

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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## REGIONAL CALENDAR (2025)

- Region 8 Quarterly Meeting: June 9
- [4th Annual National Access and Functional Needs \(AFN\) Symposium](#), (virtual) July 9-10
- 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

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.

- ♥ Rik Rarick CO
- ♥ Ann Varghese UT
- ♥ Patrick Lonergan MT
- ♥ Lesley-Ann Pont SD

## Region 8 Quarterly Meeting

Monday June 9<sup>th</sup>

2:00 pm (Mountain)

- Conference Updates
- Government Affairs Report
- Update for Students
- Congratulations



### [Join the meeting now](#)

Meeting ID: 235 320 918 657

Passcode: Ks3AY2WQ

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



## Around the IAEM R8 States

### COLORADO

TEEX will bring an in-person cybersecurity training course to Johnstown, CO, on June 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Larimer County Regional OEM. This course is free of charge, but seating is limited and students are asked to complete the registration process electronically via the TEEX website prior to attending the course.

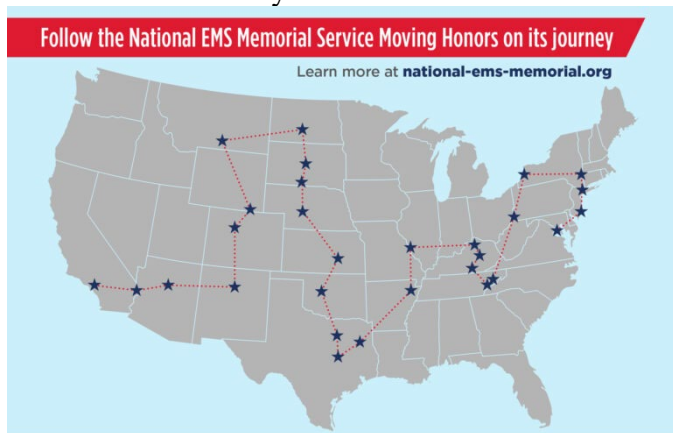
*Developing Cybersecurity Resiliency for Everyone*  
AWR136 – 8 hours – 06/03/2025, 8am – 5pm.

[Click here for TEEX Registration Link](#)

### NORTH DAKOTA

#### [Moving Honors - National EMS Memorial Service](#)

The National EMS Memorial Services event is planning to drive through North Dakota with a Memorial event at the ND Capital Grounds in Bismarck June 8<sup>th</sup>. Any and all EMS agencies are welcome to join the procession to Bismarck and send them off Sunday to the East.



Send pictures and video to  
[ems2honor@gmail.com](mailto:ems2honor@gmail.com)

★ Riverside, CA	★ North Platte, NE	★ Somerset, KY
★ Lake Havasu, AZ	★ Wichita, KS	★ Knoxville, TN
★ Flagstaff, AZ	★ Weatherford, OK	★ Morristown, TN
★ Santa Fe, NM	★ Lewisville, TX	★ Wheeling, WV
★ Edwards, CO	★ Groesbeck, TX	★ Buffalo, NY
★ Cheyenne, WY	★ Tyler, TX	★ Copake, NY
★ Billings, MT	★ Jonesboro, AR	★ New York City, NY
★ Bismarck, ND	★ St. Peters, MO	★ Egg Harbor Township, NJ
★ Pierre, SD	★ Williamstown, KY	★ Arlington, VA
★ Mission, SD	★ Lexington, KY	

**NOTE:** This will be going through South Dakota before it leaves Region 8. The National Memorial will be in Arlington, VA, July 18-20.

### UTAH

*Kathryn McMullin, President UEMA*

Over the last 3 years,

- We have created a UEMA website that is able to accept online payments for membership and conference registrations.
- We moved from a monthly president's email to a professional monthly newsletter increasing information sharing across the field of emergency management.
- We updated the UEMA by-laws to improve the efficiency of the organization and encourage volunteer participation.
- We built the conference up to offer a variety of trainings, hosted networking events and worked to make sure every breakout is valuable and insightful for our members.
- We have taken the conference to Moab and St. George and plan to continue exploring other areas of the state to host the conference.

