



## IAEM-USA Region 7 Annual Conference Awards: *Honoring the Best of the Midwest*

### Overview

One of the goals of the International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM)-USA Region 7 is to further the field of Emergency Management. There is no better way to do that than to recognize the outstanding work of our members and partners. IAEM-USA Region 7 will be hosting a conference and awards event in 2024 to recognize key emergency management partners and professionals.

While strongly encouraged, nominees do not need to be members of IAEM. Those submitting award nominations also do not need to be IAEM members. Multiple nominations are welcome and strongly encouraged to assist the review committee in understanding the significance and impact of the nominee or their program, project, or service.

The award categories recognize emergency managers, teams and organizations who diligently serve the interests of emergency management in Region 7. The 2024 IAEM-USA Region 7 awards will be reviewed by a panel of five Emergency Management Professionals representing a list of varied EM stakeholder groups.

***The IAEM-USA Region 7 Annual Awards are not a substitution for the IAEM-USA National awards program. Region 7 members are encouraged to nominate deserving Region 7 members during the open nomination period for any IAEM-USA awards.***

### Nomination Process

The nomination process will be managed through Google Forms and open by June 1, 2024 and close June 30, 2024. The nomination committee will meet virtually to make final selections by July 15th. Award recipients will be notified by July 19th and be invited to attend the event in August.

### Award Selections

Award selections will be made by the review committee. Each award will be voted upon and require a majority vote. Award committee members with a close personal or professional relationship with any of the nominees should self-identify and recuse themselves from the vote. The Awards Committee will coordinate awards and notification to award recipients.

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### Award Categories & Criteria

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Nominate by clicking [HERE](#) Nominations being accepted June 1 – June 30, 2024

Award	Nominee Type	Description	Notes
IAEM-USA Region 7 Emergency Manager of the Year	Individual	The most prestigious and highest honor in Region 7. This EM professional is one person, who no questions asked, embodies the spirit of emergency management.	Must be an individual award. May only be given out at the discretion of the Nomination Committee.
IAEM-USA Region 7 Innovation	Individual, Team, OR Organization	EM professional/team/organization that contributed to the EM field by creating a product, resource, template, furthering a new idea or invention within the field of EM.	May only be given out at the discretion of the Nomination Committee.
IAEM-USA Region 7 Lifeline Award (Mutual Aid Resource)	Individual, Team, OR Organization	EM professional/team/organization that facilitated support or resources during times of crisis or disaster and filling the “critical lifeline” during a time of need.	May only be given out at the discretion of the Nomination Committee.
IAEM-USA Region 7 Partner of the Year	Individual, Team, OR Organization	Partner, agency, or organization that has provided support to the betterment of the R7 membership and mission.	May only be given out at the discretion of the Nomination Committee.

IAEM-USA Region 7 Student	Individual	A student or partner supporting students in the space of emergency management.	May only be given out at the discretion of the Nomination Committee.
IAEM-USA Region 7 Lifetime Achievement	Individual	An EM professional possessing at least 15 years of dedicated service to the field of emergency management at the local, county, state, or federal level. A documented leader in the field, an individual who has provided major contributions to bettering emergency management within Region 7, and who has influenced and developed future generations of emergency managers.	May only be given out at the discretion of the Nomination Committee.
IAEM-USA Region 7 *Service	Individual	EM professional who consistently demonstrates an unyielding dedication to IAEM-USA Region 7 by engaging in IAEM-USA Region 7 leadership and committee work.	May be given out at the discretion of the IAEM-USA Region 7 Officers.
IAEM-USA Region 7 *Presidential Citation	Individual	Given by the Region 7 President to an EM profession for recognition of special personal and meritorious contributions to IAEM-USA Region 7.	Given out at the discretion of the IAEM-USA Region 7 President.

\*Presidential Citations and Service Awards do not get submitted for Nomination.

## Frequently Asked Questions

**Question:** *Can I nominate a specific individual/team/organization for multiple awards?* **Answer:** YES! Individuals, teams, and organizations can be nominated multiple times.

**Question:** *Can I nominate a specific individual/team/organization under multiple categories for the same project?*

**Answer:** Yes! Individuals, teams, and organizations can be submitted under multiple award categories for the same project.

**Question:** *Does the individual/team/organization being nominated need to work in Region 7?* **Answer:** Yes, all individuals, teams, and organizations being nominated need to be working or have performed the work in Region 7 (Midwest).

**Question:** *Does the work being recognized need to have occurred in Region 7?*

**Answer:** Yes, the work being recognized needs to have either occurred in Region 7 or been in close conjunction with a Midwest organization.

**Question:** *Are self-nominations allowed?*

**Answer:** While self-nominations are not encouraged, they are permitted.

**Question:** *Do recipients need to be present at the event to receive an award?* **Answer:**

While we hope all recipients will be present, they do not need to be in order to receive an award.

**Question:** *Do I need to be a member of IAEM to receive the award? To*

*nominate anyone?* **Answer:** Neither the individual nominating or nominee need to be IAEM Members.

**Question:** *How can I get involved with IAEM-USA Region 7?*

**Answer:** Contact the IAEM-USA President Randy Pommenville at ([IAEM.R7@iaem.com](mailto:IAEM.R7@iaem.com))