

IAEM Candidate Statement

Candidate for IAEM-USA Region 1 Maine State Representative

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Hello Maine!

My name is Scott Carpenter, and I'm looking to continue in my role as IAEM-USA Region 1 Maine State Representative. My family and I have lived in York County since early 2020, where we live in North Berwick.

I have been an emergency manager for the past 18 years, holding a variety of positions spanning areas of responsibility such as recovery, planning, public health, healthcare, and training, with most of my time serving in the public sector with both State and Federal government. My current professional role is with FEMA Region 1 as the Recovery FEMA Integration Team member embedded within the State of New Hampshire. Having worked across many facets of emergency management, I have been able to experience firsthand the unique needs and challenges that face emergency managers across sectors, as well as the commonalities that tie us together.

Similarly to many of us during the pandemic, I experienced a significant amount of compassion fatigue and burnout which impacted both my work and family life. Recognizing the challenges resulting from working in our field during never-ending activations, I worked, together with colleagues, in early 2021 to form the IAEM Mental Health and Wellness Caucus, serving as Vice Chair for the past 3 years, where we discuss and work to build programming to address mental health issues facing emergency managers.

In addition, I am an active member of the Maine Association of Local Emergency Managers (MALEM). In my role as Awards and Scholarship Committee Chair, I worked with members to reinvigorate the MALEM awards and scholarships during 2024, culminating in the recognition of 7 of Maine's emergency managers during the Maine Prepares conference in May.

In October 2023, I had the opportunity to represent both MALEM and IAEM Region 1 in a Congressional Affairs trip to Washington DC, meeting with House and Senate representatives and staffers to discuss challenges and potential solutions for emergency management issues facing both Maine and Region 1.

Given the opportunity to continue as the IAEM State Representative for Maine, I will look to continue to build upon the foundation of collaboration and advocacy for emergency managers here in our state. I look to continue to cultivate the connections that foster engagement amongst our peers and ensure we all have an opportunity to play in our team sport of emergency management.

If elected to continue as our State Representative, I look forward to working with you, our communities, our region, and IAEM USA to build upon the great efforts across our field.

Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or would like to talk!