



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Looking forward to the IAEM Virtual Conference and UEMA's Annual Conference in May.

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REGIONAL CALENDAR (2025)

- IAEM [Virtual](#) Conference - May 9
- [UEMA](#) May 19-20, Saint George, UT
- [SDEMA](#) TBD Sioux Falls, SD
- [NDEMA](#) Sept 8-10, Bismark, ND
- [MEMA](#) Oct 14-16, Lewistown, MT
- [WAWA](#) (TBD)
- [IAEM](#) Nov 14-20, Louisville, KY

When/where is your state's 2025 conference?

REMINDER, you can see all the newsletters, notes and minutes on the [IAEM R8 website](#)

WELCOME TO OUR NEW R8 MEMBERS

Recognize anyone? Take a minute to welcome or congratulate them.

- ♥ Heidi Lundberg, UT
- ♥ Michael Ciavatta, CO
- ♥ Adam Disque, MT
- ♥ Hank Eng, CO
- ♥ Andrea Wingo, MT

WELCOME TO OUR NEW R8 CEM/AEM's

New AEM's

- ♥ Wendy Lemons CO

New CEM's

- ♥ Ty Shepherd UT

CEM Recerts

- ♥ Brian Bovaird CO
- ♥ Tiana Farrant CO
- ♥ Jesse Miller CO

DEADLINE: 4/30/2025

DISCOUNT FOR IAEM MEMBERSHIP

1. Open <https://www.iaem.org/join/iaem>.
2. Be sure to check "I have a promo code".
3. For a NEW Individual membership only!
4. — complete the rest of the pages and enter MBRDUESDISCOUNT-25R8 when prompted.
5. The total due for new members will be \$99 (instead of \$199).

From Around the IAEM R8 States

NORTH DAKOTA

[Building experts to help our communities: the growing partnership between NDSU and Minnesota's Homeland Security and Emergency Management division](#)



Join the student presentations on campus, or use the link in the QR code to join the live ZOOM stream.

COLORADO

[Nearly \\$4.8 Million Awarded from Colorado Natural Disaster Mitigation Enterprise](#)

(Fees collected from property insurance fund mitigation projects)

Eight local Colorado governments were awarded natural disaster mitigation grants from the [Colorado Natural Disaster Mitigation Enterprise \(NDME\)](#).

The eight local government agencies selected for funding included large and small agencies from around the state focusing mostly on wild fire mitigation and flood mitigation. Specific awards are listed on the [Colorado Natural Disaster Mitigation Enterprise Grant Awards map](#).

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SOUTH DAKOTA

Dustin Willett forwarded these training opportunities

May 31st; 8:30-11:30 am, Pierre, SD
[School Based Presentation 2025.pdf](#)

May 21st; 6-9 pm, Pierre, SD
[Church Focused Study of the Active Shooter 2025.pdf](#)

COLORADO

The Pikes Peak Regional Office of Emergency Management is seeking an OEM Coordinator. This position assists the OEM Director and Deputy Directors in mitigation, preparedness, response, recovery, and coordination for large-scale emergencies and disasters for the purpose of saving lives, preventing property damage, and protecting the environment. [Click here for the job description and /or to apply](#)



COLORADO

Division of Homeland Security & Emergency Management

Department of Public Safety

The 2025-26 [Colorado Academy for Professional Emergency Managers \(CAPEM\)](#) is a dynamic learning experience focused on addressing "wicked problems" in emergency management through interactive sessions, collaborative projects, and strategic networking.



In addition to the new Region 8 Challenge Coins, we also have a lot of R8 stickers! Do you want some? [Email](#) me and let me know how many and where to send them.

SPECIAL NEWS FOR STUDENTS



**IAEM Scholarship
Program
Application Now
Open -- closing
11:59:59 p.m. EDT,
5/30/25**

Since its inception, the IAEM Scholarship program has provided \$195,250 in scholarships to 82 students

To celebrate the Scholarship Program's 25th Anniversary, they will be offering a one-time \$10,000 award for **doctoral research students**. It is named to honor Dr. E.L. Quarantelli, a pioneering scholar in disaster research and emergency management.

In addition to this special award, scholarships will also be awarded to **full-time undergraduate** students, as well as **full- and part-time graduate** students. Last year, four students were awarded between \$4,000 and \$5,000 each.

[HERE](#) is the application/information for the Quarantelli scholarship. Closing date is 5/15/25.

[HERE](#) are the applications/information for all other scholarships. Closing date is 5/15/25.

[VIEW](#) the Scholarship "How-to" Webinar for instructions and examples on how to complete your application

In addition to being awarded a scholarship, IAEM Scholarship recipients receive:

- A full registration for the IAEM Annual Conference, Nov. 14-20, in Louisville, Kentucky (not including transportation and lodging).
- One essay for each recipient will be selected and published in the IAEM Bulletin.

