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Kelly Huston to Receive CAPIO's Prestigious Paul B. Clark Award

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SACRAMENTO, April 4, 2016 - The California Association of Public Information Officials (CAPIO) has awarded its highest individual honor, the Paul B. Clark Award, to **Kelly Huston**, deputy director of Crisis Communications & Public Affairs for the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services. The Paul B. Clark Award is presented to a public information official whose accomplishments have made a major contribution to the profession. The award will be presented on Wednesday, April 13 during the 2016 CAPIO Annual Conference being held April 11-14 in Lake Tahoe.

"Kelly is committed to excellence and integrity in all aspects of his career, and is incredibly deserving of this award," said CAPIO President C.L. Lopez. "He has a never-ending zest for learning and teaching communication skills and strategies, and has contributed tremendously to the profession and to CAPIO."

Previously, Huston served Governor Schwarzenegger as the Assistant Secretary of the California Emergency Management Agency. Prior to that, he held a variety of senior communications roles in local, regional and state government.

During Huston's more than two decade career in media and crisis communications, he has served as the face and voice of several high-profile criminal cases, disasters and controversies, including: the California drought, the 1997 flooding in northern California, the statewide wildfires in 2008, the murder trial of Scott Peterson, the disappearance and murder of Chandra Levy, and the disappearance of three hikers in Yosemite.

Throughout his career, Huston has worked diligently to advance the public communications profession. He lends his experience to professional communicators through trainings in crisis and risk communications, media relations, public information, public safety, law enforcement, emergency management and multimedia communications. He has also been at the leading edge of using technologies to communicate with the public effectively. Huston authors his website which is a free resource tool for professional communicators, *ProCommunicator.com*, along with his popular social media accounts including twitter @ProComKelly.

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