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### **OHIO EMERGENCY MANAGER ELECTED TO NATIONAL POST**

(PHOENIX, AZ) – Delegates to the 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference of the International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM) today elected Allen County (Ohio) Homeland Security and Emergency Management director, Russell J. Decker as President of IAEM Region V.

As regional president, Decker also will serve on the 18-member national Board of Directors of IAEM.

Region V represents emergency managers and homeland security professionals from the states of Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio and Wisconsin. IAEM is a professional association representing more than 3,000 emergency management and homeland security professionals from local communities, state and federal disaster officials, private sector, non-governmental organizations and others involved in preparing for, responding to, and recovering from all types of disasters.

Decker has served as the local emergency manager for Allen County, Ohio since 1998. He holds a Master of Science degree from Tiffin University with undergraduate studies at The Ohio State University and the University of Northwestern Ohio. He served as president of the Emergency Management Association of Ohio from 2002 to 2003. He received his designation as a Certified Emergency Manager (CEM) in 2003. He resides with his wife, Anne, in Lima, Ohio.

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