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## News Release

### International Association of Emergency Managers USA Council Announces Results of 2021 Officer and Board Elections

**Sept. 2, 2021 (Falls Church, Va.)** – The International Association of Emergency Managers USA Council (IAEM-USA) is pleased to announce the results of its elections that ended on August 31. IAEM-USA members selected **Justin Kates, CEM, as the incoming second vice president**, and **Walter English, III, MS, CEM, VaPEM, as incoming treasurer**. 690 total members voted this year, continuing a trend of increased IAEM voter activity.

**Justin Kates, CEM**, director, City of Nashua Office of Emergency Management, has served IAEM in numerous roles since 2008. Currently, he serves as IAEM-USA Region 1 president and as the interim chair of the IAEM-USA State EM Association. Previously, Justin served as the IAEM-USA Region 1 vice president and the IAEM-USA Region 1 2017 Conference Committee chair. He has served as an IAEM-USA Region 1 Conference Committee member since 2014 and is an active member of the IAEM-USA Government Affairs and Training and Education Committees.

**Walter English, III, MS, CEM, VaPEM**, emergency manager, City of Fairfax, is the current IAEM-USA Region 3 president and has served IAEM in many roles since 2008. He currently serves on the IAEM-USA Board of Directors and the IAEM-USA Executive Committee. Additionally, he serves as vice chair for the Membership Committee and as a member of the Diversity Committee. He also led the 2021 IAEM-USA Awards and Recognition Taskforce and the 2021 IAEM-USA Student Task Force. Outside of IAEM, Walter has served as treasurer of the Virginia Emergency Management Association.

#### **Additions to the IAEM-USA Board of Directors**

Also joining the Board of Directors this October are newly elected presidents representing five of IAEM-USA's 10 regions. All will be in their first term. They are: IAEM-USA Region 1 President **Taylor Frizzell, CEM**; IAEM-USA Region 3 President **Erik S. Gaull, CEM**; IAEM-USA Region 5 President **Ryan McEwan, CEM**, IAEM-USA Region 7 President **Chet Hunter, CEM**, and IAEM-USA Region 9 President **Todd DeVoe, CEM**.

The newly elected officers and members of the Board of Directors will be sworn into office on Oct. 20, 2021, during the IAEM-USA President's Banquet at the [69<sup>th</sup> IAEM Annual Conference & EMEX](#) in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

*IAEM-USA, the nation's largest emergency management professional association, is a non-profit professional organization representing more than 5,000 emergency management and homeland security professionals for local communities, state and federal disaster officials, private sector, non-governmental organizations and others involved in preparing for, responding to, and recovering from all types of disasters including acts of terrorism. IAEM provides access to the largest network of emergency management experts who can provide advice and assistance; the Certified Emergency Manager program; annual scholarships; a comprehensive monthly newsletter; and more.*

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