

2025 marks my 20th year in Emergency Management with Spartanburg County, and my 37th year in Emergency Services. In those 20 years, I've been blessed to have accomplished many professional goals. I have been a member of the South Carolina Emergency Management Association (SCEMA) since 2005, served as president from 2011-2013, am currently co-chair of the Legislative Committee and have held a SC CEM designation since 2011. I have also been a member of IAEM since 2005, serving as Region 4 president from 2014-2016, past chair of the USA Council Government Affairs Committee and have held the CEM credential since 2016. I am also the current chair of the FEMA Region 4 Regional Advisory Council (RAC) and serve on the Public Safety, Corrections and Judicial sub-committee of the SC Association of Counties. I mention these accomplishments to show my passion and dedication for advancing/improving our profession, especially for the next generation of emergency managers.

Should I be elected to this position, my hopes are to improve communications between local emergency managers in our state and also SCEMA, and IAEM Region 4 leadership, as well as IAEM-USA Council leadership. Each of your voices, opinions, issues, and problems are important, and I feel that I have already made great progress with the strong relationships I have made over the years across the country to include FEMA Region 4 staff as well as at IAEM HQ. South Carolina is a small state...with emergency managers here more like family and on a first name basis with each other...and we've all been through more than our fair share of disasters over the past few years and as such we need to ensure that our concerns and lessons learned are shared with our counterparts across Region 4.