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From the President

Welcome to Spring, Region 7! Hopefully it will start feeling more like it soon. This is the first edition of what I hope is many to come from IAEM-USA Region 7 members highlighting what is important to emergency managers in our region. I look forward to sharing upcoming opportunities and events to ensure our region is able to face the challenges associated with our work.

As you know, information sharing, collaboration and cooperation is vital for success, and this is what I envision these newsletters providing for all of us! We can learn from each other by sharing lessons learned, training opportunities, exercises, conferences, special events, plans, and more.

Fortunately, our Vice President, Rick Shellenbarger has volunteered to serve as the Editor of this newsletter and he has provided a great forum for us to share information throughout our four states. As disasters don't recognize political boundaries and we become more borderless in our planning and responses, regionalization has become more prevalent. Sharing the great work occurring in each of our states and jurisdictions is a key element to strengthening our work and programs.



Laura Hintz, the President of the Nebraska Association of Emergency Management, and Dan Robeson, IAEM R7 President, at the IAEM R7 Booth during the NAEM conference in March.

A few weeks ago I had the opportunity to attend the Nebraska Association of Emergency Management (NAEM) Annual conference where

I met a number of long-time IAEM members and heard about the great work they are doing in Nebraska. Their statewide [Severe Weather Awareness Poster Contest](#) is an amazing initiative which should be reviewed by all as a best practice. The IAEM-USA R7 leadership team hopes to attend more state conferences in an effort to strengthen membership and learn more about the needs of emergency managers in our region.

Our programs, trainings, and working relationships can only get stronger! We hope this newsletter will provide an opportunity for everyone to reflect not only what has been accomplished, but also advance our profession by promoting the principles of emergency management; to serve our members by providing information, networking and professional development opportunities.

We hope you will share information with us to send out in the newsletter and please don't hesitate to reach out if we can be of assistance in any way. Have a great spring!

2018 Conference Dates to Remember

- MOEMA Conference April 18, 2018 – Washington University, St. Louis, MO
- Iowa Emergency Management Association Conference May 9-11, 2018 – Wahpeton, IA
- 30th Annual Missouri Emerg. Mgmt. Conference August 21-24, 2018 – Osage Beach, MO
- Kansas Emerg. Mgmt. Association Conference September 11-14, 2018 – Topeka, KS
- 66th Annual IAEM Conference October 19-24, 2018 – Grand Rapids, MI

Emergency Management Performance Grant

This year marks the 60th anniversary of the Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) program and is considered one of the pillars of support for the emergency management program in the United States.

A 2018 report entitled “Emergency Management Performance Grants: Providing Returns on a Nation’s Investment” was released jointly by the National Emergency Management Association (NEMA) and the International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM) detailing the return on investment realized by the grant program.



Of interest is the fact that 27 percent of responding jurisdictions accomplish the work with less than a full-time emergency manager, and 34 percent of tasks were carried out in jurisdictions

with populations of less than 25,000. In 2017, there were 35,109 reported events that likely would have exceeded state and local capabilities without an effective emergency management system.

EMPG supported 5,291 statewide, local and tribal discussion-based and operational-based exercises that benefited almost three million participants.

To see more information in the current report, please visit the IAEM website at www.iaem.com.

PREPTalks

New perspectives for emergency managers

FEMA’s PREPTalks continue to unveil issues as it pertains to the many aspects of emergency management now and into the future. Each PREPTalk consists of videos and presentations with a question and answer session. Available topics include:

- Land Use for Community Resilience
- Who’s at Risk? Rapid Mapping of Potential Hazard Exposure
- Social Change in Disaster Mitigation and Recovery
- The Next Pandemic: Lessons from History
- Modernizing Public Warning Messaging

Future talks will cover disaster risk in developing countries, unthinkable lessons from survivors, and financial literacy. IAEM is one of five partners hosting these talks.

Please go to the following website <https://www.fema.gov/preptalks> to access these valuable learning sessions.

NACo NATIONAL ASSOCIATION of COUNTIES

At the most recent NACo Legislative Conference held in Washington DC March 3-7, 2018, a two-part session on Disaster Response and Recovery was held.

