



PRESIDENT’S REPORT

I was at the MEMA conference last month in Red Lodge. Absolutely beautiful!!

The dates for R8 state association meetings in 2024 are not all set yet. I am planning to attend all of them and get a vendor space at as many as possible.

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
- UEMA May 7-9 @ Saint George
[SPEAKER INFO](#)
- NDEMA Sept 9-12 @ Bismarck
- SDEMA (no info yet)
- MEMA (no info yet)
- WAHA (no info yet)

CEM certification?

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](#).



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. Look for Conference Room 103C

WELCOME TO OUR NEW R8 MEMBERS (October 2023) Recognize anyone? Take a minute to welcome them.

- ♥ Bonnie Dowling CO
- ♥ Marcelo Ferreira NJ
- ♥ Ryan Longman UT
- ♥ Garrey Martinez CO
- ♥ Haley Morris UT
- ♥ Ty Shepherd UT
- ♥ Thomas Simons UT
- ♥ David Stamey MT
- ♥ Kelly Strife CO
- ♥ Sierra Vannett ND
- ♥ Elyse Waterhouse CO

R8’s New CEM!

- ♥ Joycelyn Fankhouser, CO





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R8 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

ENDS: 12/15/2023

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 2023, and ...
- ... requested at iaem.r8@iaem.com

IAEM 2024 BUSINESS & PRIVATE SECTOR PARTNERSHIP AWARD (*CAP, ARC and Synaptic*) accepted by Dr. Robert Ditch (*R8 CAP representative*) for **Operation Pulse Lift**.

This award recognizes excellence in the integration of public/private emergency management partnerships. *Operation Pulse Lift* provides a 24/7/365 Blood, Organ, and Tissue Transport capability in every state of the nation, including Alaska, Hawaii, and Puerto Rico. These transports are done at no cost to the requesting agency, the receiving facility, or the patient/their family.



FEMA Region 8 Scholarship Recipient of 2023

NDSU

MATTHEW OLSON

Majoring in Emergency Management with a minor in Political Science

Why attend IAEM?

"To learn more about the field, make connections, find job prospects, and internship opportunities."

FEMA Region 8 Scholarship Recipient of 2023

NDSU

CAITLYN MORRISON

Associates Degree Majoring in Emergency Management

Why attend IAEM?

"It's a fantastic networking opportunity as a student. I'm also excited to learn from the varying speakers and presenters that will be attending."

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NDSU

KAYLA NIEDZIELSKI

Majoring in Emergency Management with a minor in Pre-Law

Why attend IAEM?

"Learning from all the practitioners and academics in the field along with learning of all the new innovations."

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BENJAMIN BROWN

Associates Degree Majoring in Emergency Management

Why attend IAEM?

"To further my knowledge of the field of Emergency Management and network with professionals in the field."

DO YOU WANT YOUR IAEM CEM CERTIFICATION FEE WAIVED?



We have exciting news! With funding received from FEMA, IAEM is putting together a cohort of individuals interested in pursuing the IAEM Certified Emergency Manager designation. Selected individuals will have their certification and preparatory course fees waived! Please carefully review the qualifications outlined below before submitting your notice of interest.

1. Open to individuals who have not yet submitted the CEM application, taken the certification exam or submitted the application fee;
2. Interested applicants **must** be employed full-time as emergency managers in one of the following jurisdictions to apply:
 - a. City/county
 - b. Other local government entity
 - c. state/territory
 - d. tribal
3. Individuals must qualify for the CEM designation (Criteria can be reviewed on the [IAEM website](#)).
4. Individuals must be committed to complete the application by February 29, 2024 and the exam by May 15, 2024.

TO APPLY: Interested applicants must submit the following three documents:

- [Application for CEM Fees Waiver](#)
- [The CEM Self-Assessment Tool Part 1](#)
- [The CEM Self-Assessment Tool Part 2](#)

The deadline to submit your application is **November 17** to Kate McClimans via email (Kate@iaem.com). Use the subject line "Certification Cohort Application". All applicants who apply will be notified of the results after Thanksgiving.

Thank you all for donations to R8's Scholarship Auction at the conference next week. Just to give you a preview peak, I'm attaching the flyer to this month's newsletter – and there are still things being offered!

Next month, I'll have a picture of the final basket and the lucky winner!

