



## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I will be traveling to Loveland, CO in a few weeks for the CEMA Annual Conference. Looking forward to promoting the upcoming IAEM conference in Colorado Springs. Meanwhile, lots of information here!

- Deadline for speakers for the IAEM Conf
- The R8 Membership Drive is on again.
- Federal Disaster Aid process is being updated (finally).
- The Annual EMPG Survey is out
- And more ...

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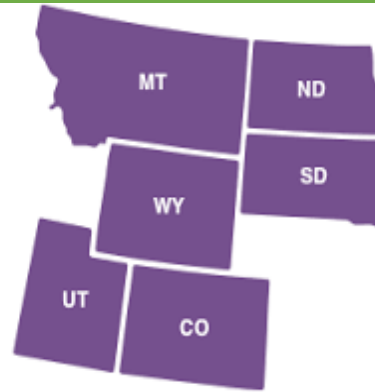
## REGIONAL CALENDAR (2024)

- CEMA [Conference](#), Feb 13-15 @ Loveland
- WAHA March 13-14 (tentative)
- [IAEM Virtual Conference Apr 18-19](#)
- UEMA May 7-9 @ Saint George
- NDEMA Sept 9-12 @ Bismarck
- SDEMA Sept 9-14 @ Chamberlain
- MEMA (TBA) @ Butte
- IAEM Conference Nov 17-20 @ CO Springs
- R8 Quarterly Conversations
  - **Mon, Feb 5<sup>th</sup> @ 4 pm MST**
  - Mon, May 6<sup>th</sup> @ 4 pm MST
  - Mon, Aug 5<sup>th</sup> @ 4 pm MST
  - Mon, Nov 18<sup>th</sup> in Colorado Springs

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

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## WELCOME TO OUR NEW R8 MEMBERS

(Dec 23-Jan 24) Recognize anyone? Take a minute to welcome them.

- ♥ Peter Adams CO
- ♥ Brandon Atencio CO
- ♥ Allannah Lang CO
- ♥ Danielle May CO
- ♥ Anthony Martinez CO
- ♥ Melanie Moss CO
- ♥ Jason Wright, CEM CO
- ♥ Dustin Young CO
- ♥ Patrick Lonergan MT
- ♥ Amanda Johnson ND
- ♥ Tracy Bodily, CEM UT
- ♥ Michael Davies UT
- ♥ Scott Davis UT
- ♥ Landon Densley, CEM UT
- ♥ Jeremy Hales UT
- ♥ Jesse Ludikhuizen WY
- ♥ Anna Day WY

## MISSING MEMBERS These emails bounce!

Does anybody know who/where they are?

- [tim.klippert@lfra.org](mailto:tim.klippert@lfra.org)
- [civilbill@bresnan.net](mailto:civilbill@bresnan.net)
- [csantosrivera@deloitte.com](mailto:csantosrivera@deloitte.com)
- [andrew.berger@denverwater.org](mailto:andrew.berger@denverwater.org)



## R8's Almost AEM!

- ♥ Lea Krumpelmann, UT (needs exam)

**BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND**

**R8 MEMBERSHIP OPPORTUNITY**

**This one ENDS: 2/29/24**

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.
- ... for the first 10 who apply!!
- Navigate to this web site:  
<https://www.iaem.org/join/iaem>
- Select "Individual membership" and "I have a promo code."
- Complete each page.
- Use **MBRDUESDISCOUNT-R8** as the code.

**NEXT REGION 8 QUARTERLY DISCUSSION**

Monday, Feb 5<sup>th</sup> 4pm MST, 5 pm CST

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

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**Discussion items on my list**

- New officers next year
- R8 Reps from each state to form an Executive Committee
- State Association Meetings
- What are the students doing?
- New Membership Opportunity!
- Distribute the Newsletter
- IAEM Conference Speaker Selection
- R8 Budget

**What is on your list?**



**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!

**CONGRATULATIONS ...**

... Rich Ochs (WY)! By completing the IAEM Annual Conference survey, he was randomly selected to win a complimentary one year membership to IAEM.