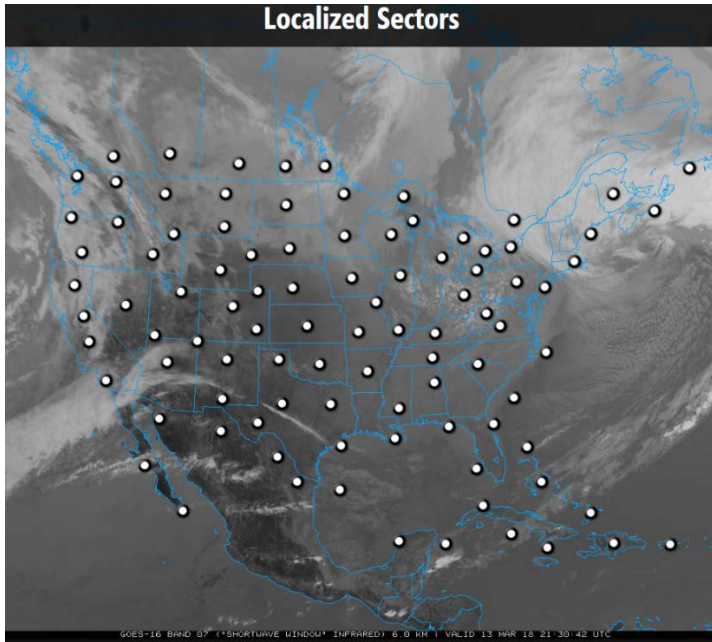
Part one identifies how key community stakeholders can help counties maximize their effectiveness immediately following a crisis event. Part two focused on how strong local-state-federal

partnerships can help a community strengthen its physical and economic resilience in the months following a natural disaster. The sessions included developing partnerships needed as a preparedness goal before the disaster, the importance of emergency managers, the need for planning, identifying case studies and personal experience, review hazard mitigations plans, and how to help build resilience in communities for safety and security.

Nick Crossley, Director of Emergency Management & Home and Security for Hamilton County, Ohio and President of IAEM- USA, was one of the audience attendees and reiterated that elected officials should hire a professional an emergency manager, support them and their program, and encourage the emergency managers to look at disasters that have happened elsewhere and improve upon their planning.

The Livestream for these sessions can viewed here: <http://www.naco.org/resources/livestream-disaster-response-and-recovery>

GOES 16 Satellite Short Wave IR Imagery



In an effort to assist on wildfire conditions, the GOES 16 satellite has been added as a fire detection tool that can be used in responses and situational awareness. While it is ideal for general guidance and strategic planning, tactical responses will still need confirmation.

<http://weather.cod.edu/satrad/exper/?parms=regional-northcentral-07-48-1-100-1&checked=map>

Go to the website and click on the desired regional sector to show your state, and then click on the Product Overlays button to add features to assist in locations such as county boundaries, highways, rivers, etc. Areas showing fires will appear as black spots to help early detection and assistance with response. In addition, wind speeds and wind directions can assist on determining the potential direction and intensity of wildfires.

FEMA Hazard Mitigation Assistance Snapshot (1989 to Present)

FEMA recently unveiled an interactive web mapping tool that provides information on hazard mitigation assistance received by regions, states, and counties. The following snapshots are provided as examples of the information contained in the mapping tool.

<https://fema.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=b9d25d1b3d8347aeb084fac9d30c3f0e>

Region VII HMA Snapshot

HMA Federal Share Obligated:
\$919,111,165
Open Disaster HMGP Funds Available:
\$80,227,774
Number of HMA Projects: 2,113

Program Area	Federal Share Obligated	Number Projects
HMGP	\$847,315,414	1,651
PDM	\$58,300,853	316
FMA	\$12,086,993	142
RFC	\$1,252,724	3
SRL	\$155,181	1

Iowa HMA Snapshot

HMA Federal Share Obligated:
\$411,262,890
Open Disaster HMGP Funds Available:
\$40,538,122
Number of HMA Projects: 910
Number of Public Assistance Designations Providing HMGP Funds: 41

Program Area	Federal Share Obligated	Number Projects
HMGP	\$404,152,600	649
PDM	\$5,782,586	211
FMA	\$1,327,704	50
RFC	\$0	0
SRL	\$0	0