I'm excited about those who have declared their candidacy for the 2025-2026 Executive Board, and I know it will be in great hands. I plan to stay on the governing board this year to assist with the transition and make sure that the team has everything they need to continue to serve our members.

### COLORADO

Thank you to everyone who submitted a letter of interest for the open Vice President position on the CEMA Board. After reviewing the submissions, the Board is pleased to announce the appointment of Bernie Lodge, Emergency Management Coordinator for [Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District](#), to fill the remainder of the current Vice President's term through February 2026.



**NORTH DAKOTA**

The North Dakota Extension Disaster Education Network (ND EDEN), along with the NDSU Extension Disaster Response Team, would like to invite you to **save the date** for an upcoming training titled: **Disaster Table Top Exercise: Wet Feet and Worry, A flood protection, mitigation, response, and recovery exercise.**

This day-long training will be hosted in Bismarck at the North Dakota State Capitol in the Brynhild Haugland Room on **Tuesday, September 23, 2025**. We will begin at 9 a.m. and conclude by 3 p.m. CT. Registration information will be available in June.

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend this interactive training! **We will follow up in June with a link for registration.** If you have questions in the meantime, feel free to reach out to [Mary.Keena@ndsu.edu](mailto:Mary.Keena@ndsu.edu) or [Miranda.Meehan@ndsu.edu](mailto:Miranda.Meehan@ndsu.edu).

**REPORTS from the NDSU projects and partnership problem solving event on May 5th**

Let [caroline.hackerott@ndsu.edu](mailto:caroline.hackerott@ndsu.edu) know if you have questions/concerns/comments OR you want to be the next external partner 😊 .  
[https://www.ndsu.edu/drem/projects\\_and\\_partnerships/innovative\\_problem\\_solving\\_for\\_mn\\_dhs\\_em\\_2025/](https://www.ndsu.edu/drem/projects_and_partnerships/innovative_problem_solving_for_mn_dhs_em_2025/)

[https://www.ndsu.edu/drem/projects\\_and\\_partnerships/innovative\\_problem\\_solving\\_for\\_fema/](https://www.ndsu.edu/drem/projects_and_partnerships/innovative_problem_solving_for_fema/)



This program was developed by the IAEM-USA Awards & Recognition Committee to recognize professionals who are under 40 years old for their outstanding leadership and notable contributions to the emergency management profession.

Congratulations to the R8 honorees:

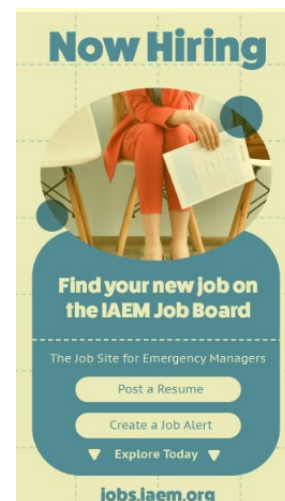
- ♥ Mallory Buys, CEM CO
- ♥ Kyle Lopez, CEM CO
- ♥ Arthur Simental, CEM CO

**FREE IAEM 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](mailto:usaregion8president@iaem.com) and include this information:

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





**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 25<sup>th</sup> 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 5/30/25.**

[HERE](#) are the applications/information for all other scholarships. **Closing date is 5/30/25.**

[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.

## **HELP A STUDENT SCHOLAR**

My name is Julie Elliott, and I am a PhD candidate at the University of Delaware and a former emergency manager. I am conducting a study on burnout and its influence on collaborative relationships, and I would greatly appreciate your participation in a short survey. My research aims to inform better practices and policy for collaboration before, during, and after disasters. Participation is voluntary and answers will be kept private. The survey will take approximately 5 to 10 minutes to complete.

