



Teri Smith, CEM  
Region 7 President  
111 East Eleventh Street, Unit 200  
Lawrence, KS 66044  
tsmith@douglas-county.com  
(785)838-2460

February 20, 2016

## 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:

- Thank you IAEM Region 7 for the excellent response to the EMPG Survey! Nebraska had 100% response with Kansas following with 93%. Let's plan to even do better next year as this survey is crucial in providing the necessary data to demonstrate the importance and broad impact of the program and the importance of having a strong baseline of emergency management capabilities.

- Distributed information to all members on pertinent Emergency Management issues including:
  - Disaster Deductible Proposal
  - Webcasts
  - Earthquake Executive Order
  - National Planning System
- The President's Budget request for 2017 was released on February 9. Highlights include:
  - \$350,000,000 Emergency Management Performance Grant – same as request and the appropriations in FY2016
  - \$200,000,000 State Homeland Security Grant Program – reduction of \$270,000,000
  - \$330,000,000 Urban Area Security Initiative – reduction of \$270,000,000
  - \$85,000,000 for Public Transportation Security Assistance – reduction of \$15,000,000. Total includes \$10,000,000 for Amtrak.
  - \$93,000,000 for Port Security
  - \$100,000,000 for new Regional Competitive Grant Program
  - Did not request consolidating the grants into a National Preparedness Grant Program
- 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 February 2016 IAEM Bulletin is available for all IAEM members online, and you can read or download it at: <http://www.iaem.com/members/201602bulletinonline.pdf>

##### **Flint, Michigan:**

- I encourage all members to have discussions in your communities, circle of friends, media outlets, Legislators, etc. to dispel the confusion surrounding the term "Emergency Manager" as it is being used by the press and public when discussing the Flint water situation.

##### **CEM:**

- The CEM Commission reviewed 173 CEM applications during the January online review. This is the largest online review to date! Upcoming CEM Prep Course and/or Exam Offerings:
- 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 January 18, 2016 there are 4,521 paid IAEM members, of which 3,914 are within the USA Council (5,062 total members, of which 4,303 are within the USA Council). Last year on January 16, 2015 there were 4,517 paid IAEM members in good standing of which 3,840 were within the USA Council.

- **Social Media:**

- Facebook likes have grown to 3,050. There are now 3,320 active participants in the LinkedIn Group. IAEM has 13,886 followers on Twitter.

**Scholarship:**

- The Scholarship Commission is updating the application for the 2016-2017 Scholarship Awards. The application will be available on the IAEM website by the end of February.

**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.



Teri Smith, CEM®