



# Region 1 News

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*"News from Around the Region and Beyond"*  
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## **IAEM Emergency Management Performance Grant Survey sees 1159 Responses**

IAEM USA President Rusty Russell sent his thanks to all members who participated in this critical survey. The data will be used to create a joint report with the National Emergency Management Association to help advocate on behalf of all IAEM members. In his letter, he specifically called attention to the great participation that was received from Connecticut.

## **From the Desk of Martha Braddock, Policy Advisor to IAEM: House Committee Leaders Introduce Bill to Reform Disaster Assistance Programs & Reduce Disaster Costs**

Press release from the T & I Committee on the introduction of their bill today, HR 1471, FEMA Disaster Assistance Reform Act. Please review it very, very carefully. A text of the bill, additional background on the bill, and a copy of the Progress report on Super Storm Sandy are available on the Committee's website [HERE](#). Some of the key items are:

Raising the Public Assistance small projects threshold to \$1 million to reduce administrative costs, expedite assistance, and help communities recover more quickly; Establishing rates to reimburse states and local governments for the administrative costs incurred to implement disaster recovery projects, providing a fixed cap to avoid uncontrolled administrative costs; Reinstating a 3-year statute of limitations on FEMA's ability to reclaim funds, based on a change in policy determination, after an applicant has spent the funds on previously determined eligible projects and when there is no evidence of fraud, waste or abuse; and Clarifying mitigation activities related to wildfires and earthquakes.

## **IAEM Sends Letter of Concern regarding the National Preparedness Grant Program to House and Senate Committees along with other Associations**

IAEM joined with 15 other associations to express concern regarding the proposed consolidation of emergency management grant programs into a single block grant entitled the National Preparedness Grant Program. Letters were sent to both the House and Senate Homeland Security and Appropriations Committees. Copies of the letters can be found here for your review:

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/1utrqr9n0kqen3y/AADllhl18CJmJoXFyQnKen1Na?dl=0>.

## **IAEM Scholarship Applications Open until June 1, 2015**

The application period for IAEM Scholarship applications is now open. Students who are studying full time pursuing an associate or diploma, baccalaureate, masters or doctoral degree in emergency management, disaster management or a closely related field are encouraged to apply. Awards have ranged from \$1,000 to \$5,000 in previous years. More information is available at [iaem.com/scholarships](http://iaem.com/scholarships).

## **Rhode Island Emergency Management Agency to Host Understanding and Planning for School Bombing Incidents**

RIEMA will be hosting USPSBI training at the Radisson Airport Hotel in Warwick, RI on April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Two 4 hour sessions are being offered 8 am until Noon and 1 pm until 5 pm. For more information contact RIEMA Training Officer Michelle SanSouci at [michelle.sansouci@ema.ri.gov](mailto:michelle.sansouci@ema.ri.gov).

## **Save the Date - IAEM Region 1 Conference**

IAEM Region 1 will be hosting our annual conference on June 4, 2015 at the University of Massachusetts Amherst. This year's theme will focus on leadership in crisis.

## **Welcome Nolan Griffiths, New Student Representative to IAEM Region 1 Board**

Nolan Griffiths has been appointed as the Student Representative to the IAEM Region 1 Board. Nolan joins to Board while attending Anna Maria College where he's pursuing a Master's of Public Administration with a concentration in Emergency Management. The Board would also like to thank Paul Jones for his service. He steps down due to his graduation.

## **Looking for Employees or Interns?**

The IAEM Region 1 Board is seeking ways to better engage our members. Therefore in future newsletters we will be posting jobs and internship opportunities or requests. If you have an opportunity that you would like to post, please e-mail Jeff Stevens at [Jeffrey.Stevens@cdrmaguire.com](mailto:Jeffrey.Stevens@cdrmaguire.com).

## **Have Something to Say?**

Add it to our Regional Newsletter. If you've got a story or announcement for the newsletter, please e-mail Jeff Stevens at [Jeffrey.Stevens@cdrmaguire.com](mailto:Jeffrey.Stevens@cdrmaguire.com).

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