

## **The Stanley Everett Crigger Humanitarian Award Virginia Emergency Management Association**

### **Background:**

Stanley Everett Crigger spent 19 years in emergency services. His career was in both local and state coordination. While at the state level, Stan responded to a countless number of disasters including floods, plane crashes and the Virginia Tech shooting in 2007. During these events, Stan stood alongside emergency managers to ensure they had what they needed to accomplish the task at hand. As well he offered the state resources which were available at his call.

Beside the work Stan did on the job to assist and aid the Commonwealth, he was a dedicated member of his home community. For many years Stan was the overseer for the New River Valley Fair. Stan also was a National Finalist in Team Roping Competition. Having a love for horses and the rodeo, Stan would train and assist many young men and women in the sport of horsemanship.

But Stan's commitment to his community was much deeper than the hobbies and activities he enjoyed. Stan was dedicated to those who were less fortunate than others and would often go above and beyond to care for those in need. During the 2009 snow storm that impacted much of Virginia, Stan assisted the local coordinators in making contact with motorists stranded on the interstate. Stan would go to his vehicle and take his personal stash of snack crackers and chips to the children in the stranded cars. Often Stan would be found providing meals or offering other assistance to strangers. Stan was a friend you could always count on.

### **Purpose:**

Award an individual presenting like qualities of care and compassion for their fellow man as Stan Crigger so devotedly showed during his 63 years of life. To recognize both Stan and the recipient for the assistance to those less fortunate as well as their care and contributions to those in their greatest time of need. To acknowledge that emergency management as a career is not simply the hours on the job but also includes time off the job.

### **Goal:**

Continue the legacy of Stan Crigger, who became known as "The Gentle Giant" among his co-workers, supervisor, citizens, and visitors to the Commonwealth of Virginia by recognizing a member of the emergency management community who has demonstrated the attributes of the true character of Stan. To bestow this award as a reminder to us all that life is short and we should make the most of it in everything we do. We should not judge people by the color of their skin, their religious preference, or the financial status but look beyond the exterior and see their hearts and respond accordingly.

### **Process:**

A nomination shall be made by a member in good standing of VEMA to the awards committee. The nominee shall be a member of VEMA. The nominee should have a minimum of five years of service in the emergency management field. The nominee will receive an invitation to attend the annual symposium and be a guest of the association for this presentation.

**Review criteria:**

Is the nominee a member of the association (10%)? Does the nominee have five or more years of service in the EM field (10%)? Does the nominee possess Stan like character and qualities (80%)?