**IAEM ANNUAL EMPG SURVEY**

IAEM-USA is once again conducting their annual survey seeking information from U.S. local government and tribal emergency management offices about *Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) funding*. They need your help! If you are not among those in the survey group, please help by passing this on to members and non-members who would qualify for this survey.

To help pull together the data you will need to complete the survey here [Survey Monkey Link](#). A PDF version of the survey is available [HERE](#)

**The deadline is February 16, 2024.**

**2024 R8 REPRESENTATION ON IAEM CAUCUSES AND COMMITTEES**

It is the start of a new year and time to update our R8 reps to the [caucuses and committees](#). This is it so far:

- ➔ **Accessibility and Whole Community Inclusion Committee** *Robert Hill, SD*
- ➔ **Awards** *Robert Ditch, AZ*
- ➔ **Bylaws** *Kyle Lopez, CO*
- ➔ **Civil Air Patrol** *Robert Ditch, AZ*
- ➔ **Conference Committee** *Mike Gavin, CO; Dustin Willett, SD; Errin Heggeler, 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; Arthur Simental, CO*
- ? **Membership Committee** *Chris Donegan, CO*
- ➔ **Nominations** *Tracy Bodily UT*
- ➔ **State EM Associations** *Rich Ochs, WY*
- ➔ **Transportation Caucus** *Ashlee Delventhal, CO*
- ➔ **Uniformed Services** *Robert Ditch, AZ*
- ➔ **University and College Caucus** *Garry DeJong, CO*

**THE IAEM BOARD APPROVED TWO NEW GROUPS.** These are so new, they aren't listed online yet.

**Critical Infrastructure Consortium**

To provide a forum for emergency managers from the Critical Infrastructure industry to collaborate, share best practices, and advance resiliency activities across the Critical Infrastructure spectrum and throughout the 16 federally recognized sectors.

**Energy Caucus**

Members will be able to network and collaborate with like-minded professionals who share a common interest in energy systems and emergency management. They will also have access to specialized knowledge and resources to stay informed on the latest developments in the energy industry.

**My only request** for being an R8 representative is to send me a couple sentences about what happened at the committee/caucus meeting. The whole list is [here](#), but I would really like to have a rep on these:

- [Government Affairs Committee](#)
- [Emerging Professionals Caucus](#)
- [Weather Caucus](#)
- [Children and Disasters Caucus](#)
- [Disaster Cost Recovery Caucus](#)
- [Tribal Affairs Committee](#)

**REPORT FROM Healthcare Caucus (Jan 2024) Michelle Deland, CO**

- Review of Healthcare Caucus Strategic Goals for 2024
- Presentation from CISA on Priority Telecommunication Services (PTS)
- Updates from: Joint Commission, Pre-Conference Planning Workgroup, Technology and Information Sharing Workgroup, IAEM Conference Committee, Seminars/Training Development Workgroup, Caucus Administrative Guidelines Workgroup, IAEM DEI Initiative

**UPDATES TO FEDERAL DISASTER AID**

WASHINGTON – January 19, 2024

Secretary of Homeland Security Alejandro N. Mayorkas and FEMA Administrator Deanne Criswell announced today that FEMA is reforming its federal assistance policies and expanding benefits for disaster survivors to cut red tape, provide funds faster and give people more flexibility.

Read about it [HERE](#).

**The Bullet Points**

- ✓ Establish new benefits that provide flexible funding directly to survivors when they need it most.
  - ❖ Establishing Serious Needs Assistance:
  - ❖ Establishing Displacement Assistance: on their long-term recovery.
- ✓ Cut red tape and expand eligibility to reach more people and help them recover faster, while building back stronger.
  - ❖ Removing Loan Application Requirements:
  - ❖ Helping Underinsured Survivors:
  - ❖ Simplifying Assistance for Entrepreneurs:
  - ❖ Expanding Habitability Criteria:
  - ❖ Making Accessibility Improvements:
- ✓ Simplify the application process to meet survivors’ individual needs and meet people where they are.
  - ❖ Removing Barriers for Late Applicants:
  - ❖ Streamlining Temporary Housing Assistance Applications:
  - ❖ Simplifying the Process for Appeals:

The plans also call for:

- ✓ Streamlining the DisasterAssistance.gov Website:
- ✓ Improving the Transitional Sheltering Assistance Website:



**NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS REPORT**

WASHINGTON – December, 2023

The 2023 NPR outlines the nation's progress towards achieving the National Preparedness Goal of “A secure and resilient nation with the capabilities required across the whole community to prevent, protect against, mitigate, respond to, and recover from the threats and hazards that pose the greatest risk” as well as recommendations for closing remaining gaps.

