

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

Check out the [story](#) about the Region 8 Membership Drive on page 2.

Next week, I will be going to Red Lodge, MT for their state conference. It hasn’t snowed yet. I asked specifically.

Are there other events we can attend to represent IAEM, or R8? Are there events in your local area that we can help promote?

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REGIONAL CALENDAR

- [IAEM Conference](#), Nov 3-9 @ Long Beach, CA
- CEMA [Conference](#), Feb 13-15, 2024 @ Loveland, CO !![CALL FOR SPEAKERS!](#) open until 10/10
- NDEMA [State Conference](#) Sept 9-12, 2024 (tentative)



R8 ANNUAL MEETING

Mark your calendars for **Monday, November at 5:15-6:00 Pacific for the R8 Annual Meeting at the IAEM Annual Conference in Long Beach.**

WELCOME TO OUR NEW R8 MEMBERS (September 2023)- Recognize anyone? Take a minute to welcome them to R8. Especially the students!

- ♥ Ryan Longman, CEM - UT
- ♥ Derek Berksten, CEM - CO
- ♥ Alaynea Decker ND
- ♥ Carrigan Bennett CO
- ♥ Erica Williams CO
- ♥ Christian Lertch CO

WE LOVE OUR STUDENTS!!

- ♥ Sierra Vannett (Student) ND
- ♥ Caitlyn Burghard (Student) WY
- ♥ Andrew Christensen (Student) UT
- ♥ Caitlyn Morrison (Student) ND
- ♥ Mackenzie Mueller (Student) ND
- ♥ Sabrina Nelson (Student) ND
- ♥ Noah Henning (Student) ND
- ♥ Andrea Gold (Student) WY

RENEWING YOUR AEM/CEM?

AEM’s and CEM’s who certified in years ending in “3” or “8” are due to be recertified by Dec 31st. Applications may be submitted any time before Dec 31st. Specific requirements can be found at the [IAEM website](#).





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R8 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

IAEM Region 8 has a membership drive!
We will pay \$100 of the \$199 membership fee. Pass this on to anyone you know who *SHOULD* be an IAEM member.

This is a limited offer (of course), for a ...

- ... **NEW individual** membership, ...
- ... lives and works in Region 8, and ...
- ... only during October 2023, and ...
- ... one of the **first 15 requests** to iaem.r8@iaem.com

Benefits to IAEM membership:

- Access to the monthly IAEM Bulletin
- Access to the weekly IAEM Dispatch
- IAEM.com website is the portal to the world of EM!
- Internationally Recognized Professional Certification
- Discounted rates on CEM/AEM certifications.
- Access to the IAEM Jobs Board
- Research to Practice Fact Sheets
- EM Practitioner Articles
- Conferences and workshops for networking and education
- Webinars and training (only available to members)
- Recognition through the IAEM Awards Competition
- Scholarship opportunities for students
- Representation on government working groups addressing vital issues.
- Partnering through IAEM's network with a wide variety of state, national and international organizations

CONGRATULATIONS ARE IN ORDER!!



IAEM Secretary-Treasurer Robert Hill, CEM, was honored as the SDEMA's EM of the year AND was also recognized as SDEMA's President Elect for 2024. This was all at the SDEMA Annual Conference in Deadwood, SD on September 14th (Also pictured is Harold Timmerman, current SDEMA President

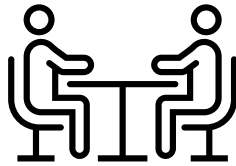


Joycelyn Frankhouser, CO-CEM, Disaster manager, Boulder County, CO, was selected to present an [EM VISION](#) talk at the IAEM conference in Long Beach. Her 7-minute presentation Essential Emergency Management Partnerships, Cultural Brokers will be LIVE on Tuesday 11/7 somewhere between 10:40 and 11:45

IAEM Committee and Caucus Open House webinars now available

Last month, IAEM hosted a series of webinars to talk about many of IAEM's committees and caucuses. Now you can view the webinars [here](#). A complete list of IAEM-USA [Committees](#) and [Caucuses](#) is available.

To join an IAEM group, email the staff liaison listed on the group's page which also includes a list of leaders and information about the group's purpose.



R8 REPORTS: CAUCUS/COMMITTEE

Healthcare Caucus -Michelle DeLand

- Caucus Pre-Conference agenda set – registration open
- Healthcare Caucus meeting will be held 11/7 @ 5 pm in Long Beach
- Summarized top 5 emergency preparedness RFI (Requirements for Improvement) cited by The Joint Commission for 2023 (YTD)
- Caucus Leadership Election began on September 26
- High-level review of the IAEM DEI Initiative

University and College - [Garry DeJong](#)

The [UCC](#) will be hosting an *EM in Higher Ed “Boot camp”* during the pre-conference workshops. If any higher ed practitioner is interested, there are still a few slots available.



