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## IAEM-USA Region 7 Monthly Update

Region 7 Members:

A call for nominations for IAEM-USA Region 7 President and Vice-President were sent to members in July. Elections were held for the positions and the voting concluded on August 7, 2015. Teri Smith and Les Boatright were elected as the Region 7 President and Vice-President. We look forward and “thank you” for the opportunity to serve such an impressive group of professionals as IAEM moves forward in 2015-2017.

If you are one of our new members, I want to personally welcome you 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! In addition, I hope to see you in Vegas at the annual conference. Remember to register early and take advantage of the early bird fee!

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.

Also, take this 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. For more information or if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me or a member of the IAEM Board.

The monthly Region 7 Update is an effective and efficient way to inform members about news and events. Additionally, I keep members abreast of relevant and topical information through e-mails on timely articles,

briefs about recent legal rulings that may affect your agency, items on best practices, and webinars. 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:**
  - 2015 KEMA Scholarship award is intended to further the training and education of Emergency Managers of Kansas by expanding their knowledge of emergency management and enhancing their ability to prepare for, mitigate, respond to, and recover from disasters. Deadline is August 21, 2015. Visit <http://bit.ly/KEMAScholarship> for all of the details!
  - Distributed information to all members on pertinent Emergency Management issues including: Webinar Opportunities
    - Federal Interagency Operational Plans
    - Unmanned Aerial Systems
  - Reports
    - "An Investment Strategy could help Federal Government Enhance National Resilience for Future Disasters."
    - Decade of Progress after Hurricane Katrina
    - NFIP Update
    - FY 2015 Preparedness Grants Allocations
  - Conference
    - Registration is now open for the 63<sup>rd</sup> IAEM Annual Conference & EMEX for November 13-18 in Clark County, NV
    - Don't forget about the Scholarship Basket! Out theme is "Investing in EM Students is a Sure Bet." What we need from each of you is a gift card from local sources or national outlets to put on this special display. Last year, Region 7 had the top draw in the Basket Bonanza with 22% of all tickets! If you have any questions, please contact:  
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  - Attended the IAEM-USA board meeting via conference call on August 18, 2015

### 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>.
- **Membership** – As of 07-16-2015 there are 4,747 paid IAEM members, of which 4,056 are within the USA Council (7,962 total members, of which 6,899 are within the USA Council). Last year on 07-01-2014 there were 4,859 paid members in good standing of which 4,036 were within the USA Council.
- **Social Media** – Facebook likes have grown to 2,607. There are now 3,227 active participants in the IAEM LinkedIn Group. There are 1,827 followers of the IAEM LinkedIn Company page. IAEM has 12,552 followers on Twitter.

## CEM –

- Candidates who are interested in receiving their diploma at the IAEM Annual Conference in Las Vegas must have their initial CEM/AEM credential application approved no later than the September 2015 online review meeting and must take, return and pass their completed exam to IEAM HQ by October 12, 2015.

### Important Dates:

- CEM –Upcoming CEM Prep Course and/or Exam Offerings:
  - September 19, 2015 – Mather, CA (Exam only)
  - September 21, 2015 – Asheville, NC (Prep Course and Exam)
  - October 20, 2015 – Indianapolis, IN (Prep Course and Exam)
  - November 15, 2015 – Las Vegas, NV (Prep Course and Exam)
- 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>
- IAEM 2015 Annual Conference – November 13-18, 2015 Paris/Bally's in Clark County, NV. For more information <http://www.iaem.com/page.cfm?p=events/annual-conference>

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