

I believe myself to be a highly qualified candidate for the IAEM Region 6 Representative position, bringing extensive experience and a proven track record in emergency management at both city and county levels. As a Certified Emergency Manager, I have demonstrated exceptional leadership in developing and implementing strategic preparedness initiatives, coordinating large-scale disaster responses, and enhancing community resilience.

Currently serving as an Emergency Exercise Planner at Sandia National Laboratories in Albuquerque, NM, I have successfully led the development of Incident Action Plans for significant events, including the SNL Family Day, which attracted over 18,000 attendees. My ability to design and execute large-scale exercises and functional drills has significantly improved operational readiness, showcasing my commitment to fostering collaboration among diverse stakeholders.

In my previous role as Emergency Manager for Sandoval County, I was the senior emergency management official responsible for briefing senior leadership on preparedness, response, and recovery initiatives. I directed the creation of the county's Continuity of Operations Plan and coordinated emergency response efforts, including issuing emergency alerts and managing evacuations during disasters. My experience in these high-stakes environments has equipped her with the skills necessary to navigate complex emergency management challenges effectively.

With a master's degree in emergency services management from Columbia Southern University and a Bachelor's degree in English with a minor in History from the University of New Mexico, I possess a strong educational foundation that complements my practical experience. I have been recognized for my contributions to the field through various certifications, including the Certified Emergency Manager (CEM®) designation and advanced training from the Emergency Management Institute.

I actively engage with the emergency management community as the former Treasurer of the Albuquerque Regional Coalition on Healthcare-Preparedness and as an appointed member of the New Mexico Intrastate Mutual Aid System Committee. My leadership roles, include chairing the Sandoval County Local Emergency Planning Committee, state representative and conference chair in the New Mexico Association of Emergency Management Professionals, demonstrate her commitment to collaboration and advocacy within the field.

My extensive experience, proven leadership, and dedication to enhancing community resilience position her as an ideal candidate for the IAEM Region 6 Representative role, where she can contribute to advancing the emergency management profession and supporting professionals across the region.

During my term as Region 6 representative for New Mexico I will work to increase membership and involvement in IAEM.