2023 IAEM ANNUAL CONFERENCE & EMEX



IAEM SCHOLARSHIP AUCTION

At the conference in Long Beach, Region 8 will put together a basket for the student scholarship auction. We are gathering items from all the state in R8 to fill the basket. This is all we have so far:

South Dakota

- Challenge coin
- 3d image of Mt Rushmore
- Bottle of wine

Colorado

- Colorado Whiskey
- Commemorative Colorado Rockies First Responder small gear bag
- Ball cap
- Challenge coin

We need to have something from all the R8 states! Email iaem.r8@iaem.com with what you have and I'll share where to send it.

WHO IS GOING TO BE THERE?

Drop me an email if you will be in Long Beach. We could keep in touch and plan an informal Region 8 get together. – *Valerie*

THIS IS THE R8 POSTER!

Many thanks to our Vice President, Dr. Carol Cwiak, for making this happen.

IAEM-USA Region 8
<https://www.iaem.org/council/usa/region8>



**2023 Region 8
Conference Speakers**

William Sumner, CO (Pre-Conf)
 Jessica Cerruti, CO (M, 9:45 AM)
 Jolie Wills, CO, (T, 8 AM)
 Jocelyn Frankhouser, CO (T, 10:45 AM)
 Tiana Farrant, CO (T, 1:30 PM)
 Mike Gavin, CO (T, 1:30 PM)
 Bernard Lodge, CO (T, 1:30 PM)
 Suzanne Boccia, CO (W, 11 AM)
 Tami Richter, SD (W, 11 AM)
 Mallory Buys, CO (W, 1:30 PM)
 Nick Sporer, CO (W, 1:30 PM)



Julie Mallingswold, from the National Weather Service (NWS, UT&A), presenting in Savannah at IAEM's 2022 Conference



Region 8 serves IAEM members from the great states of Montana, Wyoming, Utah, Colorado, North Dakota, and South Dakota.

Regional Committee and Caucus Representatives

Accessibility and Whole Community Inclusion Committee: Robert Hill, SD
 Civil Air Patrol: Robert Ditch, AZ
 Conference Committee: Mike Gavin, CO
 Editorial Committee: Rinda Tisdale, CO
 Emerging Tech Caucus: Arthur Simental, CO
 FEMA : Chris Donegan, CO
 Healthcare Caucus: Michelle Deland, CO
 Higher Education Academician Caucus: Carol Cwiak, ND
 Membership Committee: Chris Donegan, CO
 Training and Education: Nick Sporer, CO
 Transportation Caucus: Ashlee Delventhal, CO
 Uniformed Services: William Sumner, CO
 University and College Caucus: Garry DeJong, CO




REGION 8
International Association of Emergency Managers

IAEM members, Dustin Willett, Regan Smith, and Robert Hill at the South Dakota Emergency Management Association conference in Deadwood, SD

NDSU IAEM student members with former IAEM-USA President, Carolyn Horstman at the 2022 conference

Valerie Lucus-McEwen with fellow IAEM members Jim McEwen and Abby Sanger at the 2023 IAEM Presidential Banquet

The Region 8 Leadership Team at the 2022 IAEM Presidential Banquet

Robert Hill receives the 2023 SEMMA Emergency Manager of the Year Award

Meeting

The R8 Annual Meeting will be held at the IAEM Annual Conference on Monday, November 6th, from 5:15 - 6:00 PM.

Meet the Region 8 Leadership Team!

Valerie Lucus-McEwen, Utah
President

Carol Cwiak, North Dakota
Vice President

Robert Hill, South Dakota
Treasurer

State EM Associations in Region 8

- Colorado - Colorado Emergency Management Association
<https://www.cemacolorado.com/>
 Contact: president@cema.com
- Montana - Montana Association of Disaster & Emergency Services Coordinators/Emergency Managers
<https://des.mt.gov/>
 Contact: ccdes45@gmail.com
- North Dakota - North Dakota Emergency Management Association
<https://www.ndema.org/>
 Contact: mikesm@co.williams.nd.us
- South Dakota - South Dakota Emergency Management Association
<https://www.sdema.org/>
 Contact: emergencyman@lincolncountysd.org
- Utah - Utah Emergency Management Association
<https://www.utahema.org/>
 Contact: memberservices@utahema.org
- Wyoming - The Wyoming Emergency Management Association
<https://wyomingallhazards.wixsite.com/waha>
 Contact: wyoming.allhazards@gmail.com

REGIONAL PRESIDENT EXECUTIVE CITATIOINS

One of the highlights of the Region 8 Meeting Annual meeting at the IAEM Annual Conference, is the presentation of Executive Citations. This year, I want to recognize folks who have helped me through this first year.

AND, because I believe the EM work being done at a local level is just as important as that done at a National and International level, I will be recognizing each of the *6* R8 State Associations.

I will have attended all of their Annual Meetings by the time we open the R8 Annual meeting in Long Beach. (Montana is next week!)

I hope there is at least one member of each of those State Associations present to accept it. Otherwise, it is going in the mail. 😊