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## IAEM-USA Region 7 Monthly Update

Region 7 Members:

Welcome to the **International Association of Emergency Managers!** We are pleased that you have chosen to join our organization. We are sure that you will soon feel the sense of pride we share in belonging to this growing organization. The International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM) is the preeminent international non-profit organization of emergency management professionals. IAEM is dedicated to promoting the "Principles of Emergency Management" and representing professionals whose goals are saving lives and protecting property and the environment during emergencies and disasters. We hope that you will take advantage of the many benefits that come with membership and that you will be able to use IAEM as both a forum for the exchange of innovative ideas and as a resource for current developments in emergency management

We are also excited to get to know you and to serve you by providing information, networking, and professional opportunities. IAEM-USA Region 7 will hold their next meeting at the IAEM Annual Conference on November 16, 2015 from 4:30-5:30pm in Skyview Room 1 in the Bally's Hotel. We hope you will be able to attend!

Please bookmark our website <http://www.iaem.com/>, where you will find complete information on our organization. If you are a part of Facebook, be sure to become a fan of IAEM's page [https://www.facebook.com/InternationalAssociationOfEmergencyManagers?\\_rdr=p](https://www.facebook.com/InternationalAssociationOfEmergencyManagers?_rdr=p), and if you use Twitter, please follow us at <https://twitter.com/IAEM!>

I invite each of you to participate, and most important become involved. There are so many ways for you to get involved. 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. I have been a part of IAEM for many years and networking personally has allowed several opportunities to come my way that otherwise would not have been recognized. Networking is a part of emergency management and this organization has its wealth of knowledge and from this, long term relationships created from IAEM, has been priceless.

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:
    - Continuing Resolution
    - FEMA Senior Executive Leadership changes
    - Damage Assessment Manual review
  - Conference
    - Register today for the 63<sup>rd</sup> IAEM Annual Conference & EMEX for November 13-18 in Clark County, NV at <http://www.iaem.com/page.cfm?p=resources/meeting-registration&lvl=2>
      - Want to save money on your registration fee by working at the Annual Conference? Registering as Conference Staff can earn you \$25 for every hour worked to reduce your registration fee.
      - Does your budget or schedule prevent you from attending the Annual Conference? New this year is the Digital Pass that allows you to view a large selection of the sessions for \$99!
    - 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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### 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 09-13-2015 there are 4,133 paid IAEM members, of which 3,580 are within the USA Council (7,224 total members, of which 6,284 are within the USA Council). Last year on 09-01-2014 there were 5,170 paid members in good standing of which 4,311 were within the USA Council. Of the 4,149 total members who joined under Invite-a-Friend March 1-August 31, 2014, 601 (14.49%) have renewed/paid for a new \$185 membership as of 09-14-2015.
- **Social Media** – Facebook likes have grown to 2,734. There are now 3,270 active participants in the IAEM LinkedIn Group. There are 1,912 followers of the IAEM LinkedIn Company page. IAEM has 12,961 followers on Twitter.

## Important Dates:

- CEM –Upcoming CEM Prep Course and/or Exam Offerings:
  - November 15, 2015 – Las Vegas, NV (Prep Course and Exam)
  - December 5, 2015 – Matthew, CA (Exam Only)
  - February 24, 2015 – EMS Today in Baltimore, MD (Prep Course and Exam)
- 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>

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



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