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in public safety communications

CATEGORY CRITERIA

Best Use of Technology in a Disaster (Team or Organisation)

This Award is focussed on one large scale incident that affected public safety, anywhere in the world. The term 'disaster' is deliberately used. It may be something immediate or that developed over time and is longer lasting. The judges will be looking for examples of the innovative use of information technology in managing people, resources and/or data in disaster response, recovery and/or preparedness.

ELGIBILITY

- The nominator does not need to be a current BAPCO member.
- Membership of BAPCO is not a requirement for the nominee.
- Nominees may be a team or an organisation.
- There does not need to be a formal relationship between nominator and nominee.

CRITERIA

In general, nominees will have used existing technology in an innovative way or implemented an innovative new technology to realise tangible results in disaster response, recovery and/or preparedness. "Technologies" can include any combination of hardware and/or application software, system software or development software. Specifically, the recipient will have demonstrated **one or more** of the following attributes:

- Made a demonstrable contribution to disaster management through the innovative use of technology.
- Introduced the use of a technology which has or has the potential to significantly reduce loss of life and hasten recovery efforts.
- Devised, developed and/or implemented innovation in the use of technology that can be readily replicated in future disaster resilience and/or risk reduction.
- Influenced the practice of disaster communications directly or indirectly at the national or international level.
- Facilitated improved collaboration between government, relief agencies, the private sector, the research community and/or assistance agencies.
- Judges will particularly look for an initiative that has transferability or addresses emerging challenges and opportunities and therefore has potential wider benefits if adopted elsewhere. They will also look for effective use of practices learned or adopted from sectors outside of public safety.

