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Plano's Homeland Security Team Reaches Full Certification

The City of Plano Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security reached another level of achievement recently as Mariah Armitage, emergency management specialist, received her designation as a Certified Emergency Manager (CEM) from the International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM). Mariah joins director Shane Stovall and assistant emergency management coordinator C.J. Howard, in making the entire Plano team of Emergency Managers certified.

Mariah is the newest member of this team, joining the Department on July 31, 2007. To achieve the CEM, Mariah submitted information on her extensive background and credentials in emergency management, along with an essay. She also successfully passed an intense written examination. Over the next five years, Mariah must continue to participate in a program of professional development to maintain her CEM.

The CEM is the highest professional achievement available from IAEM. Currently, only 637 individuals in the nation hold the CEM designation.

For more information on Plano's Emergency Management and Homeland Security Department and what your family can do to be prepared in an emergency visit www.plano.gov/Departments/Emergency+Management+and+Homeland+Security.

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