3.0 CESA-Southern Chapter Awards:
 - President’s Award – This is the highest award given by CESA-Southern Chapter. This award is presented to a Southern Chapter member for exceptional meritorious service to the organization. One award may be presented annually.
 - Diamond Award – This award is presented to an individual, agency or organization for outstanding service in the field of emergency management. This award is open to Southern Chapter and non-Southern Chapter members. The Diamond Award may be presented annually.
 - Crystal Award – This award will be presented to an individual from the private and public sector that is a current or past CESA-SC member that has made significant professional contributions to the CESA-SC organization. This award may be presented in the name of any active CESA-SC member or in memoriam of a past member as a part of the annual awards ceremony or at other times of the year as recommended and approved by the CESA-SC Board (i.e., at retirement or memorial events.)
 - Silver Awards (up to four Silver Awards may be presented per year in any

combination):

- Private Sector Awards – This award is presented to organizations, agencies or individuals in the private, nonprofit and volunteer sector who have demonstrated exceptional efforts in the field of emergency preparedness, emergency services or emergency response.
- Public Sector Awards – This award will be presented to organizations or individuals in the public sector who have demonstrated efforts in the field of emergency preparedness, emergency services or emergency response.
- Certificates of Recognition – A certificate is presented to an individual, agency or organization in recognition of their earned the respect and esteem from the emergency management community for a project implemented and submitted for an Award consideration.
- Board Member Recognition- This award will be presented to an outgoing Board of Director in accordance with the Chapter Board Recognition Policy SCB 7.
- Special Recognition –This award will be presented in the event CESA-SC receives an award nomination that falls outside of the scope of the award categories listed above; however, still is worthy of receiving recognition. Upon approval from the Board, the Awards Committee has the discretion to present a Special Recognition Award.

4.0 Chapter Submissions: Each Chapter Board is responsible for submitting awards for consideration to the Association Board. At the Association Board meeting conducted prior to the Annual Meeting, each Chapter President (or designee) will submit their awards nominations for Association-level consideration. Should the State not choose the nomination, CESA-SC can recognize the nominee.

5.0 CESA State Awards:

- The Senator Nicholas C. Petris Award – In honor of the memory of Senator Nicholas C. Petris and his great life work and contribution in support of emergency management. This award is presented to an organization or individual for outstanding service in the field of emergency management. This award is the highest level of recognition from the organization. (No maximum award limit has been placed on this category.)
- President’s Award – This award is voted on by all Directors of the Association Board – not solely the President. The award is to be presented for outstanding contributions to the CESA Organization. It should be awarded to a member of the organization unless otherwise justified. (No maximum award limit has been placed on this category.)
- Gold Awards (Up to four Gold Awards may be presented per year in any combination)
 - Private Sector Awards – Awards issued from this category will be awarded to private sector organizations or individuals who have shown exceptional efforts in the field of emergency management. Can be issued for preparedness efforts or other emergency management efforts resulting in benefits statewide. Not limited to members.
 - Public Sector Awards – Awards issued from this category will be awarded to public sector organizations or individuals who have shown exceptional efforts in the field of emergency management. Can be issued for preparedness efforts or other emergency management efforts resulting in benefits statewide. Not limited to members.

- Emerald Award – This award will be presented in appreciation to an individual from the private or public sector that is a current or past CESA member that has made significant professional contributions to the CESA organization and the emergency management field. This award may be presented in the name of any active CESA member or in memoriam of a past member as a part of the annual awards ceremony or at other times of the year as recommended and approved by the CESA Board (i.e., a retirement or memorial events.)
- Exceptional Service Award – This award is presented to an individual or organization (public, private or non-profit) for exceptional duties performed during response and/or recovery to an emergency incident during the past year. This award should be used to recognize events with multiple personnel who responded to an incident jointly, where performance of their expected duties was performed, but recognition should be provided for the response to the event (example: large, complex earthquake).
- Special Recognition Awards – The Association Board may also create Special Recognition Awards for unique contributions.
- Honorary Life Member(ship) – Recommendations can be made by the Chapter Boards to the Association Board at any time during the year to honor a CESA member who has provided outstanding contributions to both the CESA Organization and the field of emergency management. This award may be presented at any time during the year at the discretion of the Association Board.

6.0 Timeline:

The CESA-SC Awards “Season” begins approximately 6 months prior to the annual CESA Conference.

The Awards Season includes:

- Invitation to the CESA membership to submit nominations
- CESA-SC Board approves award nominations and forwards recommendations for State Award consideration
- State Board establishes state level awards
- CESA-SC Award presentation at the CESA-SC Annual meeting, Program and Awards
- CESA Conference – State Awards presented

7.0 For CESA-SC Chapter Awards, the CESA-SC Awards committee will recommend the standard design of various awards and cost estimates for approval by the CESA-SC Board.