

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

In my quest to attend all the R8 state EM conferences, I was able to ZOOM with Wyoming in April (*thank you David King!*) I went to England in early May (*ask me about the coronation*), so Chris Donegon represented IAEM at the Montana DES EM Forum (*story on page 3*).

I also represented R8 on a panel at the Colorado Academy for Professional EM’s along with CEMA and CEPP.

All that is left is NDEMA, SDEM and MEMA

Let me know if there are any other events we can attend to represent IAEM, and especially R8.

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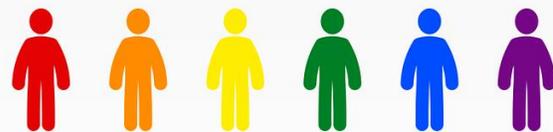
REGIONAL CALENDAR

- AFN HazMat Drill, June 7-8 @ Colorado Springs (story on Page 2)
- [Grants Management Workshop](#), presented by the Larimer County Sheriff’s Office - June 14-15 @ Fort Collins
- [ND PIO](#) Conference, July 18-19 @ Bismark
- IAEM R8 Quarterly ZOOM Meeting - August 7 @ 5pm CST
- NDEMA [State Conference](#) Sept 12-14 @Bismark
- SDEM [State Conference](#) Sept 11-14 @Deadwood
- MEMA State Conference Oct 10-12 @Red Lodge
- [IAEM Conference](#), Nov 3-9 @ Long Beach, CA



All kinds of information [here](#).

- ➔ Registration is now [open](#)
- ➔ [Why Attend?](#)
- ➔ [Program](#) and [Speakers](#)
- ➔ [Sponsorship](#) Opportunities.
- ➔ [Exhibit](#) Booths
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- ➔ [Work off your registration fee!](#)



DEI = Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

If this is a subject that interests you, check out the [IAEM DEI Initiative page](#). We have contracted with a DEI Consultant ([Farzana Nayani Consulting and Training](#)) They will be conducting an assessment of IAEM protocols, identifying effective practices and making recommendations to increase IAEM’s engagement with its membership.

There are listening sessions set up for IAEM members only (requires [registration](#)) and a special [email](#) address for anyone to provide feedback.

PEOPLE IN R8

New IAEM members in 2023.

Welcome them to Region 8!

- ♥ Carol Tagliaferri, MT
- ♥ Regan Smith, SD
- ♥ Stormy Sideria, UT
- ♥ Brianna Young, CO
- ♥ Austin Gray, UT
- ♥ Ian Thigpen, MT
- ♥ Hal Grieb, CO
- ♥ Dan Frazen, CO
- ♥ Kevin Turner, ND
- ♥ Valerie Greensides, UT
- ♥ Jackie Laundon, CO
- ♥ Sarah Duttenhefner, ND
- ♥ Christine Saunders, CO
- ♥ Brian Painte, CO
- ♥ Scott Sanders, MT
- ♥ Sonja Blea, UT
- ♥ Bonnie Skalecke, CO
- ♥ Lauren Coval, CO
- ♥ Carissa Jaquish, CO
- ♥ Emilie Rusch,
- ♥ MacLaine Butterfass, CO
- ♥ Christopher Blinzinger, UT
- ♥ Shawna Davenport, ND
- ♥ Nikita Lorenzen, ND
- ♥ Vincent Ellis, CO
- ♥ Lawson Stuart, CO
- ♥ Lillian Easley, CO
- ♥ Carlos Santos-Rivera, UT

Almost a CEM!

- ♥ Charles Gregory, CO (needs exam)

Renewed CEM's for 5 years!

- ♥ Amanda Phan, CO

PLEASE TAKE OUR SURVEY!

This group is conducting research as part of the FEMA National Emergency Management Executive Academy Cohort XI capstone project investigating the awareness/utilization of the FEMA Next-Generation Core Competencies in developing professionals within the EM profession. You can help:

BEGIN SURVEY: <https://lnkd.in/gPhkSie5>

HAPPENING SOON: *June 7-8, U.S. Northern Command and the El Paso County OEM; Colorado Springs, CO*

A multi-agency drill designed to assess how *Access and Functional Needs* populations can be better incorporated and safely decontaminated during a catastrophic CBRN release.

Pre-training on JUNE 7 is by ZOOM and all are welcomed. Feel free to pass along the virtual link to anyone or organization who could benefit.

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89700070346?pwd=K0NqRUxSbVpUYTBLL3hTTVY0QVcvUT09>

For more info, contact Lt. Col. William Sumner william.e.sumner2.mil@mail.mil

COMING UP



Who do you think deserves special recognition for what they do every day?

The [2023 IAEM Award Program](#) recognizes professionals, volunteers, students and organizations across the Emergency Management Industry to shine a light on the hard work and commendable results of the past year. A Webinar is coming soon to help complete the application, which is online.

