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## IAEM-USA Region 7 Monthly Update

Region 7 Members:

I want to personally welcome new members to the International Association of Emergency Managers. Congratulations on joining the premier international organization of emergency management professionals! We advance the profession by promoting the principles of emergency management; to serve our members by providing information, networking and professional development opportunities. If there is anything we can do for you or answer for you about IAEM, please let us know!

I also want to take this opportunity to thank everyone else for renewing your membership and continuing to invest in IAEM and be a valued member.

Membership in IAEM will provide you networking opportunities with colleagues and experts who share your job challenges and responsibilities. Take some time to explore 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.
- If you are in a large state, you could look for people in your city by putting your city in the city field.
- 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.

As we begin what I hope is a long and rewarding relationship, 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.

Please bookmark 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:
  - Updated National Planning Frameworks Released
  - DHS Appropriations
  - Public Health Preparedness and Response
  - The Complex Coordinated Terrorist Attacks (CCTA) Program
  - Standards For Public Assistance
  - National Weather Service
  - If you have an event going on and would like me to attend, please send me the information. Also, when available, send me pictures so we can include them in our monthly updates!

### **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](mailto:Thompson@iaem.com).

#### **IAEM Bulletin:**

- The June 2016 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-June-2016>

#### **CEM:**

- The schedule of online reviews for 2016 has been published on the IAEM website on the Certification page.
- 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 06-16-2016 there are 4,513 paid IAEM members, of which 3,890 are within the USA Council. These counts include 793 from the Global Student Council (748 are within the USA Council). When including free members there are 5,825 total members, of which 4,441 are within the USA Council.

**Social Media:**

- Facebook likes have grown to 3,460. IAEM has 14,881 followers on Twitter. There are now 3,640 active participants in the IAEM LinkedIn Group.

**Scholarship:**

- The scholarship application period ended at 11:59 pm EDT on June 1, 2016. The Commission received more than 35 applications, and 28 applications were verified as complete and meeting eligibility requirements. All commissioners are now reviewing the applications. Awards will be made in late July or early August.

**Important Dates:**

- The IAEM 64th Annual Conference & EMEX will be held in Savannah, Georgia, October 14-19, 2016.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions or concerns.



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