Kansas HMA Snapshot

HMA Federal Share Obligated:
\$124,665,633
Open Disaster HMGP Funds Available:
\$8,766,819
Number of HMA Projects: 374
Number of Public Assistance Designations Providing HMGP Funds: 38

Program Area	Federal Share Obligated	Number Projects
HMGP	\$121,602,014	333
PDM	\$2,614,658	16
FMA	\$448,962	25
RFC	\$0	0
SRL	\$0	0

Missouri HMA Snapshot

HMA Federal Share Obligated:
\$309,253,009
Open Disaster HMGP Funds Available:
\$23,212,552
Number of HMA Projects: 452
Number of Public Assistance Designations Providing HMGP Funds: 40

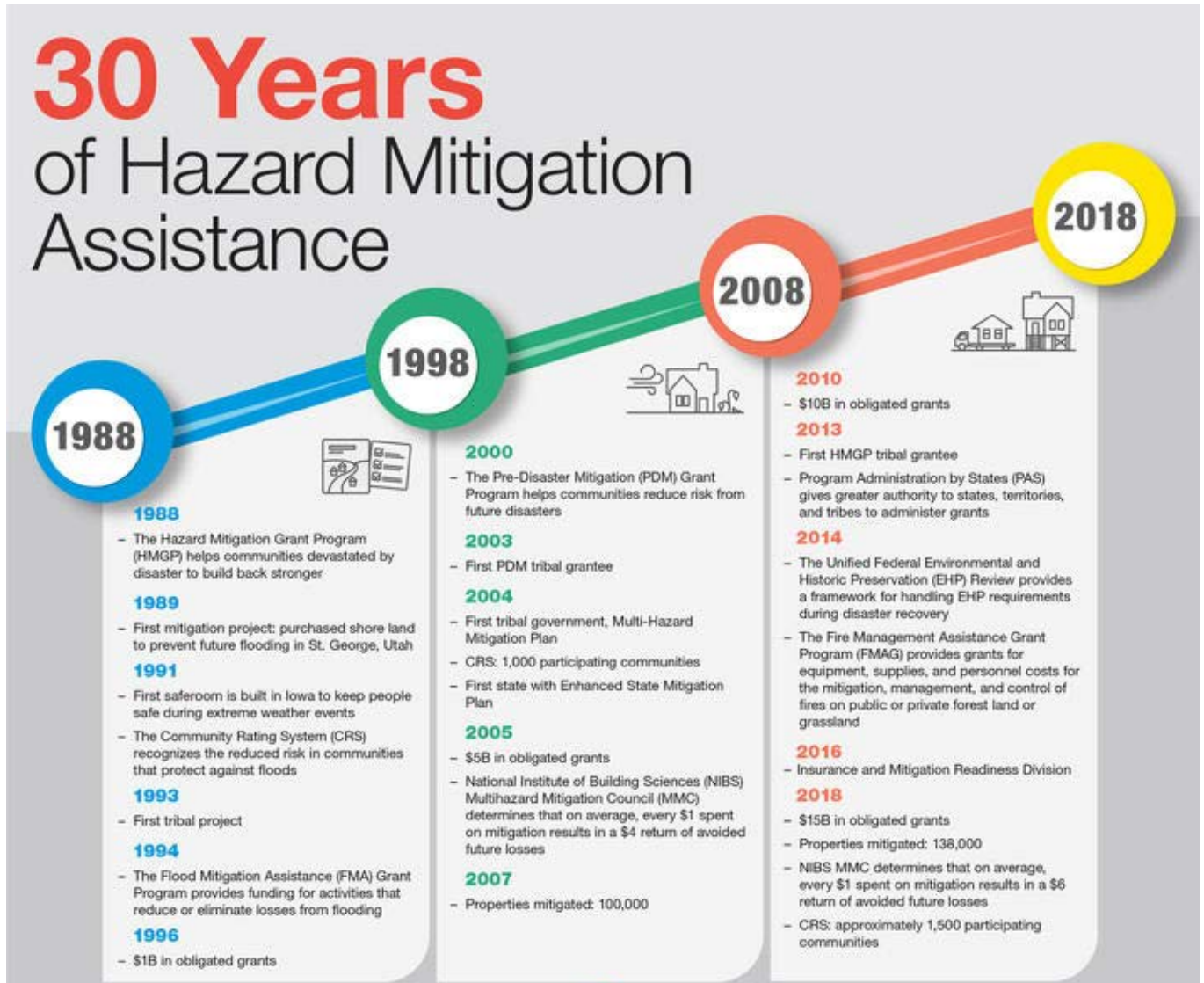
Program Area	Federal Share Obligated	Number Projects
HMGP	\$250,989,548	348
PDM	\$47,549,756	64
FMA	\$9,305,800	36
RFC	\$1,252,724	3
SRL	\$155,181	1

