

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

I’m getting ready to attend both SDEMA’s (Sept) and MEMA’s (Oct) state conferences. There will be a presence at NDEMA (also Sept), it just can’t be me. 😊 Of interest this month:

- ➔ The CEMA President is now a published author (pg 2)
- ➔ Student scholarship opportunities (pg 2)
- ➔ IAEM Government Affairs endorses/opposes Congressional legislation (pg 3)

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REGIONAL CALENDAR (202

- [NDEMA Sept 9-12 @ Bismarck](#)
- [SDEMA Sept 9-14 @ Oacoma](#)
- [MEMA Oct 1-3 @ Butte](#)
- [IAEM Conference Nov 17-20 @ CO Springs](#)
- R8 Quarterly Conversations
 - Mon, Aug 5th @ 2 pm MST
 - Mon, Nov 18th in Colorado Springs



REMINDER, you can see all the newsletters, notes and minutes on the [IAEM R8 website](#)

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

- ♥ Jacob Dyer CO
- ♥ Jim Gledhill UT
- ♥ Emily Madden CO
- ♥ Nicholas Weber CO
- ♥ Christina Charles CO
- ♥ Cody Stickman CO
- ♥ Shannon Wicke CO
- ♥ LaRae Dobb WY
- ♥ Jeffrey Burkett CO
- ♥ Jesse Miller CO
- ♥ James Burghard WY

NEXT REGION 8 QUARTERLY DISCUSSION

Monday, Aug 5th 2 pm MST, 3 pm CST

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

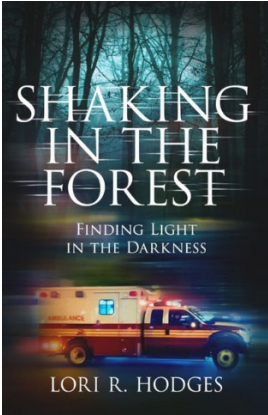
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Discussion items on my list

Up for discussion:

- R8 Budget
- Elections
- Upcoming Conference
 - R8 speakers
 - R8 Challenge Coin and Stickers
 - R8 Social Event
 - R8 poster for the Conference
 - R8 scholarship Basket
- Student Scholarships for R8
- Anything else!!



**Lori Hodges, Director,
OEM Johnston County, CO
President CEMA**

July 16th was the official release date for my book, *Shaking in the Forest: Finding Light in the Darkness*. It is about my time as a paramedic and firefighter in my 20s and 30s. It also is about trauma and how we all

find ways to cope in difficult times. If you'd like to learn more, you can go to my website for details: <https://lorihodges.com/published-works>



The IAEM Scholarship Commission has opened its call for members for terms beginning Jan. 1, 2025. The Commission seeks to fill 13 seats. To be considered for a position on the IAEM Scholarship Commission, you must apply by Aug. 23, 2024. Information on Scholarship Commissioner duties, time commitments and desired attributes are available on the [IAEM website](#) or you may contact [Scholarship Program Director Dawn M. Shiley](#), (703) 538-3542.

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>

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR R8 STUDENTS

In addition to the scholarships provided by IAEM headquarters, Region 8 also provides a \$250 stipend to four (4) R8 students who attend the annual conference. The application can be downloaded [HERE](#). Use this [email](#) to return the application and ask questions.



PLEASE SHARE THIS WITH ALL THE SCHOOLS AND STUDENTS YOU KNOW

DO YOU HAVE TIME TO HELP OUT A COLLEAGUE?

Reese Martin from the OEM in San Marcos, Texas sends the following. He is part if the EMI Advanced Academy

I am current IAEM member and I am attempting to write a paper for the role of local emergency management in mass shootings/active attacks.

I would like to see if you could share this [link](#) with other members of your region to provide responses to a brief survey that I am using for data.



OPINION: OUR DISASTER RESPONDERS ARE EXHAUSTED. THIS PUTS AMERICANS AT RISK

“Emergency managers have become the nation’s de facto problem solvers. We’re excellent at it — but we’re running on empty. And that’s a problem.”

Pete Gaynor. Former FEMA Administrator

CEMA CALL FOR CONFERENCE SPEAKERS

The Colorado Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (DHSEM) and the Colorado Emergency Management Association (CEMA) are accepting proposals for the 2025 Colorado Emergency Management Conference (CEMC).

