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 5th @ 4 pm MST
  - Mon, May 6th @ 4 pm MST
  - Mon, Aug 5th @ 4 pm MST
  - Mon, Nov 18th in Colorado Springs

WELCOME TO OUR NEW R8 MEMBERS
(Dec 23-Jan 24) Recognize anyone? Take a minute to welcome them.

- Peter Adams CO
- Brandon Atencio CO
- Allanah 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 Ludikhuize WY
- Anna Day WY

MISSING MEMBERS  These emails bounce! Does anybody know who/where they are?
- tim.klippert@lfra.org
- civilbill@bresnan.net
- csantosrivera@deloitte.com
- 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.

CONGRATULATIONS …

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

NEXT REGION 8 QUARTERLY DISCUSSION

Monday, Feb 5th 4pm MST, 5 pm CST

Click here to join the meeting
Meeting ID: 291 828 078 252
Passcode: WWqhNP

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?

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.
- 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 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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