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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! 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.



Have you heard?! Our region, the **BEST** region, is going to be **“Setting the Tone for Emergency Management”** in **Nashville, Tennessee** for the **IAEM-USA Region 4 Conference** in early spring 2018! Join us as we **Hit the Right Notes** and have a **Grand Ole Time** in Music City, home of amazing country music, great barbeque and rhythmic line dancing! We will be experiencing **all** that Nashville has to offer as we in Region 4 meet together to get on the **Same Sheet of Music**. Your conference planners are working hard to create a conference that will enhance our professional development while allowing attendees to network and experience the best of Nashville. Hotel information and conference speaker requests will be provided shortly. Get inspired and get ready to **Catch the Nashville Rhythm!** I hope to see each and every member of Region 4 in Nashville, TN!

Tell us what you're doing! Or better yet, send us a picture. We would love to post pictures of your emergency management activities on the Region 4 webpage: <http://www.iaem.com/page.cfm?p=council/usa/region4> Check out the latest schedule of events at the national 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 [IAEM Facebook!](#)

***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/Upcoming Events:

- Kentucky Emergency Services Conference, September 11-14, 2017 at the Louisville Crowne Plaza Hotel. For more information: [KESC Registration](#)
- **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](mailto:NHOLTON@broward.org) or Peter Ignacio at [Peter.Ignacio@Tampagov.net](mailto:Peter.Ignacio@Tampagov.net)

## Inside Politics:

- **FEMA News:** Region 4s very own, Brock Long has been nominated as the new FEMA Administrator by President Trump. Brock Long has significant experience in disaster management, to include serving as Director for the Alabama Emergency Management, statewide planner for the Georgia Emergency Management Agency and Vice-President of Hagerty Consulting. According to Forbes online, former FEMA Administrator Craig Fugate says, "Brock brings both State and FEMA experience to the job. He knows the programs and challenges he faces. He is an Emergency Manager."



## IAEM-USA Activities/Updates:

### **IAEM-USA's 2017 Membership Drive Is Underway! June 1-Aug. 31, 2017**

IAEM is launching a new initiative to emphasize the importance of membership – the first annual Membership Drive! This year, we're asking each member to share what they like about IAEM-USA and to consider sponsoring two new members. And when they do, new and existing members will receive valuable credit toward several IAEM purchases. Get more information at: [IAEM Membership Drive](#)

### **IAEM 2017 Awards Competition: Submission deadline: April 3- June 14, 2017, 5:00 p.m.**

The purpose of the IAEM Awards Competition is to recognize and honor persons who have made special or significant contributions to the field of emergency management and have represented the profession well by their outstanding performance. Get more information at: [IAEM Awards Competition](#)

### **Board Meetings:**

Please note, board agendas for future meetings and the minutes from previous meetings can be found by clicking: [IAEM Board Meetings](#)

### **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](http://www.iaemconference.info)

### **IAEM Newsletter Bulletin:**

The current IAEM Bulletin is available for all IAEM members online and you can read or download it at: [IAEM Bulletin](#)

### **IAEM Calendar**

The current IAEM Calendar can be found at: [IAEM Calendar](#)

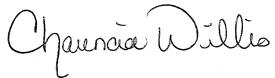
### **IAEM USA-Council News**

For information on current events and requests for assistance at the national level, please visit: [IAEM Council News](#)

**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!
- [IAEM Certification Webinar Series #4: "Professional Contributions," July 13, 2017, 3:00-4:00 p.m. EDT](#)

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](mailto: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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