

A banner for the 2010 Governor's Hurricane Conference. The text "2010 Governor's Hurricane Conference" and "May 23-28, 2010" is in a bold, dark red font. The background features a satellite map of Florida, a blue circular logo with a white arrow pointing up and the text "HURRICANE EVACUATION ROUTE", and a dramatic sky with lightning over the ocean.

**2010 Governor's Hurricane Conference**  
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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **24th ANNUAL GOVERNOR'S HURRICANE CONFERENCE HONORS AWARD RECIPIENTS**

*~ Recognized for contributions to Preparedness and Response Efforts for Florida's Residents ~*

FORT LAUDERDALE, FL– Governor Charlie Crist and participants at the 24th Annual Governor's Hurricane Conference gathered today at a luncheon in downtown Fort Lauderdale at the Greater Fort Lauderdale / Broward County Convention Center to honor 12 award recipients for their various contributions towards preparedness and response efforts during 2009, at both the state and local level.

**The Governor's Award** - presented to Major General Douglas Burnett, Adjutant General of Florida and Director of the Florida Department of Military Affairs for his tireless efforts in enhancing the readiness of the Florida National Guard and for ensuring its position as a role model in domestic response.

**The Distinguished Service Award** - presented to John Haven, University of Florida College of Veterinary Medicine for his significant contributions to the state disaster preparedness and response effort involving the rescue and care of large and small animals.

**The Lifetime Achievement Award** - presented posthumously to Frank Reddish, Former Infrastructure and Recovery Bureau Manager, Miami Dade Emergency Management for a career of unrelenting determination and for his dedication to disaster mitigation at the local, state and national levels.

**The Emergency Management Award** - presented to Rodney E. Andreasen, Director, Jackson County Emergency Management for his outstanding leadership, knowledge and vision in hurricane preparedness and mitigation.



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**The Corporate Award** - presented to Storm Smart Industries for its community minded efforts and financial support of hurricane preparedness for the citizens of South West Florida.

**The Dick Fletcher Media Award** - presented to Dr. Steve Lyons, Tropical Weather Expert, The Weather Channel for his unparalleled reporting and forecasting of tropical weather and his dedication to hurricane preparedness and mitigation for the citizens of the State of Florida.

**The First Responder Award** - presented to Captain Bradley Williams, Statewide Coordinator of Special Operations, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission for his 30 years of experience and conscientious leadership in enhancing response capability throughout Florida and the nation.

**The Public Education Award** - presented to Luiz Augusto O. Bisacchi, Planning Section Chief, Hillsborough County Public Works for his development of *Hurricane Pikachu*, an extraordinary emergency management educational exercise for elementary school students.

**The Public Information Award** - presented to Pinellas County Communications Department for the partnership development of *Hurricanes for Kids*, an educational campaign designed to inform and prepare children for hurricane safety.

**The Humanitarian Award** - presented to Compassion Alliance, Ocala, Florida for its conscientious efforts and cooperative spirit in working with and supporting relief efforts in the State of Florida.

**The Tropical Meteorology Award** – presented to Bart Hagemeyer, Meteorologist in Charge, National Weather Service Forecast Office, Melbourne, Florida for his exemplary management of weather forecasts, warnings and climate services for the citizens of East-Central Florida.

**Al Bragg Government Leadership Award** – presented to Wendell Taylor, County Manager, Glades County, Florida for his outstanding leadership.

For additional information about this year's conference, visit [www.flghc.org](http://www.flghc.org).

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