



# Many wonderful, deserving individuals and groups have been honored in past years.

<b>The William J Patterson Lifetime Achievement Award</b>	<b>The James H. Meidl Instructor of the Year Award</b>	<b>The Continuing Challenge Medal of Valor</b>
2023 - Brad Long	2023 - Paul Andrews	2002 - FDNY Hazardous Materials Unit
2022 - James Tate	2022 No Award	
2021 Workshop Virtual, No Awards	2021 Workshop Virtual, No Awards	
2020 Workshop Cancelled, Covid-19	2020 Workshop Cancelled, Covid-19	
2019 - Charles Tobias Jr.	2019 - Julian Valenzuela	
2018 - Daniel Keenan	2018 - Todd Burton	
2017 - Jack Fry	2017 - Brad Haldeman	
2016 - Sonny Maguire	2016 - Randall "RW" Jones	
2015 - Rob Born Rich Martyn Nick Vent	2015 - Christopher Wrenn	
2014 - Lt. Col. Michael Sather, 95 <sup>th</sup> CST WMD	2014 - Jim Tate	
2013 - Vicky Furnish	2013 - Bill Wennhold	
2012 - Kelly Seitz, Santa Clara County FD	2012 - David Ofwono, First On Compliance	
2011 - James Zeigler, PhD	2011 - Paul Henlin	
2010 - Hildebrand & Noll Associates	2010 - Robert Hill	
2009 - Paul Deis	2009 - Nick Vent	
2008 - Michael Rohde	2008 - Jack Fry	
2007 - Michael Brady	2007 - Daniel K. Law	
2006 -	2006 - H. Dieter Heinz, PhD	
2005 - John R. Gustafson	2005 - Paul Deis	
2004 - Dale Foster	2004 - Jeff Paullus	
2003 - John Maleta	2003 - Matthew Krimsky	
2002 - Jim O'Dommell	2002 - Charlie Wright	
2001 - Dean Dysart	2001 - Michael Callan	
2000 - Gerald Gray	2000 - John Bowen	
1999 - Jan Dunbar	1999 - Maria Duazo & Dan Keenan	

**The Robert P. Turkington  
Innovation and Technology Award**

2023 – Mike Algots, Chuck Tobias, and  
Kevin Cullison

2022 No Award

2021 Workshop Virtual, No Awards

2020 Workshop Cancelled, Covid-19

2019 - The HazMat Guys; Bobby Salvesen  
and Mike Manaco

2018

2017- Safe Environment Engineering

2016 - Cal OES Fire & Rescue Branch  
Hazmat Section

2015 - Alex Kass

2014

2013 - Edwards & Cromwell Spill Control

2012 - Jerry Apodaca, Sacramento FD

2011

2010 - HazMat IQ, LLC

2009

2008

2007 - The Cameo Team of NOAA &  
USEPA

2006

2005 - San Diego County Department of  
Environmental Health

2004

2003

2002 - Johnathan Hall & LAPD HazMat  
Environmental Crimes Unit

2001

2000 - Carl Garbarino & Clyde Lansing

1999 - Tim Capehart

**The Leo K. Najarian  
Responder of the Year Award**

2023

2022 – Emergency Response Section USEPA  
Region IX

2021 Workshop Virtual, No Awards

2020 Workshop Cancelled, Covid-19

2019 - San Diego Regional HIRT  
San Diego County HIRT and SanDiego Fire  
Department HIRT

2018 - Dino Beitz

2017

2016- Michael Horn

2015

2014 - Todd Thalhamer

2013 - West, Texas Fire Department

2012 - Global Diving & Salvage, Inc.; Kyle  
Watson, Salvage Manager

2011 - San Bruno Fire & Police  
Departments

2010

2009 - Jeff Carmen

2008 - Charles Tobias

2007 - Carter Davis

2006 - United States Coast Guard

2005 - Los Angeles Police Department  
HazMat Unit

2004

2003 - Tom Bass

2002 - Arlington County Virginia Fire

2001 - Richard Martyn

2000 - Sonoma Valley HazMat Team

1999

**Special Recognition**

2010 - Tracy Gidel