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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. 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.

As a member of IAEM, you are provided networking opportunities with colleagues and experts who share your job challenges and responsibilities. Take some time to explore the online member database and build your professional network, 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.

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.

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, by October 13 to save up to \$100 with the early bird rate!

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:**
 - Attended and taught at the 2015 Kansas Emergency Management Association Annual Conference.
 - Distributed information to all members on pertinent Emergency Management issues including: Webinar Opportunities
 - IAEM Think Tank: "DSCA Aiding Emergency Managers across the Nation"
 - Reports
 - 45 Day Obligation to pass through of SHSP and UASI to local & tribal governments
 - FEMA to Beta test Public Assistance Re-Engineering in Iowa
 - Recovery Policy - Repair vs. Replacement of a Facility
 - Updates on Continuing Resolution
 - Conference
 - Register today for the 63rd 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 2nd Vice President election
 - The voting area has now been open for a little over six weeks. Have you voted yet?
 - Candidate statements are in the IAEM bulletin at:
<http://www.iaem.com/members/201508bulletinonline.pdf>

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 08-06-2015 there are 4,718 paid IAEM members, of which 4,054 are within the USA Council (7,550 total members, of which 6,484 are within the USA Council). Last year on 08-01-2014 there were 5,005 paid members in good standing of which 4,162 were within the USA Council.
- **Social Media** – Facebook likes have grown to 2,670. There are now 3,254 active participants in the IAEM LinkedIn Group. There are 1,880 followers of the IAEM LinkedIn Company page. IAEM has 12,772 followers on Twitter.

Important Dates:

- CEM –Upcoming CEM Prep Course and/or Exam Offerings:
 - September 28, 2015 – Indianapolis, IN (Prep Course and Exam)
 - October 20, 2015 – Indianapolis, IN (Prep Course and Exam)
 - November 15, 2015 – Las Vegas, NV (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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