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IAEM-USA Region 4 Update

Region 4 Members:

Thank you for being a member of the International Association of Emergency Managers! Region 4 is doing great things and we want you to be a part of it all! We are doing more in Region 4!

Stay tuned for Region 4 Conference update. We are planning to host the regional conference in Nashville, Tennessee, most likely in Spring, 2018. It will be an action packed conference filled with critical professional development, training and networking opportunities. I am looking forward to the regional conference and I hope to see each and every member of Region 4!

During the week of March 12-16, IAEM-USA Council met in Falls Church, Virginia for the annual Board Retreat. I found the meeting to be both productive and beneficial on many levels. I encourage each member of IAEM to take an active role in the organization. Get moving! Make a positive difference! Don't hesitate to jump in with both feet and join a [committee or caucus](#) that relates to your talents or interests, write an article for the [IAEM Bulletin](#), or begin the [certification](#) process.

Check out the latest schedule of events at our website <http://www.iaem.com>, where you will find complete information on our organization, activities, and opportunities. If you are a part of the Facebook online community, be sure to become a fan of IAEM's page <https://www.facebook.com/InternationalAssociationOfEmergencyManagers!>

If you have any activities to report within the region, please let me know so that I may enter them below.

Region 4 Activities/Updates:

- **Savannah, Georgia:** Emergency Management Association of Georgia Summit & Training, April 19-21, 2017
- **Palm Beach, Florida:** 31st Annual Governor's Hurricane Conference, May 14 – 19, 2017
- **Request for Assistance:** If you are interested in serving on the IAEM-USA Region 4 Conference Planning Committee to be held in Nashville, TN, please contact: Necole Holton at NHOLTON@broward.org or Peter Ignacio at Peter.Ignacio@Tampagov.net

Inside Politics:

- **Urgent Request for Action:** Region 4 members, please reach out to your elected officials. State associations; please reach out to the elected officials representing your states.
- Every Senator and Member of Congress serving on the Senate Homeland Security Appropriations Subcommittees is being urged to oppose cuts to EMPG and to support \$350 million for the program.
- The competition for discretionary, non-defense funding is going to be fierce, so it is very important to make sure Congress knows how important EMPG is to local emergency managers.
- Here are the Senators and Members of Congress serving on the Homeland Security Appropriations Committee:
 - **Senator Thad Cochran (MS),**
Phone: (202) 224-5054
 - **Senator Richard Shelby (AL),**
Phone: (202) 224-5744
 - **Congressman Chuck Fleischmann (TN),**
Phone: (202) 225-3271
 - **Congressman Steven Palazzo (MS),**
Phone: (202) 225-5772
 - **Congressman David Price (NC)**
Phone: (202) 225-1784

IAEM-USA Activities/Updates:

Board Meetings:

Please note, board agendas for future meetings and the minutes from previous meetings can be found at <http://www.iaem.com/page.cfm?p=council/usa/board-minutes&lvl=3>.

Annual Conference Information:

Nov. 10-15, 2017: IAEM Annual Conference & EMEX 2017, "Navigating a Journey with the Whole Community," Long Beach, California, USA. Visit conference website at www.iaemconference.info

IAEM Newsletter Bulletin:

The March 2017 IAEM Bulletin is available for all IAEM members online and you can read or download it at: <http://www.iaem.com/page.cfm?p=members/IAEM-Bulletin-Index-Mar-2017>

IAEM Calendar

The IAEM Calendar for Mar-Apr 2017 can be found at: <http://www.iaem.com/page.cfm?p=events/calendar>

IAEM USA-Council News

For information on current events and requests for assistance at the national level, please visit: <http://www.iaem.com/page.cfm?p=council/usa/news&lvl=2>

CEM:

- The International Association of Emergency Managers and the CEM Commissioners welcome you to the online CEM Resource Center, an important section of the IAEM website for emergency management practitioners who are pursuing their Associate Emergency Manager or Certified Emergency Manager credential. <http://www.iaem.com/page.cfm?p=certification/resource-center>
- If anyone is ready to take the exam to become a CEM, please let me know as I can proctor your exam!

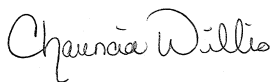
Membership:

- As of 07-11-2016 there are 4,340 paid IAEM members, of which 3,734 are within the USA Council. These counts include 741 from the Global Student Council (697 are within the USA Council). When including free members there are 5,913 total members, of which 4,514 are within the USA Council.

Social Media:

- Facebook likes have grown to 3,687. IAEM has 16,000 followers on Twitter. There are now 3,967 active participants in the IAEM LinkedIn Group.

I want to hear from you, so send me an email or give me a call with any ideas, issues or challenges. Please note the IAEM email address has changed to IAEM.R4@iaem.com. I look forward to personally meeting many of you! Hopefully, I will be able to attend your state association conferences if I am invited to attend in advance. Take care!



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