

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

I will be attending the North Dakota EM conference in September and our Sec/Treas (and Past President) Robert Hill will be at the South Dakota EM conference in September.

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

Lots of news this month about opportunities around the IAEM Annual Conference in November. And here is a campaign starting to encourage membership in IAEM Committee/Caucuses. Check it out!!

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WELCOME TO OUR NEW R8 MEMBERS (July 2023)- Recognize anyone? Take a minute to welcome them to Region 8.

- Allen Edwards, CO
- Bryan Fleming, CO
- Tiara Johnson, CO
- Noah Reiter, CO
- Brett Pruitt, UT



REGIONAL CALENDAR

- IAEM R8 Quarterly ZOOM Get Together - August 7 @ 5pm CST (joining info to come)
- IAEM Open House for Committees/ Caucuses Aug 7, [register](#).
- IAEM Open House for Committees/ Caucuses Aug 8, [register](#).
- IAEM Open House for Committees/ Caucuses Aug 9, [register](#).
- NDEMA [State Conference](#) Sept 12-14 @Bismarck
- SDEM [State Conference](#) Sept 11-14 @Deadwood
- MEMA State Conference Oct 10-12 @Red Lodge
- [IAEM Conference](#), Nov 3-9 @ Long Beach, CA
- CEMA Conference, Feb 13-15, 2024 @ Loveland, CO



R8 QUARTERLY MEETING

Mark your calendars for **Monday, August 7th at 5/Central, 4/Mountain for a Region 8 ZOOM get together.** Bring your favorite beverage (or not!) and let’s talk about regional issues, what to spend money on next year, and whatever else comes up.

I’ll send the contact URL in a separate email.

IAEM ELECTIONS

If you are an IAEM member, you are eligible to vote and will receive an email with an *individual link* to the ballots on August 1st. R8 leadership is not included in this election, but other, very important seats are. The 2nd VP moves up to President in 3 years, and there are four candidates for that position. Read their statements [here](#). And, **VOTE** when the time comes.



CIVIL AIR PATROL (CAP) CONNECTION

R8 has a new resource to call on! Dr. Robert Ditch, Lt Col (CAP), EdD, CEM is the Rocky Mountain Region (RMR) Director of Emergency Services, U.S. Air Force Auxiliary.

But, those of us who know him, call him Dr. Bob. 😊

He will talk to anyone (everyone, any time) about CAP activities. In 2021, he received the IAEM Award for *Volunteer Emergency Manager of the Year*.

This CAP region includes all of R8, except North and South Dakota, but includes Idaho. The CAP RMR region web page is [here](#). The RMR CAP Emergency Services contacts (including Dr. Bob) can be found [here](#).

The North Central Region (NCR) web page, which includes North and South Dakota, is [here](#) and their Region Staff roster is [here](#).



COMMITTEE/CAUCUS MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

IAEM gets its knowledge and expertise from members who participate in [Committees and Caucuses](#). There are 32 different opportunities to become part of helping IAEM tackle the most pressing problems facing EM today.

To help members understand what commits/caucuses do and what kind of commitment it requires, there are Open Houses scheduled. Registration is [required](#).

Monday 8/7 @ Noon EDT (*Municipal Caucus, Mental Health and Wellness Caucus, Bylaws Committee, Certification Commission, and the University and Colleges Caucus.*)

Tuesday 8/8 1@ 1 pm EDT (*Tribal Affairs Caucus, Children and Disaster Caucus, Access & Whole Community Inclusion Caucus, and Conference Committee.*)

Monday 8/9 @ 2 pm EDT (*State EM Association Caucus, K-12 Education Caucus, Healthcare Caucus, and Public Private Partnerships (P3) Caucus.*)

CURRENT R8 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 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

2023 IAEM ANNUAL CONFERENCE & EMEX

BREAKOUT SESSIONS AND SPEAKERS are now in the [program](#), and here are the ones from R8. You can read more about them and their presentations in the [program](#).

- ✓ William Sumner , CO (Pre-Conf)
- ✓ Jessica Cerutti, CO (Mon 9:45 am)
- ✓ Jolie Wills, CO, (Tues 8) am
- ✓ Tiana Farrant, CO (Tues 1:30 pm)
- ✓ Mike Gavin, CO (Tues 1:30) pm
- ✓ Bernard Lodge, CO (Tues 1:30 pm)
- ✓ Suzanne Boccia, CO (Wed 11 am)
- ✓ Tami Richter, SD (Wed 11 am)
- ✓ Mallory Buys, CO (Wed 1:30 pm)
- ✓ Nick Sporer, CO (Wed 1:30 pm)

I found these speakers who were in R8, but not IAEM members. Would somebody talk to them? 😊

- ✓ Bennett Carrigan, CO (Tues 1:30 pm)
- ✓ Jared Allen CO (Wed 2:45 pm)

SHORT VIDEOS NEEDED

The Conference Committee is looking for 20-30 second videos from our members about “What is Emergency Management”. These will be interspersed between plenary sessions to liven up the audience and get people talking. You can shoot it on your cell phone! (Use landscape format.) Send them to me (or Mike Gavin) and we’ll get them forwarded.

IAEM AWARDS PROGRAM

The IAEM Awards Program recognizes and honors programs and individuals who have made special or significant contributions to the field of emergency management.

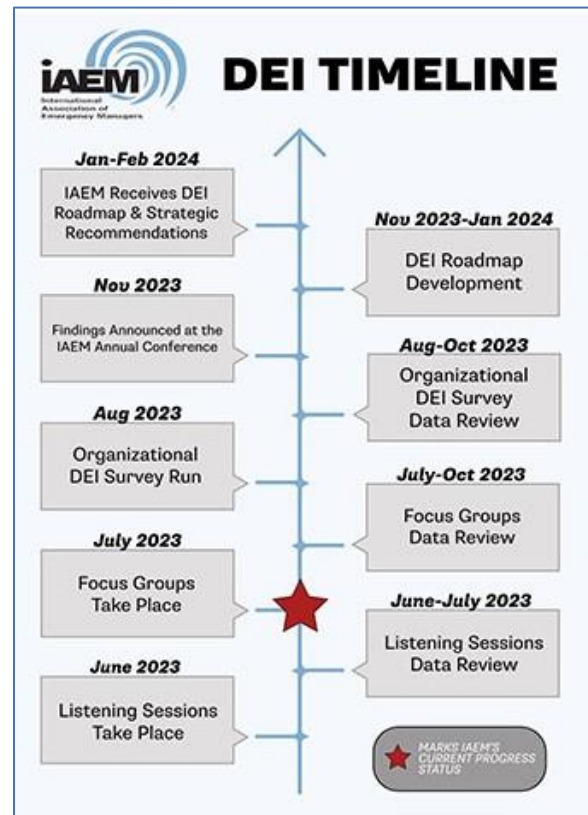
There are 15 categories, including *Emergency Manager of the Year, Student of the Year, Volunteer Emergency Manager of the Year, and USC Uniformed Emergency Manager of the Year.*

Follow the link below to find the nomination forms (online) and nominate your favorite EM person!

**IAEM POSTER SHOWPLACE**

If you have been to any of the IAEM Annual Conferences, you are familiar with the Poster Showcase.

This year, I would like to see a poster for Region 8. We have a lot going on here!! We should be recognized! Who wants to help?



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>