FREE R8 STUDENT MEMBERSHIPS

Thanks to [Arthur Simental - Simental Industries Ltd. & EM Disaster Gaming](#). Region 8 has a donation to pay for 10 new IAEM student memberships. Tell all your students and colleagues.

If you would like to take advantage of this wonderful offer, please send an email to usaregion8president@iaem.com and include this information:

- ♥ Name
- ♥ Address
- ♥ Campus
- ♥ Degree (working toward)

ADDITIONAL BENEFITS FOR IAEM STUDENT MEMBERS

FREE REGISTRATION for the IAEM Plugged-In conference on May 9th. *The deadline for registering is May 8th.*



IAEM CONFERENCE NEWS

Champions of Change



November 14 –20, 2025

Upcoming events and deadlines:

- The Call for Speakers for the EMvision Talks® opens on April 7 and closes on May 9, 2025. More information can be found [here](#).
- The IAEM Plugged In Virtual Conference is May 9, 2025. More information can be found [here](#).

REGION 8 BYLAWS REVISION

The IAEM-USA Region 8 Leadership is proposing amendments to the IAEM-USA Region 8 Bylaws. All IAEM-USA Region 8 Individual, Affiliate, and Lifetime members are invited to vote on the proposed amendments.

These substantive changes are outlined in a memo posted on the [website](#). It is being provided alongside the current Bylaws and a clean copy of the proposed updated Bylaws. These changes are being shared with the membership for 30 days prior to voting for review.

The voting period will be from Apr. 24, 2025 - May 26, 2025. All voting members will receive a unique voting link when the voting period begins. Members and non-members are encouraged to read through the memo and review the new bylaws document posted [here](#).

CALL FOR COMMISSIONERS

Applications due June 1



The call for commissioners is now open for the **IAEM Scholarship Commission** and **Certification Commission**. Both of these groups offer you a chance to make a difference and shape the future of emergency management. **Applications for both are due June 1.**

Learn more about each group:

- **Call for Scholarship Commissioners**
 - Help the Scholarship Program succeed in developing disaster preparedness and resilience in our students through scholarship opportunities.
 - Three-year and One-year Terms are open to fill 10 positions on the commission beginning Jan. 1, 2026.
 - Learn more about the applicant requirements and begin your Scholarship Commissioner application [here](#).
- **Call for Certification Commissioners**
 - Play a key role in the Certification Program and contribute to the credibility and high standards of IAEM certification.
 - To be eligible, you must be a current CEM who has successfully recertified at least once.
 - Learn more about the applicant requirements and begin your Certification Commissioner application [here](#).

For questions about the Scholarship Commission, please contact Dawn M. Shiley, MA, CAE, QAS at dawn@iaem.com. For questions about the Certification Commission, please contact Terry Lighthouse-Sadler, CEM at terry@iaem.com.

There is a new website for the certification program. Check it out [Certification Program website](#).

CREATING A VIDEO SERIES TO PROMOTE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

IAEM-USA is excited to partner with Kirk Jackson of *Going Home Pictures* to produce a dynamic, high-quality video series showcasing the extraordinary value emergency managers and their programs bring to communities and organizations nationwide. This effort will tell our profession's story.

Casting Call Opportunity

We are seeking emergency managers interested in participating in this initiative. We aim to focus on geographic diversity and representation of rural, suburban, and urban programs across IAEM regions. All footage will be captured by the end of June and may be featured in the upcoming National EM Awareness Month campaign and future IAEM publications. Sensitive content will be managed with care. A standard media release will be required prior to any filming.

Selection priority will be given to IAEM members, but non-members can be nominated by members for consideration. Submit your interest or nominate a participant by completing this [interest form](#).

Submit any existing photos, videos, or questions to CommunityMemberEngagement@iaem.com.

STATE OF THE ASSOCIATION

(Each quarter, IAEM President Carrie L. Speranza, CEM issues a report covering major events and issues.)

This quarter's update covers:

- An update on the health and well-being of IAEM.
- An update on recent Government Affairs Updates.
- Updates on IAEM-USA APPs.
- Information IAEM Plugged In virtual conference.
- An announcement about National Emergency Management Awareness Month.
- An update on the upcoming IAEM-USA Board Retreat.

[Read the full address here.](#)

THE FEMA Review Council has issued a Request for Information (RFI) ...

... to gather *public* feedback on the effectiveness of FEMA's disaster response and recovery efforts. While this RFI is open to all, **emergency managers bring a unique and critical perspective** shaped by direct involvement in planning, coordination, and recovery.

This is a meaningful opportunity to provide **constructive, actionable feedback** - both on what needs to improve and what FEMA is doing right. Your insights will help inform **recommendations to the President** and strengthen the nation's emergency management system.

[Read the full RFI](#) and all the public comments (so far) and submit your input through one of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.
- *Email:* FEMAreviewcouncil@hq.dhs.gov. Include Docket No. DHS-2025-0013 in the subject line of the message.

Cutoff date for responses is May 15th. Responses are limited to 5 pages and may be made public - do not include personal or confidential information.

