

Letter of Interest – IAEM-USA Region 7 Vice President

Dear Region 7 Members,

My name is Morgan Hunter, and I'm honored to share my candidacy for Vice President of IAEM-USA Region 7.

I currently serve as an Emergency Management Planner for Johnson County, Kansas, and have been working in the emergency management field for four years. Before this role, I worked as the Emergency Preparedness and Community Outreach Specialist at Shawnee County Public Health. I hold a Bachelor of Science in Emergency Management from Northwest Missouri State University, and my journey into this field has been shaped by more than a decade of volunteer service through the Consortium for Humanitarian Service and Education. Through that work, especially as a longtime member of the Missouri Hope Exercise team, I've had the privilege of mentoring and supporting the next generation of emergency managers.

Since joining IAEM in 2022, I've had the opportunity to contribute meaningfully to our region as the IAEM-USA Region 7 Conference Chair for both 2024 and 2025. I've seen firsthand the power of IAEM to bring together professionals at all stages of their careers, and it's an honor to be part of that shared effort. The Region has provided me with invaluable networking, education, and support — all of which have helped shape me into the emergency manager and person I strive to be. I was humbled to be recognized as an IAEM Top 40 Under 40 inaugural honoree in 2024, and I proudly hold both the Certified Emergency Manager and Kansas Certified Emergency Manager credentials.

I'm running for Vice President because I believe in giving back to the community that has helped me grow. If elected, I hope to continue the great work Region 7 leadership has been doing, with a focus on:

- Supporting and uplifting new and emerging professionals
- Advocating for the evolving needs of emergency managers across the region
- Ensuring every member — from seasoned veterans to those just starting out — feels heard, valued, and empowered

My leadership style is rooted in collaboration, empathy, and respect. I truly believe that the best ideas come from working together and learning from one another. Whether it's in the field, at a conference, or over a casual conversation, I'm committed to showing up, listening, and serving.

I would be honored to earn your vote and represent Region 7 as your Vice President. I'm always up for a conversation, and I look forward to continuing to grow our incredible community together with all of you.

Warmly,

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