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IAEM-USA Region 7 Monthly Update

Region 7 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!>

Below are activities to report within the region as well as with the national board of directors for IAEM-USA.

Outreach:

- Distributed information to all members on pertinent Emergency Management issues including:
 - Countering Violent Extremism Grant Programs
 - Draft Public Assistance Required Minimum Standards
 - Alternative Procedures Debris Pilot
 - 2016 Homeland Security Preparedness Grants Released
 - Updated National Planning Frameworks Released
 - Presidential Policy Directive/PPD-41, Cyber Incident Coordination

IAEM-USA Activities/Updates:

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>.
- The online Voting Area for the 2016 IAEM-USA Officers Election is now open at <http://www.iaem.com/page.cfm?p=USAvote2016>.
 - All current IAEM-USA Individual, Affiliate, and Life members are eligible to vote in this online election.
 - In the Voting Area, you can click on each candidate's name to read or download a PDF with their candidate statement, photo, and email address. Instructions on how to vote are included in the online Voting Area.
 - The voting period will end on Wednesday, Aug. 31, 2016, 5:00 p.m. Eastern time.
 - Should you need assistance with online voting or have any questions about the election, please email me at Thompson@iaem.com.

IAEM Bulletin:

The July 2016 IAEM Bulletin is available for all IAEM members online and you can read or download it at: <http://www.iaem.com/news.cfm?201607bulletinonline.pdf>

CEM:

- AEM/CEM candidates who have had their certification application approved within the last year and are interested in receiving their diploma at the IAEM Annual Conference during the awards ceremony in Savannah, Georgia should note the deadline to complete and pass the exam component is September 13, 2016.
- 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 3,484. IAEM has 14,990 followers on Twitter. There are now 3,689 active participants in the IAEM LinkedIn Group.

I look forward to personally welcoming you to IAEM in Savannah at the 64th Annual Conference & EMEX, October 14-19, 2016.



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