

Candidate Statement – Jon Shear

Aloha,

My name is Jon Shear and I'd like to ask for your support for the office of the IAEM-USA Region 9 President. I have lived in Region 9 in Hawaii since 2010, where I have actively supported IAEM in leadership positions in the Emerging Technology Caucus, as well as on the conference committee. My experience in Region IX includes conducting numerous training events, exercises, planning workshops, and capability assessments in Arizona, California, Hawaii, Nevada, Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands, Guam, and American Samoa. I am also a founding member, and a past-president of the Emergency Management Professionals of Hawaii, which is our state-wide emergency management association.

My introduction to the emergency management profession began in the Army where I was certified as an Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) and Hazmat Tech, and where I commanded an emergency response team that responded to WMD/CBRNE incidents throughout the world. Over the past 30 years I've had the opportunity to work throughout the U.S. and with a dozen countries and territories on a broad range of planning, training, and exercise efforts to improve preparedness in each community. I supported projects working at DHS on the National Preparedness Task Force, as well as at FEMA supporting the National Continuity Programs Directorate.

What I hope to accomplish as the IAEM-USA Region 9 President is to increase engagement with Region 9 members providing additional opportunities to discuss and learn about emergency management issues of interest to Region 9, as well as to increase networking and collaboration. As we learned from the response to COVID-19, and numerous disasters over the past several years IAEM has played a critical role in building and nurturing connections throughout our profession, and I am excited about the opportunity to work with you over the next year.

Please feel free to contact me at jshear@readyzonehq.com or at 443-690-5604 with any questions.

Mahalo,

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