Read about it [HERE](#).

**Findings included**

- ➔ Increasing Frequency, Severity, and Cost of Disasters:
- ➔ High Community-Level Risk
- ➔ Ongoing Individual and Household Preparedness Gaps:
- ➔ Lack of Standardized Building Code Adoption:

**Recommendations included**

- ➔ Target Investments towards Particular Core Capabilities and Mission Areas:
- ➔ Reduce All-Hazards Challenges through Targeted Actions and Increased Coordination:



**JUST IN CASE PODCAST**

by Taylor Frizzell, CEM

Each month International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM) USA Council

President Justin Kates will provide updates on the work of the association. Additionally, we'll bring in a different guest each month to highlight an activity of IAEM-USA, ranging from government affairs to the annual conference. Each episode will be transcribed and converted into a summary article to be published in the monthly IAEM Bulletin.

**Emergency Management Ascending**



**2024**  
**Annual Conference & EMEX**  
Colorado Springs, CO

**November 15 – 21, 2024**

- Conference Registration will open in June
- Information about the [Call for Speakers](#).
  - Watch the recorded webinar “Tips for a successful Speaker Presentation”
  - Review the Speaker Guidance
  - All the submissions will be considered for the Annual Conference (both the [Early Edition Series](#) and the in-person presentations), and the [Virtual Conference](#).
  - **Speaker selection closes February 16. At 11:59:59 Central time.**
  - Speaker notifications will be sent by May 1, 2024.
- Information about the [Poster Showcase](#)
  - The Call for Speakers will open on Monday, March 18, 2024 and close on Friday, April 19, 2024.
- Information about the [EMvision Talks](#)
  - The Call for Speakers will open on Monday, April 1, 2024 and close on Friday, May 3, 2024.



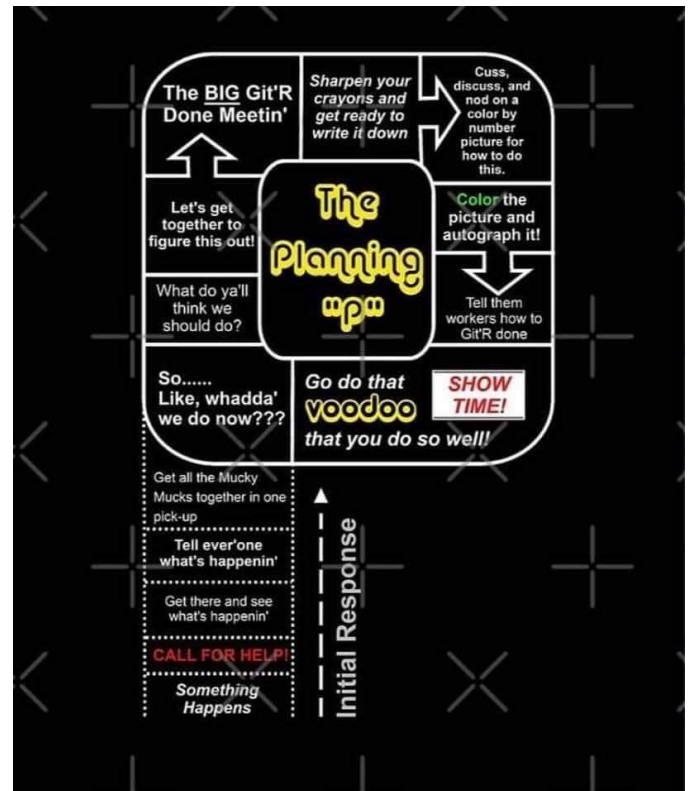
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**IAEM**  
**PLUGGED**  
**IN** Virtual Conference  
April 18-19, 2024

Join IAEM Online in 2024 for two days of virtual learning!

» **SAVE THE DATE** «

**Registration will open soon.**



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