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To: IAEM Region 4 Leadership

From: Keith Barnett

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Subject: Candidacy for IAEM-USA Region 4, State of Alabama Representative

I would formally like to submit my name, Keith Barnett, as a candidate for the IAEM-USA Region 4, State of Alabama Representative position in the upcoming August 2025 elections. I am the Elmore County, AL EMA Deputy Operations Officer & EMA Director, and have served in this role since October 2018. I have been an active member of IAEM since 2019 and am currently a member in good standing.

In 2014, I retired after 20 years of service from the Montgomery, AL Police Department as the senior Major within the department. I spent 4 years in the private sector as a corporate security investigator for Regions Bank, before accepting my current position with Elmore County, AL. I have served on the Alabama Association of Emergency Managers (AAEM) board since 2019 as Area Representative, 2nd Vice-President, 1st Vice-President, President (2024-2025), and currently the Immediate Past-President. I am also the Federal Legislative Committee Chairman for AAEM. I have been and continue to be active in both federal and state legislative matters to include serving on the National Association of Counties (NACO) Justice and Public Safety Committee and as Vice-Chair of the Homeland Security Subcommittee. I also serve on the Governor's Resiliency Council, the Alabama Homeland Security Task Force, the Alabama County Commission Association (ACCA) Liability Insurance Board, the Elmore County EMS Board, the Elmore County E-911 Board, and the IAEM County Caucus and Governmental Affairs Committee.

As the AAEM Immediate Past President and the Federal Legislative Committee chairman, to serve in this role would be easy to incorporate. I am already involved in discussions with both the IAEM and NACO on federal legislative matters that I routinely relay to the AAEM membership and leadership. My goal over the next year, would be to increase my involvement with IAEM on all federal legislative matters so I could continue to provide the Alabama IAEM members and AAEM membership with updates on all the changes proposed involving FEMA. I would provide the IAEM-USA Region 4 leadership with feedback from the Alabama IAEM members on issues they bring forward and the association could address with the administration and elected officials. I would proudly represent all the members from Alabama and be an asset to the IAEM.

Sincerely,