



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The Annual IAEM Conference in Long Beach was awesome! There are pictures and other great information from the conference on page 4-5.

Question: Did anybody else come home from California with a nasty head cold? Besides me?

The minutes from the R8 Annual meeting (as well as other minutes and back copies of this newsletter, are on the IAEM [website](#) (or will be soon.)

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

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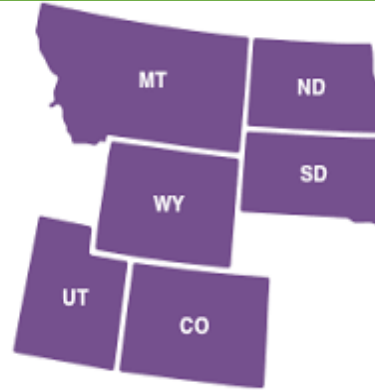
REGIONAL CALENDAR (2024)

- CEMA [Conference](#), Feb 13-15 @ Loveland, CO
- UEMA May 7-9 @ Saint George [SPEAKER INFO](#)
- NDEMA Sept 9-12 @ Bismarck
- SDEMA Sept 9-14 @ Chamberlain
- MEMA (dates?) @ Butte
- WAHA (dates?) @ (city?)
- IAEM Conference Nov 17-20 @ Colorado Springs
- R8 Quarterly Conversations
 - Mon, Feb 5th @ 4 pm MST
 - Mon, May 6th @ 4 pm MST
 - Mon, Aug 5th @ 4 pm MST
 - Mon, Nov 18th in Colorado Springs

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

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

- ♥ Cory Matthew CO
- ♥ Carter Stulken ND
- ♥ Nazinin Chiniforousha, CA (Hi, Nazi!!)
- ♥ Michael Davies UT
- ♥ Kevin Esmail CO
- ♥ Nick Holloway MT
- ♥ Patrick Lonergan MT
- ♥ Jason Wright CO

R8's Newest CEM!

- ♥ Joycelyn Fankhouser, CO

SPACE WEATHER ADVISORY GROUP (SWAG)

--- Arthur Simental, CO

I was recently asked to participate in a SWAG Focus Group session on Emergency Management.



The purpose of this focus group was to understand how space weather affects the EM community and to identify the space weather research, observations, forecasting, prediction, and modeling advances required to improve space weather products. The PROSWIFT Act requires the Director of the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) to improve the Nation's ability to prepare for, avoid, mitigate, respond to, and recover from the potentially devastating effects of space weather events. The final report will be delivered to Congress and made public.

I'm looking forward to reading the final report so we can take better steps to be actively engaged in preparing for space weather events and impacts globally. IAEM will receive a copy of the final report to distribute to our members

R8 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE**ENDS: 12/20/2023****R8 will pay \$100 of the \$199 membership fee.**

Pass this on to all your EM colleagues.

This is a limited offer for a ...

- ... **NEW individual** membership, ...
- ... lives and works in Region 8.
- Navigate to this web site:
<https://www.iaem.org/join/iaem>
- Select "*Individual membership*" and "*I have a promo code.*"
- Complete each page.
- Use MEMBDUESDISCOUNT-R8 as the code.

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>**LIFETIME CEM**

IAEM has a Lifetime CEM designation for current CEMs who are retiring from the field of emergency management. In order to qualify, a candidate must be a current CEM and have recertified at least once. After earning Lifetime CEM status, individuals will hold the designation for life without the need to recertify. Application details can be found [here](#).

CEM/AEM CERTIFICATION COHORT!

Last month, IAEM announced an initiative from a FEMA grant to put together a Certification Cohort who would have their course fees waived. The deadline was 11/30 and 7 (**seven!!**) are from R8.

Congratulations to

- Alexander Jadirch, CO
- Amanda Meldrum, CO
- Brett Lloyd, MT
- Christian "Kohl" Parrott, CO
- Kathryn McMullin, UT
- Stephanie Rennick-Ortega, UT
- Tom Simons, UT

**CEM/AEM Mentors**

This is a good place to remind you about the IAEM CEM/AEM [find-a-mentor](#) page. You can look for a mentor by a specific sector, a state or a region. While most CEM's can act as a mentor, these are the mentors in R8 who have gone through the official process.

