

Candidate Statement for IAEM-USA Region 6 Vice President

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As a dedicated and experienced emergency management professional, I am seeking the role of Vice President of IAEM-USA Region 6 to leverage my extensive expertise and leadership abilities in further advancing our region's resilience and preparedness. With over a decade of experience in emergency management, my background encompasses strategic crisis management, interagency coordination, and leadership in high-pressure situations.

Experience and Qualifications:

- **Current Role:** Director of Emergency Management for Bernalillo County, NM, overseeing all operational and strategic aspects of the county's emergency management, including the development of All-Hazard plans, budget management, and 24/7 crisis response.
- **Leadership Roles:** President of the New Mexico Association of Emergency Management Professionals (NMAEMP), where I spearheaded state-level conferences and led the transition to digital platforms to boost membership engagement and communication efficiency.
- **Professional Development:** Certified Emergency Manager (CEM®) by IAEM, extensive NIMS and ICS training, completion of both the National Emergency Management Basic and Advanced Academies, and the Vanguard Executive Crisis Leaders Fellowship.
- **Education:** Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice and in-progress Master's Degree in Emergency Management and Homeland Security from Arizona State University.

Vision and Goals:

1. **Enhance Regional Collaboration:** Foster stronger partnerships among local, state, federal, tribal, private sector, and NGO agencies to ensure cohesive and efficient emergency response.
2. **Promote Professional Development:** Advocate for continuous education and training opportunities to ensure our members are equipped with the latest knowledge and skills.
3. **Support for Emerging Leaders:** Mentor and support the next generation of emergency management professionals to build a robust and resilient leadership pipeline.

I'm passionate about advancing our field of emergency management, and I am dedicated to using my skills and experience to serve the members of IAEM-USA Region 6 effectively. I believe that by working together, we can make significant advancements in our region's emergency management capabilities.

Thank you for considering my candidacy for Vice President. I look forward to the opportunity to contribute to the continued success and growth of IAEM-USA Region 6.