

IAEM-USA Region 9 Monthly Report – July 2016
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1. Continued development of an all-day CEM Overview and Mentoring Workshop for delivery at state emergency service association conferences and other regional gatherings. First ESA event will be in October 2016 during the pre-conference activities for the California Emergency Services Association annual conference in San Diego. The day-long event will be facilitated by Ms. Harshman and CEM Commissioner Valerie Lucus McEwen. Region 9 is a sponsor for the conference including hosting a booth. IAEM members in California will be solicited to assist with staffing the booth along with Ms. Harshman.
2. Answered communications about members seeking jobs and networking.
3. Represented IAEM on a Natural Hazards Workshop panel in Bloomfield, Colorado on July 13th. Panel discussed “Diversity in the Workplace”. IAEM and CEM brochures will be distributed during the presentation. The audience will be briefed on IAEM member benefits and outreach efforts including the work of IAEM’s Ad Hoc Diversity Committee. Panel organizer Norma Anderson of the Bill Anderson Fund is interested in “partnering” with IAEM. Ms. Harshman also recommends pursuing a partnering agreement with the Natural Hazards Workshop organized by the University of Colorado at Boulder. Both of these partnering opportunities will be raised by Ms. Harshman at the Board Meeting in July.
4. Represented IAEM at the Bay Area Emergency Managers Conference in San Francisco on July 28th. Distributed IAEM and CEM brochures. In addition to an overview of IAEM and CEM benefits and opportunities, the presentation provided insights into activities within Region 9 for promoting disaster resilience. Topics included:
 - ✓ Resilience concepts and definitions
 - ✓ Methods to strengthen mitigation and recovery
 - ✓ National Disaster Preparedness Training Center’s educational opportunities to learn and examine disaster resilience
 - ✓ Rockefeller Institute’s “100 Resilient Cities” campaign to encourage urban resilience - the capacity of individuals, communities, institutions, businesses, and systems within a city to survive, adapt, and grow no matter what kinds of chronic stresses and acute shocks

they experience. Best practices from the Region's representatives - Berkeley, Honolulu, Los Angeles, Oakland, and San Francisco.