- Jim Buchanan, UT
- Stephanie Hackett, CO
- Ryan Perkins, UT

CEM CERTIFICATION DUE?

AEM's and CEM's who certified in years ending in "3" or "8" are due to be recertified by Dec 31st 2023. Applications may be submitted any time before Dec 31st. Specific requirements can be found at the [IAEM website](#).

**SOMETHING INTERESTING TO BROWSE:**

At every annual conference, IAEM publishes the names of honorees – from the Scholarship recipients to the CEM/AEM recipients to the Leadership citations. This year is a digital "[flipbook](#)". Take a look at it.

2024 R8 REPRESENTATION ON IAEM CAUCUSES AND COMMITTEES

It is the start of a new year and we should refresh our R8 reps to the [caucuses and committees](#). Please let me know if you want to continue, or change, or add another one! And, it doesn't hurt to have more than one rep in each!

CURRENTLY:

- ➔ **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 Fargo, 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*

IAEM CONNECT

If you haven't investigated IAEM Connect, you really should.

This is an online tool to let the IAEM Community collaborate with their peers, share strategic advice, solve challenges, and develop new approaches. It has been online for a year and is becoming very popular. There are individual communities for things like *Government Affairs* and the *#IAEMstrongerstories*, many of the committees and caucuses and each region

The link is on the first page of the [IAEM website](#) (it is blue) or [HERE](#). You must be an IAEM member and signed into your IAEM dashboard. Check it out. Complete your profile, explore the conversation threads. Start one yourself!

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT HOW TO BECOME A MEMBER OF AN IAEM COMMITTEE OR CAUCUS



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. Or send an email to iaem.r8@iaem.com if you need help or advice.



The Holidays are finally here, and no matter how you celebrate, it is a time for reflection and kindness. There are lots of observances and celebrations in December.

For example:

- * 12/7 is Day of the Little Candles in Colombia
- * 12/11 is National Postal Workers Day in the UK
- * 12/16 is Las Posadas in Mexico
- * 12/18 is National Muffin Day in Brazil
- * 12/22 is Mother's Day in Indonesia
- * 12/26 is Boxing Day in Canada
- * 12/29 is Constitution Day in Ireland
- * 12/31 is National Champagne Day in the US

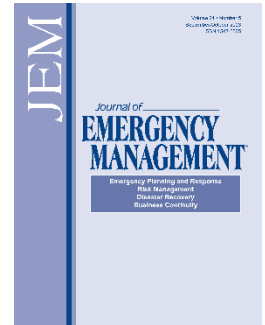
Check [there is a day for that](#) for more.

2023 IAEM ANNUAL CONFERENCE & EMEX

The IAEM conference last month in Long Beach CA drew 2263 attendees and 139 EMEX vendors. The various auctions raised \$39,344 for IAEM student scholarships.



The R8 Scholarship Basket was one of the most popular, beating out Region 2 (who has held that title for the last several years). There was something from every state in R8 in the basket and that’s what made it as popular as it was. The winner was a good friend of ours – Richard DeVito, Jr, publishes the [Journal of Emergency Management](#). It is a [peer reviewed](#) journal written and edited by EM experts – like all of you. Richard also had an EMEX booth there and was giving away copies of the latest JEM issue AND information about the [EM Stressors and Mental Health Project](#) that is nearing completion.



At the R8 annual meeting we recognized the recipients of the R8 student scholarships (see the November newsletter). There was a special regional citation presented to Brooke Kummer, a student at North Dakota State University, for all her work this past year supporting the IAEM student chapter at NDSU

STATE EMERGENCY ASSOCIATION REGIONAL CERTIFICATES

As R8 President, my task is to support all the R8 EM's, and a big part of that is connecting and supporting the state EM associations. I believe strongly that our profession only works well if we work each other. This year as R8 President, I presented a Regional Citations to each of the state EM Associations.



CEMA Nathan Whittington



NDEMA -- Caroline Hackerott



WAHA -- Rich Ochs and Jared



SDEMA Dustin Willet



UEMA – I did not do a good job of connecting names with these pictures. I think she was a student from BYU (?)



MEMA -- Nobody was there for Montana this year. Next year, right, Doug and David?