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### **COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR RECEIVES PRESTIGIOUS AWARD**

#### **FROM THE KEYSTONE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION**

**(Nazareth, PA)** - Northampton County's Emergency Management Services Director, Robert Mateff, was awarded the Harry Robidoux Award for Excellence in Emergency Management on Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, during the Keystone Emergency Management Association (KEMA) dinner and award ceremony. The KEMA event is held each year in conjunction with the Pennsylvania State Annual Emergency Management Conference.

This prestigious honor is awarded to county emergency management coordinators who have been recognized by their peers for exemplary performance in carrying out the fundamental principles of the Emergency Management profession.

During the presentation of the award, Ed Atkins, President of KEMA, had this to say: "Many of us had the privilege of knowing Harry Robidoux. Harry believed in doing everything only one way. And that way was with excellence. The Harry Robidoux Memorial Award for Excellence in Emergency Management is given this year to a County Coordinator who has led his team through many challenging events as he strives everyday to improve his team and their municipal partners for the next disaster or event."

Mateff was named as Northampton County's Emergency Management Services Director in January 2008 following a reorganization of the Division. "We are very proud of Bob's accomplishments," said Northampton County Administrator John Conklin. "This administration has always prioritized public safety and we are honored that one of our own has been recognized as being one of the premier leaders in Emergency Management within the state of Pennsylvania."



Bob Mateff, pictured with KEMA President Ed Atkins (left) and Northampton County Administrator John Conklin (right), is quoted as saying:

"I am deeply honored to be considered for this award by the Keystone Emergency Management Association. We are doing some great things in Northampton County. We have a very dedicated and knowledgeable staff, a supportive administration, and a tireless network of first responders that are all working together to keep our residents and visitors safe."

More information on The Harry Robidoux Memorial Award for Excellence in Emergency Management or the Keystone Emergency Management Association can be found online by visiting [www.kema-pa.org](http://www.kema-pa.org).

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