Nebraska HMA Snapshot

HMA Federal Share Obligated: \$73,929,632
Open Disaster HMGP Funds Available:
\$7,710,281
Number of HMA Projects: 377
Number of Public Assistance Designations Providing HMGP Funds: 38

Program Area	Federal Share Obligated	Number Projects
HMGP	\$70,571,252	321
PDM	\$2,353,853	25
FMA	\$1,004,527	31
RFC	\$0	0
SRL	\$0	0

30 Year Anniversary of Hazard Mitigation Assistance Timeline: Three Decades of Obligated Funds



LEGISLATIVE MILESTONES

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| <p>1988 Robert T. Stafford Disaster and Emergency Assistance Act</p> <p>1993 Hazard Mitigation and Relocation Assistance Act</p> <p>1994 National Flood Insurance Reform Act</p> | <p>2000 Disaster Mitigation Act</p> <p>2006 Post Katrina Emergency Management Reform Act</p> | <p>2012 Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act</p> <p>2013 Sandy Recovery Improvement Act</p> <p>2014 Homeowner Flood Insurance Affordability Act</p> |
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IAEM-USA Standing Committees, Ad Hoc Committees, and Caucuses

Much of the important work of IAEM and its members is carried out in the dozens of Committees, Caucuses and Work Groups operating under the auspices of the IAEM Councils. I encourage you to explore the work of these Committees and Groups at <http://www.iaem.com/page.cfm?p=groups/us-committees> and get involved. If you'd like to join a group, please email the leadership of any Committee, Caucus, or Work Group and let them know that you'd like to participate and tell them how you can contribute to or learn from its important work. The challenges we face, as a profession and as a nation, are simply too great for us NOT to respond!

IAEM-USA Standing Committees

- [Awards & Recognition](#)
- [Bylaws](#)
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- [Conference](#)
- [Digital Engagement](#)
- [Government Affairs](#)
- [Membership & Marketing](#)
- [Nominations & Credentials](#)
- [Training & Education](#)

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- [Access & Inclusion](#)
- [Children and Disasters](#)
- [Climate, Water & Weather](#)
- [Emerging Technology](#)
- [Faith-Based Organizations](#)
- [Federal Sector Emergency Managers](#)
- [Healthcare](#)
- [Public-Private Partnership](#)
- [Tribal Affairs](#)
- [Uniformed Services](#)
- [Universities & Colleges](#)

IAEM-USA Ad Hoc Committees & Advisory Boards

- [Disaster Cost Recovery & Finance](#)
- [Diversity](#)
- [EMEX Advisory Board](#)
- [State EM Associations](#)
- [Strategic Planning](#)



Over 250 elected officials recently signed a Flood-Ready Infrastructure Statement of Principles produced by The PEW Charitable Trusts in support of minimizing future flood damage, reducing the impact and costly cycle of rebuilding, thus saving taxpayer dollars. The three main bullets of the statement included: Improving resiliency requirements for buildings and infrastructure systems built before and

the use of natural defenses in planning and preparedness; and, Reducing unsustainable development in high-risk areas.

Elected officials signing the statement included: Mayor Stuart Boley (Lawrence, KS); Mayor Shane McCampbell (Burlington, IA); Mayor Diana Broderson

(Muscatine, IA); Mayor Josh Pope (Elkader, IA); Mayor Bob Scott (Sioux City, IA); Mayor Jim Throgmorton (Iowa City, IA); Rep. Ponka-We Victors (D-District 103, KS); Rep. Annie Kuether (D-District 55, KS); and, Mayor John Lundell (Coralville, IA).