### **Survey Link:**

[https://delaware.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_eWkcmQ1XFuwgYgC](https://delaware.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_eWkcmQ1XFuwgYgC)

### **Your perspective is invaluable to this work.**

Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or would like more information.

A webpage dedicated to the broader project is available at this [URL](#).





## IAEM CONFERENCE NEWS



### Scheduled Plenary Speakers:

CAPT Shayna Goldfine, CEM  
Emergency Operations & NOHSEP LNO,  
NOEMS

***Regional EMS Collaboration Leading up to  
What Turned out to be a Crazy Start to 2025  
in New Orleans***

G.B. Jones  
Chief Safety and Security Officer, FIFA World  
Cup 2026™

***Safety, Security, and Service: Preparing for  
the FIFA World Cup 2026™***

Jeremy Knighten, CEM  
Division Chief, Asheville Fire

***How Hurricane Helene Stress Tested  
Asheville's New EM Program: Resilience  
through Commitment***

David Schuld  
Director, Intra-Governmental Preparedness, Salt  
Lake County Government

***Championing Collaboration in Intra-  
Governmental Preparedness: The Salt Lake  
County Continuity Cup***



**The nomination period for the 2025 IAEM Awards Program is now open.**

The IAEM Awards Program recognizes professionals, volunteers, students and organizations across the emergency management industry to shine a light on the hard work and commendable results of the past year.

This past year has highlighted the necessity for the various roles emergency managers play in multiple aspects of society as they have selflessly answered the call again and again to help their communities through many natural disasters and challenges.

### **The Basics:**

- The nomination deadline is **June 30**.
- Entry forms are submitted via the IAEM website.
- There is no entry fee for IAEM members.

Detailed guidelines and official nomination/application forms for all awards are available on the [IAEM website](https://www.iaem.com).

Please read the guidelines carefully and pay close attention to the content requirements, format, and length specifications while preparing a nomination entry form. Remember to also read the [Awards and Recognitions Committee Overarching Guidelines](#).

Help us honor our peers in the emergency management industry!

If you have any questions, please email Alex Tyeryar at [alex@iaem.com](mailto:alex@iaem.com).



The International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM-USA) is proudly launching the inaugural **National Emergency Management Awareness Month** this **August 2025**. This is a nationwide effort to bring awareness of the emergency management profession and the vital role emergency managers play in building resilient communities and organizations.

National Emergency Management Awareness Month is a collaboration between the IAEM-USA Board of Directors, the Government Affairs Committee (GAC) and the Community and Member Engagement Committee (CMEC). Together, we are working to amplify the value of emergency management across all sectors.

### Who Should Participate?

All emergency management, risk management, business continuity, and crisis management professionals should participate.

### How to Get Involved:

Throughout August, we will encourage you to reach out to:

- Elected officials at all levels of government.
- Leaders in healthcare, higher education, utilities and other essential sectors.
- Chief executive officers and chief operating officers in business and industry.
- Decision-makers and community influencers who shape public safety and preparedness.

**IAEM is providing resources to support your efforts, including:**

- **Campaign Materials:** Social media toolkits for supporting emergency management, sample proclamations, outreach templates and more.
- **Outreach Ideas:** Practical examples to spark engagement in your region.
- **Storytelling Opportunities:** Share how emergency managers are making an impact, including highlights from IAEM's recent [Casting Call](#).

We invite you to shape this campaign with us. Share your input, ideas, and success stories with the [CMEC team](#). Also, if you have any photos of emergency management in action that we can use in campaign materials, [please share those with us here](#).

### Stay Connected

Visit the [National Emergency Management Awareness Month webpage](#), follow IAEM on social media, and join the conversation on IAEM Connect as we prepare for August. Together, we can raise the profile of our profession and inspire new partnerships that strengthen readiness and resilience nationwide.

In Service,

IAEM-USA Board of Directors  
Community and Member Engagement Committee  
Government Affairs Committee