

## Request for City Council Action

**Date: October 20, 2015**

<b>Agenda Section:</b>	<b>Originating Department:</b>
<b>No.</b>	Fire/OEM
<b>Item:</b> Presentation of IPEM Plaque to OEM Coordinator/Fire Captain Mike Hertz	<b>Approved:</b>
<b>No. 2.1</b>	

**Background:**

The Illinois Professional Emergency Manager (IPEM) is the highest achievable emergency management accreditation in Illinois for those wishing to demonstrate competency in the field. The Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA) and Illinois Emergency Services Management Association (IESMA) developed a program of specialized training to provide emergency managers with the skills and tools necessary to not only succeed, but to excel in the total process of emergency management. This comprehensive certification requires completion of the IEMA Professional Development Series, twelve additional specified courses, twelve additional hours of approved training or sponsored conferences, four written essays, and a narrative detailing significant responsibility in an exercise. Accreditation is valid for three years before it must be renewed through validation of continuing education.

Office of Emergency Management Coordinator/Fire Captain Mike Hertz is the first coordinator of the OEM in the city's history to achieve this accreditation. This was not a requirement but something he chose to pursue on his own. Coordinator/Captain Hertz maintains a high degree of professionalism and his knowledge and dedication is an asset to the City of Carbondale.

We present this plaque to OEM Coordinator/Fire Captain Mike Hertz in recognition of his accreditation as an Illinois Professional Emergency Manager.

Engineering Approval Obtained	Finance Approval Obtained	Legal Approval Obtained	Approval Obtained	Manager's Approval Obtained
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Council Action: Motion by \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd by \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_