<http://www.pewtrusts.org/~media/assets/2018/03/statement-of-principles.pdf>

State Emergency Management Agencies in Region VII



Director: Mark Schouten

The Homeland Security and Emergency Management Department (HSEMD) has been working to make Iowa more prepared for disasters since it began as the State Civil Defense Agency in 1965. The focus of emergency management and the hazards faced by Iowans may have changed in some ways since that time, but what hasn't changed is our commitment to making our state more prepared for any emergency or disaster.

Following the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, the Department was directed by the Governor to coordinate Iowa's homeland security efforts. While this broadened our mission, our underlying priority of ensuring Iowa is prepared and ready to respond to any disaster drives all we do.



Director/Adjutant General: Major General Lee Tafaelli
Deputy Director: Angee Morgan

The Division of Emergency Management is the arm of the Adjutant General's Department that provides mitigation advocacy, planning requirements and guidance, response coordination, and administration of recovery programs for the civil sector of the State, regardless of the type of hazards. Each county is required to maintain a disaster agency responsible for emergency preparedness and coordination of response to disasters.

The State and local governments work together to provide training to local emergency management and response personnel, along with periodic exercises to test the State and local emergency management systems.



Director: Ernie Rhodes

The State Emergency Management Agency, a division of the Department of Public Safety, is the state of Missouri's coordinating agency for disaster response.

The State Emergency Management Agency's mission is to protect the lives and property of all Missourians when major disasters threaten public safety in any city, county, or region of Missouri,

SEMA works with other state departments and agencies, local governments, the federal government and volunteer and faith-based organizations to ensure coordinated and efficient management during large scale emergencies and disasters.



Director/Adjutant General: Major General Daryl Bohac
Assistant Director: Bryan Tuma

The Nebraska Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) is part of the Military Department. The state's Adjutant General, Major General Daryl Bohac, serves as the director of the agency as well as the commanding officer of the Army and Air National Guard.

The NEMA is charged by state statute to reduce the vulnerabilities of the people and communities of Nebraska from the damage, injury and loss of life and property resulting from natural, technological or man-made disasters and emergencies.

State Emergency Management Associations in Region VII



President: Dave Wilson
Johnson County

The IEMA Executive Committee consists of a President, Vice President, Past President, Secretary and Treasurer. In addition, each of Iowa’s six emergency management districts each elects a person to represent their district on the Executive Committee. A complete list of the executive committee members and district representatives can be found on the IEMA website at IowaEMA.com.

The Iowa Certified Emergency Manager Program (IACEM) program is designed to provide a method of professional certification for Iowa EM professionals and also a tool by which persons occupying a coordinator’s position can be evaluated. The IACEM program is completely voluntary and is in no way tied to IEMA membership.



President: Keith Haberer
Russell/Ellsworth County

Kansas Emergency Management Association (KEMA) is a network of leaders dedicated to providing excellence in emergency management for Kansas. It offers networking opportunities among local emergency managers as well as opportunities to interact with state and national emergency management professionals and other affiliated individuals, governmental agencies and interested private groups.

KEMA developed a certification program that would increase the visibility and scope of emergency managers’ positions and the commensurate requirement to ensure that some mechanism was in place to evaluate persons who occupied emergency management positions. Partner organizations include many federal agencies as well as private industry groups such as the Partnership for Emergency Planning.



President: Chet Hunter
Washington University

The MOEMA is a non-profit statewide organization of emergency preparedness and response practitioners with the common goal of improving public safety in emergencies. MOEMA was originally formed as the Missouri Emergency Preparedness Association (MEPA) by a group of local civil defense directors in 1960 who recognized the need to expand and incorporate personnel in emergency service organizations into a cohesive and productive association.

Membership is open to anyone involved in emergency preparedness or response activities. Individuals with local, county, state and federal government agencies, business and industry, and volunteer organizations are eligible to join. MOEMA’s strength relies on a broad-based membership of individuals dedicated to emergency preparedness.



President: Laura Hintz
Knox County

The purpose of NAEM is to serve the emergency managers throughout Nebraska by: Encourage the development of disaster resistant communities to reduce the effect of disasters on life and property; Provide a forum for creative and innovative problem-solving on emergency management issues; Foster informed decision-making on public policy in

the emergency management arena; Provide means of networking opportunities between individuals involved in the many different facets of emergency management and Homeland Security; and, Development and delivery of educational programs to the general public.



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