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IAEM-USA Region 7 Monthly Update

Region 7 Members:

Operation Invite a Friend ended on August 31, 2014. Region 7 members have increased by **196** members, bringing our membership to 321 members. THANK YOU to everyone who rose to the challenge and sponsored new members to join IAEM!

If you are one of our new members through Invite a Friend, 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! In addition, I hope to see you in San Antonio.

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: FEMA leadership changes, Continuing Resolutions, Webinar Opportunities, and Hearings.
 - Attended the IAEM-USA board meeting via conference call on September 16, 2014
 - Attended the Kansas Emergency Management Association Annual Conference in Junction City, KS on September 9-12, 2014.
 - Don't forget about the Scholarship Basket! Our theme this year is the "Giving Tree." We will have a large cardboard "Tree" that we will adorn with gift certificates. Many of us have special and unique gift stores/mail order places to make this a "regional tree." If you have any questions or want to donate, contact:

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IAEM-USA Activities:

IAEM-USA elections began September 15th. There are two (2) candidates for IAEM-USA Second Vice President and two (2) candidates for IAEM-USA Secretary. In the Voting Area, you can click on each candidate's name to read or download a PDF with their candidate statement, photo, phone number, and email address. You are encouraged to learn about the IAEM-USA officer candidates and to vote! Should you need assistance with online voting or have any questions about the election, please email Karen Thompson at Thompson@iaem.com.

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>. Highlights from the September meeting include:

- **2014 Annual Conference** – Registration is open for the IAEM-USA 62nd Annual Conference November 14-19, Grand Hyatt, San Antonio <http://www.iaem.com/page.cfm?p=events/annual-conference>
This five-day training and education event provides many benefits to all levels of government, the private sector, and non-government agencies alike. The conference includes a multitude of topics across the emergency management spectrum, enhancing your knowledge, competency level and strengthening your network. IAEM accomplishes this by attracting relevant high-profile speakers to address current topics and practical solutions. In addition to this annual event, EMEX, IAEM's Emergency Management & Homeland Security Expo, draws a myriad of exhibitors who are the top suppliers to the fields of disaster preparedness and homeland security. Join me at the conference and plan to attend:
 - “Getting the Most out of Your State Emergency Management Association” -
Each year at the IAEM conference we have a special discussion session for state associations of local emergency managers. This year it will be held on Sunday, November 16, from 2:30 to 4:15. The session will be moderated by Eddie Hicks, former President of IAEM-USA and former President of Alabama Association of Emergency Managers, and Teri Smith, former President of the Kansas Emergency Management Association and the current IAEM-USA Region VII President.
 - Region 7 annual membership meeting from 5:00-6:00pm on November 17, 2014.
- **CEM** –IAEM created the certification program for emergency managers to raise and maintain professional standards; it is a program to certify achievements within the profession. Any emergency management professional who meets requirements is welcome to participate. **Important CEM® Notice:** CEM/AEM candidates submitting first-time applications must submit through the online system at www.iaem.com. I strongly believe in the CEM credential and am available to consult by phone or e-mail with any member who has questions, concerns, or needs advice.
- Social Media – Facebook likes have grown to 1,346. There are now 2,714 active participants in the IAEM LinkedIn Group. IAEM has 9,060 followers on Twitter.
- IAEM-USA Individual, Lifetime, and Affiliate members are invited to vote on two proposed IAEM-USA Council Bylaws amendments offered for your consideration by the IAEM-USA Board. The Bylaws require that proposed changes must be circulated to members prior to the voting start date, which will be Tuesday, Oct. 21, 2014, 9:00 a.m. Eastern time. Voting will continue through Tuesday, Nov. 18, 2014, 5:00 p.m. Eastern time. For your reference, [you can access the marked-up proposed IAEM-USA Bylaws amendments with explanation of changes here](#).
 - **PROPOSED AMENDMENT 1 - IAEM-USA Bylaws, Article III-Membership, Section 2E:**
The proposed amendment would reconcile the variations in the description of the Student

Category of IAEM membership. There are slight differences in language among the IAEM Global and USA bylaws, administrative policies & procedures, membership brochure, and website text.

- **PROPOSED AMENDMENT 2 - IAEM-USA Bylaws, Article IV–Officers, Section 3:** The proposed amendment would add a new line specifying that the IAEM-USA executive director is a non-voting member of the board, so that the bylaws are consistent with the IAEM-USA Articles of Incorporation, as required by the Commonwealth of Virginia Corporation Commission.

To vote, go to: <http://www.iaem.com/page.cfm?p=council/usa/Bylaws-Amendment-Vote2014>

I want to take this opportunity to again thank those members who have taken the time to respond to requests to participate in various activities in IAEM on behalf of Region 7. For those of you still searching for opportunities to be involved in IAEM, please go to <http://www.iaem.com/page.cfm?p=groups/us-committees> to review the list of committees, caucus, and groups. Once you find one you are interested in, contact the chair and ask to join.

I am honored to be your Region 7 President and want to “thank you” for your continued support. If you have any ideas, questions, or concerns, please don’t hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



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