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IAEM-USA Region 7 Monthly Update

Region 7 Members:

I would like to take this opportunity and welcome new members to the International Association of Emergency Managers. I'm pleased that you have chosen IAEM as your resource for professional and personal growth. IAEM continues to be the premier emergency management organization representing you as we face the many challenges of these changing times.

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.

IAEM-USA Region 7 Activities:

- **Outreach:**
 - Good news! The Continuing Resolution for the Department of Homeland Security for FY 2015 runs through Feb. 27. Preparedness grants will not go out until after a full year appropriations is signed. The House Appropriations Committee released the FY 2015 bill for DHS and it is expected to be considered next week (. For the text of the bill and report, please visit: <http://docs.house.gov/floor/Default.aspx?date=2015-01-12>, but a few highlights of the FEMA sections are as follows:

- \$350,000,000 for Emergency Management Performance Grant-- and a separate account
- \$20,569,000 for Emergency Management Institute
- 120,000,000 for Emergency Food and Shelter
- \$25,000,000 for PreDisaster Mitigation Program
- \$600,000,000 for Urban Area Security Initiative
- \$467,000,000 for State Homeland Security Grant (\$55,000,000 for Operation Stonegarden)
- \$100,000,000 for Port Security
- \$680,000,000 for Assistance to Firefighters / 1/2 for SAFER (or \$670 m. draft report has one number and bill language the other)
- \$44,000,000 for United States Fire Administration.
- 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>.
- **IAEM Bulletin:**
 - The December 2014 IAEM Bulletin is available for all IAEM members online, and you can read or download it at: <http://www.iaem.com/news.cfm?201412bulletinonline.pdf>
- **Important Dates:**
 - IAEM Call for Speakers is open! The theme for the 63rd IAEM Annual Conference is "Expanding the Spectrum of Emergency Management." Review the [Speaker Guidance](#) for all requirements and [submit](#) your presentation today. The IAEM 63rd Annual Conference & EMEX will be held in Las Vegas, Nevada, Nov. 13-18, 2015.
 - Critical Infrastructure Cyber Community (C3) Voluntary Program Webinar Series Kick-Off: Welcome to the Community will be held on Jan. 14, 2015, 1:00-2:30 p.m. EST.
 - A one-day Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) Summit hosted by U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Critical Manufacturing Sector will be held on Jan. 16, 2015.
 - IAEM-USA Conference Committee Webinar: : "Tips for a Successful IAEM Speaker Proposal" will be conducted on Jan. 22, 2015, 1:00 p.m. EST.
 - IAEM-USA and National Weather Service Webinar: NWS Storm Prediction Center: Services and Tools for Emergency Managers will be held on Jan. 23, 2015, 1:30-3:00 EST.

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



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