REPORTS FROM MARCH/APRIL

Conference Committee Mike Gavin CO

All the breakout speakers have been notified, Pre and Post Conference training scheduled, and “optional outings” being finalized. Are you interested in serving as an Ambassador during the Conference? Have you registered yet? [DO IT NOW!](#)

Editorial Committee RindaTisdale CO

The March Bulletin was all about #IAEMStrong stories. They were quite moving. You can read your copy by logging into your IAEM account on the [Dashboard](#).

UCC Caucus Gary DeYoung CO

UCC and DRU hosted a Hot Topics and Best Practices Briefing on 3/23/2023 regarding changes to mass notifications and 10-DLC – “Telephone Consumer Protection Act, Wireless Carrier and Emergency Notification Provider Implications, and IHE Alerts.

Emerging Technology Caucus Arthur . Simental CO

They will be starting several emergency management and technology white paper projects and presentations in the near future.

Healthcare Caucus Michelle Deland CO

Speakers for the pre-conference Symposium in November are confirmed. There was a high-level review of a draft [HHS/ASPR report](#). Discussions centered around efforts to build a stronger partnership with the [Joint Commission](#).

WANNA REPRESENT US?

If you would like to be an R8 rep to any of the IAEM Committees or Caucuses, [take a look at the list](#) and see what strikes your fancy.

MONTANA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FORUM



IAEM Region 8 was on the move in May! From May 9-11 the Montana Emergency Management Forum took place in Helena, MT, and Chris Donegon (IAEM Conference Committee) attended representing IAEM and more specifically IAEM Region 8.

The two and a half days were packed with great content with keynote addresses by Montana’s Lieutenant Governor Kristen Juras, Former FEMA Administrator Pete Gaynor, and FEMA Region 8 Regional Administrator Nancy Dragani.

IAEM was one of a sponsor of the event and there were numerous conversations and great interest in what IAEM can offer as well as engaging dialogue on the Associate Emergency Manager and Certified Emergency Manager certifications.

We would like to thank Chris and the Montana Department of Emergency Services for their hospitality. IAEM and Region8 looks forward to attending the Montana State Conference in Red Lodge October 10-12.

IAEM LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

IAEM promotes EM's interests on Capitol Hill in DC through the [Government Affairs Committee](#). In addition to making sure our EMPG funding stays, they are championing the [Disaster Survivor Fairness Act](#) – a major update of IA – and a [Universal Application](#) – for federal disaster assistance. A full copy of their priorities is attached to this email.

BTW – this is one of those IAEM committees you can get really involved in.



If you attended this conference last month, the two days of learning are now available, fully on-demand. Check your email for the announcement and log-in information.

Invite your friends!

Do you know emergency managers who are not an IAEM member? Invite them to join!

Membership benefits include:

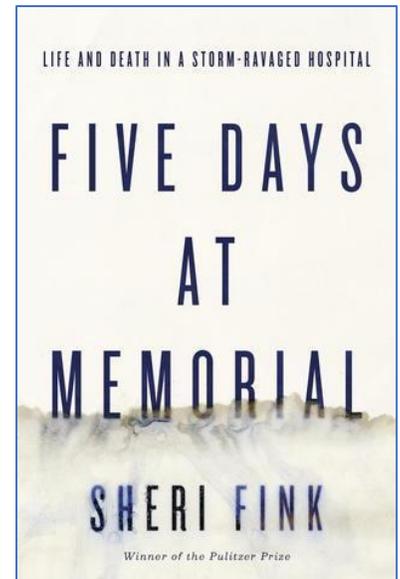
- Access to the *IAEM Bulletin*
- Discounted rates on CEM certifications and training
- Representation in government working groups addressing vital issues
- Weekly E-Dispatch access giving you the latest EM news
- Access to the IAEM Jobs Board
- Professional development opportunities
- Reduced cost to IAEM and industry events
- And many more!

Invite your friends at <https://www.iaem.org/join/intro>

BOOK RECOMMENDATION

As EM's, we take a lot of our guidance from deconstructing past events and the impact they had on our profession and communities. I have my library of EM books, of course. This is one that affected me profoundly and I'm sharing it with you.

This is about Memorial Hospital in New Orleans during Katrina.



STRONG MINDS, STRONG RESPONSE: PRIORITIZING MENTAL HEALTH FOR DISASTER WORKERS

The excellent [podcast](#) done by the IAEM Region 9 President, Todd DeVoe, played this very important session a few months ago and it is something we should all think about.

On the [Emergency Management Network](#) homepage, there are links to his other podcasts and lots of other good intel ... INCLUDING a even a recent [book review](#) for the book recommendation above.

