



IAEM-USA Region 3

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For more information or to become more involved

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Events & Accomplishments

Emergency Management Book Club – to join, go to:
<https://bookclubs.com/iaem-r3-book-club/meetings>

Webinars (all available in the IAEM webpage)

The Role of the Office of Human Services
Emergency Preparedness and Response at the
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Mass Shooting and Critical Incident Preparedness
& Response

Project Management Basics for Emergency
Managers

Interagency Modeling and Atmospheric
Assessment Center Briefing

Protecting Places of Worship and Working with
Faith-Based Organizations

The “R3gion” Podcasts – 18 episodes available
on all major podcast platforms

In-Person Events

Annual Symposium (2022 and 2023)

Conference Happy Hour (2022, 2023, 2024)

Region 1/Region 3 Networking Party (2023)

Roundtable and Networking Holiday Party
with American Red Cross (2023)

Future Goals and Projects

- 2025 Spring Virtual Conference
- Quarterly Region 3 Virtual Updates
- New membership engagement opportunities

2024 Region 3 Award Recipients

Contribution to the Region – Tim Curry
(Bridgeport, WV OEM)

Rising Star – Michaela Seabrease (Howard
County, MD OEM)

Lifetime Achievement – Tammy Sommer
(Hampton Roads Planning District)

Educator of the Year (IAEM-USA Award) – William
Schlosser (Pennsylvania College of Technology)

Fundraising

Region 3 has raised the most money for the
IAEM Scholarship Fund for the past 3 years

Region 3 Raffle Baskets (thank you to our
challenge coin donors)

Region 3 Challenge Coins are available for
purchase (proceeds go to the Scholarship fund)
– email iaem.r3@iaem.com

Other

Monthly newsletters

Instituted quarterly regional meetings

Revised regional by-laws (last updated in 2008)

Conducted Fitness Challenges in 2022 and 2023

Proctored numerous CEM exams (submit
requests for exams to iaem.r3@iaem.com)

- Bylaws Update
- Strategic Plan review and committee restart
- Additional Mental Health Webinars