

## **Public-Private Partnership Award Virginia Emergency Management Association**

### **Background:**

Mr. Clarence "Pete" Rea, Jr., a Past President of VEMA, died on Tuesday April 27, 2010. He had served the City of Danville as an employee for over 43 years. Mr. Rea was well respected within the emergency management community. He was VEMA President in 1969 and his leadership helped lay the cornerstone to create the VEMA Association.

In 1993, Pete was honored with two awards at the Virginia Emergency Management Annual meeting. First, he received the 4th annual "Warren E. Trent Individual Achievement Award" for excellence and dedication to the Emergency Management profession in the Commonwealth of Virginia and was presented a framed Resolution recognizing 40 years of dedicated service to the City of Danville and for being "one of the most active and contributing members that the Virginia Emergency Management Association has ever had the privilege of calling a member." Second, he was honored by having a perpetual award named for him, which will be presented each year, in the name of "Clarence P. Rea., Jr." to an organization that shows excellence in Emergency Services and has made a dedicated contribution in VA Emergency Management." (Danville Register & Bee, April 29, 2010).

### **Purpose:**

This award recognizes an organization from the private or non-profit sector that has made a substantial contribution above and beyond contractual expectations to Emergency Management and/or the Association.