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IAEM-USA Region 7 Monthly Update

Region 7 Members:

I believe strongly in the IAEM and would like to use my knowledge and experience to help further the goals of the organization in terms of being a vibrant and meaningful organization to all of us.

One way to do this is to increase our membership. *Operation Invite a Friend* ended on August 31, 2014. Region 7 now has **285** members! These new members now have one year of membership free of charge, along with the opportunity to participate in our network, attend our incredible [Annual Conference](#), participate in our wide range of [IAEM-USA committees and caucuses](#), receive our [IAEM Bulletin](#), and have a voice in our profession and the policies that impact our communities. THANK YOU to everyone who sponsored new members to join IAEM. Now we need to reach out, engage, and make them want to stay!

For those of you, who are new, welcome to the International Association of Emergency Managers. Congratulations on joining the premier international organization of emergency management professionals. 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!>

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

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:**
 - IAEM-USA conducted their eighth annual survey, seeking information from US local government emergency management offices about Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) funding. Significant progress has been made in recent years in educating Members of Congress on the importance of building and maintaining strong emergency management programs at the local level, as well as the role of funding, particularly EMPG funding, in building such programs. Thank you to everyone who participated in this survey!
 - Excellent news! The House passed a bill to fund the Department of Homeland Security for the rest of the fiscal year.
 - 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>.

- **Important Dates:**

- CEM –Upcoming CEM Prep Course and/or Exam Offerings:
 - January 30, 2015 – San Jose, CA (Exam)
 - February 24, 2015 – Baltimore, MD (Prep Course and Exam). Instructor: TBD
 - March 24, 2015 – Long Beach, NY (Prep Course and Exam). Instructor: TBD
 - June 6, 2015 – Las Vegas, NV (Exam)
- The 27th Annual Missouri Emergency Management Conference – March 31-April 3, 2015 in Branson, MO at Chateau on the Lake. For more information <http://www.cvent.com/events/27th-annual-missouri-emergency-management-conference/invitation-ad947faca90c4e30bf40aa87b7538b49.aspx>
- Nebraska Emergency Management Association Conference – April 1-3, 2015 at the Grand Island Midtown Holiday Inn. For more information <http://www.naem.us/event-1865037>
- The 9th Annual University of Okoboji Emergency Management Conference will be held May 6-8, 2015, at Camp Okoboji in Wahpeton, Iowa. For more information <http://www.iowaema.com/index.php/about-us/annual-conference>
- Kansas Emergency Management Association Conference – September 16-18, 2015 in Junction City at the Courtyard by Marriott. For more information <http://www.kema.org/content/events>
- 2015 Annual Conference – November 12-19, 2015 Paris/Bally's in Las Vegas, NV. For more information <http://www.iaem.com/page.cfm?p=events/annual-conference>
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I am honored and enjoy being Region 7 President. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions or concerns.



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