



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

**The William J Patterson
Lifetime Achievement Award**

2025 - Jack Hansen
2024 - Maria Duazo
2023 - Brad Long
2022 - James Tate
2021 - Workshop Virtual, No Awards
2020 - Workshop Cancelled, Covid-19
2019 - Charles Tobias Jr.
2018 - Daniel Keenan
2017 - Jack Fry
2016 - Sonny Maguire
2015 - Rob Born
Rich Martyn
Nick Vent
2014 - Lt. Col. Michael Sather, 95th CST
WMD
2013 - Vicky Furnish
2012 - Kelly Seitz, Santa Clara
County FD
2011 - James Zeigler, PhD
2010 - Hildebrand & Noll Associates
2009 - Paul Deis
2008 - Michael Rohde
2007 - Michael Brady
2006 - No Award
2005 - John R. Gustafson
2004 - Dale Foster
2003 - John Maleta
2002 - Jim O'Dommell
2001 - Dean Dysart
2000 - Gerald Gray
1999 - Jan Dunbar

**The James H. Meidl
Instructor of the Year Award**

2025 - Charles Tobias
2024 - Jay Joiner
2023 - Paul Andrews
2022 - No Award
2021 - Workshop Virtual, No Awards
2020 - Workshop Cancelled, Covid-19
2019 - Julian Valenzuela
2018 - Todd Burton
2017 - Brad Haldeman
2016 - Randall "RW" Jones
2015 - Christopher Wrenn
2014 - Jim Tate
2013 - Bill Wennhold
2012 - David Ofwono, First On
Compliance
2011 - Paul Henlin
2010 - Robert Hill
2009 - Nick Vent
2008 - Jack Fry
2007 - Daniel K. Law
2006 - H. Dieter Heinz, PhD
2005 - Paul Deis
2004 - Jeff Paullus
2003 - Matthew Krinsky
2002 - Charlie Wright
2001 - Michael Callan
2000 - John Bowen
1999 - Maria Duazo & Dan Keenan

**The Continuing
Challenge
Medal of Valor**

2002 - FDNY
Hazardous
Materials Unit

The Robert P. Turkington Innovation and Technology Award	The Leo K. Najarian Responder of the Year Award	Special Recognition
2025 - No Award	2025 – Chris Myers	2010 - Tracy Gidel
2024 - No Award	2024 – No Award	
2023 – Mike Algots, Chuck Tobias, and Kevin Cullison	2023 – No Award	
2022 - No Award	2022 – Emergency Response Section USEPA Region IX	
2021 - Workshop Virtual, No Awards	2021 – Workshop Virtual, No Awards	
2020 - Workshop Cancelled, Covid-19	2020 – Workshop Cancelled, Covid-19	
2019 - The HazMat Guys; Bobby Salvesen and Mike Manaco	2019 - San Diego Regional HIRT San Diego County HIRT and SanDiego Fire Department HIRT	
2018 No Award	2018 - Dino Beitz	
2017 – Safe Environment Engineering	2017 – No Award	
2016 - Cal OES Fire & Rescue Branch Hazmat Section	2016 – Michael Horn	
2015 - Alex Kass	2015 – No Award	
2014 – No Award	2014 - Todd Thalhamer	
2013 – Edwards & Cromwell Spill Control	2013 – West, Texas Fire Department	
2012 - Jerry Apodaca, Sacramento FD	2012 - Global Diving & Salvage, Inc.; Kyle Watson, Salvage Manager	
2011 – No Award	2011 - San Bruno Fire & Police Departments	
2010 - HazMat IQ, LLC	2010 – No Award	
2009 No Award	2009 - Jeff Carmen	
2008 – No Award	2008 - Charles Tobias	
2007 - The Cameo Team of NOAA & USEPA	2007 - Carter Davis	
2006 – No Award	2006 - United States Coast Guard	
2005 - San Diego County Department of Environmental Health	2005 - Los Angeles Police Department HazMat Unit	
2004 – No Award	2004 – No Award	
2003 – No Award	2003 - Tom Bass	
2002 - Johnathan Hall & LAPD HazMat Environmental Crimes Unit	2002 - Arlington County Virginia Fire	
2001 – No Award	2001 - Richard Martyn	
2000 - Carl Garbarino & Clyde Lansing	2000 - Sonoma Valley HazMat Team	
1999 - Tim Capehart	1999 – No Award	