



Allied Professionals Caucus: An Introduction

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Presentation Abstract: The IAEM-USA Allied Professionals Caucus was established in February 2022. The Caucus' Mission is to provide a collaboration space for emergency management professionals who serve in a multi-function or multi-discipline role, not represented by any of the existing IAEM-USA Caucus'.

Situation:

As we continue to work through an international pandemic, the need for emergency management related professionals continues to increase across all sectors. It's clear that many fields are now responsible for emergency management related functions. There is a need for increased connectivity and collaboration with other professionals actively engaged in emergency management.

Background:

“Allied Professionals” and “Allied Professional Associations” are defined as individual practitioners and organizations with an institutionalized interest in emergency management. IAEM has traditionally provided spaces for public sector emergency managers and a growing number of private sector practitioners to network, collaborate and learn together. With the development of special interest Caucuses, IAEM continues to provide the framework and opportunity for new areas of emergency management to find their niche. This has been evident with Healthcare, Universities and Colleges, Faith Based Organizations, Critical Infrastructure & Business Continuity, and many more.

Assessment:

There is a need for increased partnership and communication opportunities between IAEM and those professionals that find themselves trying to navigate the field of Emergency Management. Currently, IAEM has fantastic participation and partnership within the current group of members and Caucuses. There are several associations, agencies, and organizations that have subgroups with interests and needs in emergency management. These practitioners may be working in other fields while being responsible

for emergency management functions. Those who are not expected to operate in a full-time capacity in emergency management, or wear “many hats” with other work-related responsibilities, may feel there isn’t a “home” for them within the IAEM Organization. These individuals may not see IAEM as the place for them as they may not be full-time emergency managers but would still benefit from membership in our association if we create the right space for them.

Recommendation:

Proposed to the current IAEM-USA Board the creation of the “Allied Professionals Caucus”. This will open the door to improving our horizontal integration while providing a broad spectrum of expertise, resources, and networking to our members. This Caucus will aim to give those partners a place to participate, coordinate, and continue to strengthen the field of emergency management. We welcome any professional with emergency management duties or interest.

Speaker Bios: Andy has been with Jensen Hughes since July 2014 after working for 11 years as a hospital emergency manager and 30 years in emergency medical Services. He has coordinated comprehensive healthcare emergency management programs involving all aspects of preparedness, mitigation, response, and recovery from “All Hazards” events.

In 2008 Andy co-founded the Healthcare Caucus of the International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM), a special interest group representing healthcare emergency management professionals. He also served as President of the New England Region of the USA Council of IAEM and achieved designation as a Certified Emergency Manager (CEM) by IAEM in September 2018. He currently serves as Chair of the IAEM Allied Professionals Caucus.

He earned a Bachelor of Science in Biology from Syracuse University in 1992 and was Valedictorian of the 1995 Norwalk Community Technical College Paramedic Program. Andy serves our clients out of the New England Region Office where he works as a Lead Fire and Emergency Management consultant as well as the Program Manager for the Connecticut and Rhode Island Long Term Care Mutual Aid Plans (LTC-MAP).

Alexandra Lampson began working with DC Water and Sewer Authority at the beginning of the COVID-19 Pandemic, in March 2020. She oversees OEM’s training and exercise program. In addition to T&E, she supports the Authority’s Incident Management Team (IMT), Change Management Initiative, Strategic implementation initiatives, and other committees throughout the Authority. Before joining DC Water, Ali worked for DC’s Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency (HSEMA) and the University of Massachusetts’ Office of Emergency Management.

Ali is a founding member and vice chair of the International Association of Emergency Managers – USA Allied Professionals Caucus, an active member of the Emergency Management Growth Initiative (EMGI), and supporting the IAEM conference committee. Ali has her Master’s in Emergency and Disaster Management from Georgetown University and Bachelor of Science in Public Health from UMass Amherst.