Tim Hatch Honored at the Alabama Public Health Association’s 62nd Annual Meeting and Health Education Conference

On April 4, 2018, Tim Hatch, National Environmental Health Association (NEHA) member and Region 7 vice-president, was honored during the awards luncheon at the Alabama Public Health Association’s (AlPHA) 62nd Annual Meeting and Health Education Conference. Hatch was the recipient of the D.C. Gill Award and was inducted into AlPHA’s Hall of Fame.

Hatch is the director of Logistics and Environmental Programs for the Center for Emergency Preparedness at the Alabama Department of Public Health. He is recognized internationally as an expert in disaster and emergency management, sharing his expertise abroad in places such as Australia, Bali, New Zealand, and Portugal. He has also provided input into disaster programs for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the state of Alabama.

The D.C. Gill Award honors individuals who have made exceptional contributions to public health in Alabama. In being considered for this award, supporters praised Hatch as an exemplary ambassador of his profession and the Alabama Department of Public Health, calling him “selfless,” “tireless,” and “the epitome of what an emergency preparedness worker should be.”

Established in 2007, individuals inducted into AlPHA’s Hall of Fame have made outstanding contributions to the enhancement and advancement of AlPHA. Hatch has been a member of AlPHA for over 10 years. During that time, he has served the organization in several capacities, including vice president, president, and past president. He has also been involved in every aspect of planning and executing AlPHA’s annual conference.

Hatch has been a member of NEHA since 2004 and a registered environmental health specialist/registered sanitarian since 2007. He served as NEHA Region 7 vice-president from 2014–2017. He reassumed the position earlier this year when the position was vacated; his term will expire in 2020.

Along with involvement in NEHA and AlPHA, Hatch has been active in the Alabama Environmental Health Association and the International Federation of Environmental Health. He has served as president of the Alabama Environmental Health Association and was named its Environmentalist of the Year in 2009.

NEHA congratulates Tim on these honors and thanks him for his unwavering contributions to the environmental public health profession!