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IAEM-USA Region 7 Monthly Update

Region 7 Members:

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!

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.

Your membership reflects your commitment to the promotion of excellence in emergency management. IAEM will provide you networking opportunities with colleagues and experts who share your job challenges and responsibilities. You have access to 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.
- 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.

Most important, you can make a positive difference! 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.

You can also check out the latest schedule of events at 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.

Outreach:

- Distributed information to all members on pertinent Emergency Management issues including:
 - National Weather Service Realignment Plan

- Trump Transition Team
- Joint Task Force Language
- Complex Coordinated Terrorist grant
- Continuing Resolution

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 2016 IAEM Bulletin is available for all IAEM members online and you can read or download it at: <http://www.iaem.com/news.cfm?201612bulletinonline.pdf>

CEM:

- All candidates who had their application reviewed during the November online meeting were notified of the results prior to Thanksgiving. The next online review will begin in January. The 2017 review dates have been published on the [IAEM website](#):
- Certification Prep Course and/or Exam Offerings:
 - ✓ January 11, 2017 (Exam Only): West Jordan, UT -- Instructor: Hugh Daniels, CEM
 - ✓ March 1, 2017 (Exam Only): St. Louis, MO – Instructor: Shawn Steadman, CEM
 - ✓ May 15&16, 2017 (Prep Course and Exam): San Antonio, TX – Instructor: Daryl Lee Spiewak, CEM
- Current CEMs and AEMs due to recertify this year have received reminder emails about the upcoming deadline of December 31, 2016.
- 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 12-13-2016 there are 4,020 paid IAEM members, of which 3,500 are within the USA Council. These counts include 611 from the Global Student Council (580 are within the USA Council). When including unpaid members there are 5,545 total members, of which 4,243 are within the USA Council. The great majority of the unpaid members are those within the 90-day grace period who have not yet renewed. The unpaid members also include Lifetime, Complimentary and Staff (about 93 total).

Social Media:

- Facebook likes have grown to 3,704. IAEM has 16,097 followers on Twitter. There are now 3,980 active participants in the IAEM LinkedIn Group.

Happy Holidays,



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