



Hoke County Office of Emergency Management

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As a committed emergency management professional and a proud member of both the International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM) and the North Carolina Emergency Management Association (NCEMA), I'm honored to seek the role of IAEM Region 4 State Representative for North Carolina.

Our profession stands at a critical intersection. With shifting federal priorities, evolving funding structures, and increasing community vulnerabilities, it's more important than ever that North Carolina has a strong voice and active liaison at the regional level. I see this role not just as a voting seat, but as a bridge—between our state association and IAEM Region 4, between practitioners and policymakers, and between uncertainty and action.

In my role as Deputy Director of Hoke County Emergency Management, I've helped guide my local jurisdiction through an array of incidents and events. I've deployed to various areas across North Carolina to support others in their time of need. I've also worked side by side with NCEMA to support legislation, training, and policy that protects both our rural communities and urban partners. I know firsthand the concerns we share—from sustaining EMPG and BRIC funding to securing national support for search and rescue, local hazard mitigation, and workforce development.

If elected, I will:

- Actively represent North Carolina's needs to the IAEM Region 4 Board with transparency and consistency.
- Facilitate two-way communication between IAEM and NCEMA, making sure both organizations are strategically aligned and responsive to national changes.
- Advocate for rural, tribal, and underfunded jurisdictions across our state who need a stronger voice at the table.
- Promote professional development and credentialing, helping more emergency managers achieve CEM/AEM recognition.
- Provide regular updates and opportunities for our North Carolina membership to engage with regional issues, webinars, and leadership.

North Carolina has long been a leader in emergency management, and I am committed to helping us maintain that standing in Region 4 and beyond. I would be honored to represent our state, our values, and our future.

Yours in Service,

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