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IAEM-USA Region 4 Monthly Update

Region 4 Members:

Thank you for being a member of the International Association of Emergency Managers! Your membership reflects your commitment to the promotion of excellence in emergency management. IAEM will provide you networking opportunities with colleagues and experts who share your job challenges and responsibilities. You have access to the online member database by going to the [Member Portal](#) of the IAEM website and clicking on the Membership Directory. Once on the search screen, you have the information at your fingertips.

- If you want to find people near you, use the “state” field and select your state.
- There are drop-down menus for Experience and Interests. You can choose from these drop downs to find people like you and combine it with the geographic search and find them near you. Please use this information to build your professional network.

Most important, you can make a positive difference! I encourage you to take an active role. 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.

You can also 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.

Outreach:

- Distributed information to all members on pertinent Emergency Management issues including:
 - **Urgent!:** Please Participate in the IAEM Annual EMPG Survey by Jan. 23, 2017, 6:00 p.m. EST!
 - President's welcome message to new IAEM Region 4 members.

IAEM-USA Activities/Updates:

Region 4 Workshop: Nashville, Tennessee was selected by the region for the Region 4 Annual Workshop! All interested in participating on the planning team should email: IAEM.R4@iaem.com.

South Carolina EMA: SCEMA Workshop is Feb 27-Mar 2 in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.

Florida Emergency Preparedness Association: Annual Meeting and Work Session is January 30-February 3, 2017 in Orlando, Florida.

Emergency Management Association of Georgia: EMAG Workshop is April 19-21, 2017 in Savannah, Georgia.

Board Meetings:

- I wanted to make sure all members are aware that the 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>.

IAEM Newsletter Bulletin:

The January 2017 IAEM Bulletin is available for all IAEM members online and you can read or download it at: <http://www.iaem.com/members/201701bulletinonline.pdf>

IAEM Calendar

The IAEM Calendar for January-February 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 01-24-2017 there are 4,205 paid IAEM members, of which 3,660 are within the USA Council. These counts include 621 from the Global Student Council (588 are within the USA Council). When including free members there are 5,552 total members, of which 4,265 are within the USA Council.

Social Media:

- Facebook likes have grown to 3,786. 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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