



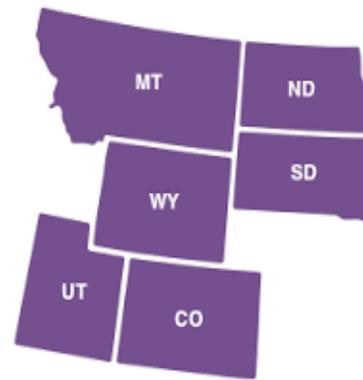
PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I went to the CEMA conference last month. It was really well attended and there was a great keynote speech by Nancy Dragoni, FEMA R8 Administrator. She talked about the rural nature of this region and the need to develop programs and solutions that fit. I have some impressions from visiting the state of Colorado; (1) they are very fond of roundabouts, and (2) they put chili in their mac&cheese. 😊 Next month, I'll be attending the UEMA conference in West Jordan.

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REGIONAL CALENDAR

- UEMA [State Conference](#) Mar 22-23 @ West Jordan
- CEMA [Wildland Fire Conference](#) Apr 10-14 @ Frt Collins
- WAHA [State Conference](#) Apr 20 @ Casper
- IAEM [Virtual Conference](#) Apr 20-21
- IAEM R8 Quarterly ZOOM Meeting - May 1 @ 5pm CST
- Montana [DES EM Forum](#) May 9-11 @ Helena
- 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 R8 Quarterly Meeting Nov @ [IAEM Conference](#) in Long Beach



WELCOME TO OUR NEW R8 MEMBERS - Recognize anyone? Take a minute to welcome them to Region 8.

Christopher Blinzinger UT
 Jessica Cerutti CO
 Shawna Davenport ND
 Lillian Easley CO
 Vincent Ellis CO
 Nikita Lorenzen ND
 Carlos Santos-Rivera UT

Almost a CEM!

- ♥ Rebekah Hoffner Utah (needs exam)

Renewed CEM's for 5 years!

- ♥ Suzanne Boccia CO
- ♥ Marcelo Ferreira CO
- ♥ Rinda Tisdale CO

Granted a Lifetime CEM designation!

- ♥ Jeffrey Burkett CO

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>

WANNA REPRESENT US?

If you would like to be an R8 rep for the IAEM committees/caucuses, [take a look at the list](#) and see what strikes your fancy.

Reports from February

- ✓ [UCC](#) Gary DeJong CO

The Universities and College Caucus hosted an inaugural hot topics and best practices last month. This time the topic was 'reunification'.

- ✓ [Accessibility and Whole Community Inclusion Committee](#) Robert Hill, SD

Results of a survey conducted by four students, including our former chair, Anne-Marie McLaughlin was recently published in the NYU GPH Journal. [The IAEM Survey on Access and Inclusion is here.](#)

COMING UP:

 <p>ACCESS AND WHOLE COMMUNITY INCLUSION CAUCUS PRESENTS:</p> <p>PROMOTING INCLUSIVE PERSONAL PREPAREDNESS STRATEGIES BEFORE AN EMERGENCY</p> <p>WHEN March 30, 2023 3:30-4:30pm EST</p> <p>WHERE Webinar Hosted Virtually ASL & CART Services Provided</p> <p>REGISTRATION: HTTP://BIT.LY/3DRNKAG</p> 	<p>FEATURED PANELISTS:</p> <p>VANCE TAYLOR Chief, Office of Access and Functional Needs at the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES)</p> <p>AARON TITUS Executive Director and data architect for Crisis Cleanup President of Mountain West Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD) in Colorado</p> <p>MODERATOR: Regina Zick Occupational Therapist NYU Steinhardt</p>
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- ✓ [Conference Committee](#) Mike Gavin, CO
More information on page 3.

Would you like to help plan an R8 Conference as part of the 2024 IAEM Annual Conference at the Broadmoor in Colorado Springs? Let me know ...

IAEM IS INTERESTED IN STUDENTS

- ♥ R8 Vice President, Carol Cwiak, attended a webinar hosted by IAEM to learn more ways to serve student members. Attending the Annual Conference is a highlight for students, and it was emphasized that between scholarships and the ability to work off their conference fee, the cost for students to attend can be reduced dramatically.
- ♥ IAEM Scholarship Applications for 2023 are available now through April 24th for full-time undergraduate and part-time graduate students pursuing an associate or diploma, baccalaureate, or graduate degree in emergency management, or a closely related field. Info is [here](#).

YOU MIGHT BE INTERESTED ...

The University of Colorado, Boulder (UCB) encourages applications for an **Emergency Management Preparedness Program Manager!** This position is responsible for the development, implementation, training, and oversight of emergency management plans and preparedness programs for CU-Boulder. For more information and to apply, please visit: [Emergency Management Preparedness Program Manager \(colorado.edu\)](#)

AVAILABLE FREE TRAINING

NDPC has recently added two courses through the National Emergency Response and Recovery Training Center/TEEX.

These courses are at no cost to the local affiliate and are face to face courses. If interested contact: [Anita McWhorter](#)

- ✓ MGT 481: (4 hrs) Disaster Recovery: A Strategic Overview of the Public Assistance Program.
- ✓ MGT 482: (12 hrs) Disaster Recovery Public Assistance Programs, An Introduction

ARE YOU PLANNING TO ATTEND?

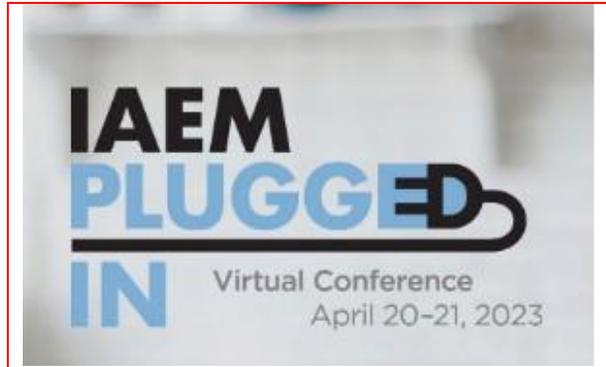


The IAEM Conference Committee meets monthly to plan and produce the annual conference. Registration is open! More info [here](#).

This year the Speaker Submission sub-committee received 324 proposals for 80-85 breakout spots. Those chosen will be notified in May.

Calls for the Poster Showcase will open in March 20, and close on April 21. Guidance is posted [here](#).

EMVision Talks are modeled on the TED™ Talks format and is one of the best parts of the conference. Calls will open on April 3 and close on May 5. More info is [here](#).



This is a VIRTUAL conference.

Day 1 features 15 different breakout sessions, and three EMVision talks. The program concludes with a networking event, the ever popular “EM Jeopardy”.

Day 2 features 10 different training sessions, ranging from 1 hour to 4 hours each.

Great opportunity to network with your peers and learn something new while you are at it.

Registration and program is [here](#)



More information

<https://des.mt.gov/DES/EM-Forum>