This year's conference will be held on February 11 - February 13, 2025, at the Embassy Suites by Hilton Loveland Hotel Conference Center & Spa. Submissions are now open from now until September 30, 2024.

Any questions or comments relevant to speaker submissions, please contact the Conference Speaker Committee at EMConference.CO@gmail.com



30 Lessons from 30 Years of Crisis Management

Jonathan Bernstein got his start in crisis

management when he helped launch one of the earliest crisis communications practices in the U.S. as part of a national PR office. Branching off to form Bernstein Communications, which would later become Bernstein Crisis Management, in January 1994, he has been actively practicing in the field of crisis management and crisis communications for more than 30 years. For this article he shared 30 of the most important lessons he's learned during this time.

IAEM GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS IS ENDORSING/OPOSING THESE BILLS IN CONGRESS

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CCEMT-P, EMT-T
Chief, Stillwater County DES
Vice President – MEMA



The IAEM Governmental Affairs Committee (GAC) continues to monitor legislation that would be beneficial or detrimental to our profession. The list and recommendations represent the hard work the GAC continues to perform by researching and monitoring upcoming legislation. As a member of that committee, I agree with the recommendations and believe they will have a positive impact on our profession.

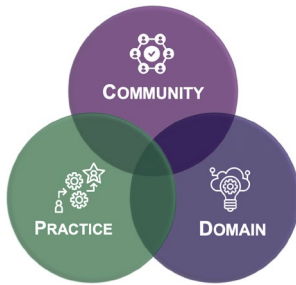
ENDORSE

- Extreme Weather and Heat Response Modernization Act ([HR 9024](#))
- Expediting Disaster Recovery Act ([HR 6084](#))
- FEMA Loan Interest Payment Relief Act ([HR 2672](#))
- Addressing Addiction After Disasters Act ([HR 5623](#))
- Disaster Contract Improvement Act ([HR 6997](#))
- Weather Alert Response and Notification Act ([HR 2892](#))
- Making Aid for Local Disasters Equal Now Act ([HR 6435](#))

OPPOSE

- Ensuring Quality Investments in Preparedness Act ([HR 8616](#))
- Natural Disaster Recovery Program Act ([HR 1605](#))





COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE WEBINAR FOR ALERTS AND WARNINGS COMMUNICATIONS.

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is pleased to

announce a Community of Practice webinar for Alerts and Warnings Communications. This webinar continues the peer-to-peer learning, social science insights, and technical discussions initiated through the When Minutes Matter: Alert and Warning Communications for Wildfires Technical Assistance Workshops.

Who Should Participate?

The webinar is open to individuals with a role in communicating emergency protective action guidance to the public. American Sign Language and Live Closed Captioning Services will be available.

Date: Tuesday, August 6, 2024

Time: 2 -4 PM ET/11 AM-1 PM PT

Registration Link: [Click here to register.](#)

Contact FEMA with Questions: FEMA-TARequest@fema.dhs.gov

After you register, you will receive the Zoom link in an email from the Zoom Events team titled "Alert and Warning Communications Community of Practice Webinar Confirmation."

A PERSONAL NOTE FROM KF6VGX (me)



My husband is one of those serious *ham radio people* (KA6TPR) and he gets this magazine monthly from [ARRL](#). This issue had a lot of great articles about how they can and have provided assistance in disasters and exercises. We all know how important they can be.

In 2023, FEMA revised the [Guide for National Preparedness](#) to specifically include amateur radio. In May, 2023, FEMA and ARRL entered into a MOU outlining the importance of trained radio amateurs within the response theater. If you have trouble getting in touch with a local ARES group, [email](#) Josh Johnson KE5MHV, the ARRL Director of Emergency Management

COMING TO THE IAEM CONFERENCE?

On Sunday, Nov. 17, in a [series of presentations](#) at the IAEM Annual Conference & EMEX, several high-ranking federal employees will provide updates on the latest developments in their area of emergency management.

Topics include the National Exercise Program, NIMS, IPAWS, and FEMA's National Advisory Council. Don't miss these sessions and your chance to network and ask questions of the expert speakers.

Plus, earlier in the morning on Nov. 17, policymakers from Capitol Hill and FEMA will update all emergency management professionals on issues of interest during the IAEM-USA Government Affairs Meeting. For more detailed information, view the [conference program](#).



Registration is open!! Check it out [HERE](#).