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## IAEM-USA Region 7 Monthly Update

Region 7 Members:

Wow! A little over a year ago Region 7 had less than 100 members. Today, Region 7 has 273 members! We have been able to accomplish this by all of you reaching out to prospective members and inviting them to become a member of IAEM, the premier international organization of emergency management professionals.

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:**
  - Distributed information to all members on pertinent Emergency Management issues including:  
Webinar Opportunities
    - National Planning Frameworks
  - Reports
    - Approach to Budgeting for Disasters
    - Updated NFIP Reform Efforts
    - FEMA Public Assistance

- Hearings
  - Homeland Security Department's Budget Submission for Fiscal Year 2016
- Conference
  - Registration is now open for the 63<sup>rd</sup> IAEM Annual Conference & EMEX for November 13-18 in Clark County, NV
  - EMvision Talk
  - Awards competition
  - Don't forget about the Scholarship Basket! Bill Pook has agreed to take the lead on the Scholarship Basket again this year. He has been brainstorming ideas and will be reaching out to the membership soon. If you have any questions, please contact:  
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435 N. Park Ave, Suite 404  
Fremont, NE 68025  
402-727-2785  
[www.region5-6.org](http://www.region5-6.org)
- Attended the IAEM-USA board meeting via conference call on April 21, 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 04-07-2015 there are 6,604 paid IAEM members, of which 5,875 are within the USA Council (9,035 total members, of which 8,014 are within the USA Council). Last year on 04-02-2014 there were 4,519 paid members in good standing of which 3,757 were within the USA Council.
- **Social Media** – Facebook likes have grown to 2,422. There are now 3,174 active participants in the IAEM LinkedIn Group. There are 1,662 followers of the IAEM LinkedIn Company page. IAEM has 11,878 followers on Twitter.
- **CEM** - The USA Board adopted the CEM<sup>®</sup> Program budget for 2015-16 maintaining most program fees at current levels. However, in order to balance the budget and also take into account that member dues support in-part the CEM<sup>®</sup> program infrastructure, the re-certification fee for non-IAEM members was adjusted. As of June 1, 2015, the re-certification fee will increase to \$325 for non-IAEM members. It will remain \$250 for IAEM-members. Also, the CEM<sup>®</sup> Commission is accepting applications for new commissioners. Deadline is June 15, 2015.
- **Important Dates:**
  - The Scholarship Application for undergraduate and graduate students deadline is June 1, 2015.
  - **CEM** –Upcoming CEM Prep Course and/or Exam Offerings:
    - June 6, 2015 – Las Vegas, NV (Exam)
    - June 6, 2015 – Sayreville, NJ (Exam)
    - October 20, 2015 – Indianapolis, IN (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>
  - 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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