



**PRESIDENT’S REPORT**

**MEA CULPA!!** When I sent out the mid-month update, I noted there was a grant writing class available in Laramie, *Colorado*. Of course, I know better. (Thank you, Mike.)



**Important in this issue**

- R8 Student Scholarships extended to 9/16 (pg 2)
- *Climb to Colorado with IAEM* (pg 3)
- FEMA’s 2023 Resilience Report is now available (pg 3)
- Did you know FEMA will exchange staff with you for 6 months? (pg 3)

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**REGIONAL CALENDAR (2024)**

- [NDEMA Sept 9-12 @ Bismarck](#)
- [SDEMA Sept 9-14 @ Oacoma](#)
- [MEMA Oct 1-3 @ Butte](#)
- [IAEM Conference Nov 17-20 @ CO Springs](#)
- R8 Quarterly Conversations
  - Mon, Nov 18<sup>th</sup> in Colorado Springs



REMINDER, you can see all the newsletters, notes and minutes on the [IAEM R8 website](#)

**WELCOME TO OUR NEW R8 MEMBERS AND CEM/AEM’S**

Recognize anyone? Take a minute to welcome or congratulate them.

- ♥ Jacob Dyer CO
- ♥ Jim Gledhill UT
- ♥ Emily Madden CO
- ♥ Nicholas Weber CO
- ♥ Christina Charles CO
- ♥ Cody Stickman CO
- ♥ Shannon Wicke CO
- ♥ LaRae Dobb WY
- ♥ Jeffrey Burkett CO
- ♥ Jesse Miller CO
- ♥ James Burghard WY

**R8’s NEWEST CEM!**

- ♥ Amanda Meldrum; Colorado Springs, CO
- ♥ Christian Kohl Parrott; Loveland, CO

**R8’s NEWEST AEM**

- ♥ Isaac Bacon, Great Falls, Montana



*Did you miss the 2024 NATIONAL AFN SYMPOSIUM in Colorado?*

All the sessions were recorded and are available on [YouTube](#).

SAVE THE DATE: The 2025 symposium will be April 8-10 in Colorado Springs

**SCHOLARSHIPS FOR R8 STUDENTS**

**DEADLINE EXTENDED TO 9/16**

In addition to the scholarships provided by IAEM headquarters, Region 8 also provides a \$250 stipend to four (4) R8 students who attend the annual conference. The application can be downloaded [HERE](#). Use this [email](#) to return the application and ask questions.



**PLEASE SHARE THIS WITH ALL THE SCHOOLS AND STUDENTS YOU KNOW**

**Invite your friends!**

Do you know emergency managers who are not an IAEM member? Invite them to join! Membership benefits include:

- Access to the *IAEM Bulletin*
- Discounted rates on CEM certifications and training
- Representation in government working groups addressing vital issues
- Weekly E-Dispatch access giving you the latest EM news
- Access to the IAEM Jobs Board
- Professional development opportunities
- Reduced cost to IAEM and industry events
- And many more!

Invite your friends at <https://www.iaem.org/join/intro>



**ELEVATING EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:**

*A Call to Action for a More Respected and Effective Profession*

A good look at making changes to our profession. This was written by the IAEM Region 9 President, Todd T DeVoe. He is also running unopposed for the next IAEM 2<sup>nd</sup> VP.



**IMPROVING PEDIATRIC DISASTER PREPAREDNESS**

The Center for Emergency Management Intelligence Research ([emint@cemir.org](mailto:emint@cemir.org)) is collaborating with the National Pediatric Disaster Coalition ([npdcoalition.org/resources](http://npdcoalition.org/resources)) on their creation of social media memes and material, aligned to the U.S. Emergency Support Functions (ESFs). These memes have three main purposes, to:

- Help educate the public on the importance of preparing their families for disasters of any kind.
- Help educate local officials – including EMs – on the distinct and diverse needs of children of all ages.
- Become viral through crowd-sourced expansion. We are encouraging others (PIOs, crisis communications course instructors, etc.) to volunteer to tweak and make their own versions of these memes. We encourage you to utilize the hashtag #Prep4TheKids in all the postings you or others may make.
- You can find the specific memes (English versions only, at this point) <https://bit.ly/3ypZoxW>
- We have also started a podcast series describing each ESF meme and the background for emergency managers. They are on Spotify, Apple podcasts, and YouTube, as well as (for free) at the CEMIR's Substack podcast page - [thecemir.substack.com/podcast](http://thecemir.substack.com/podcast).

**WATCH!!** This is a great video!



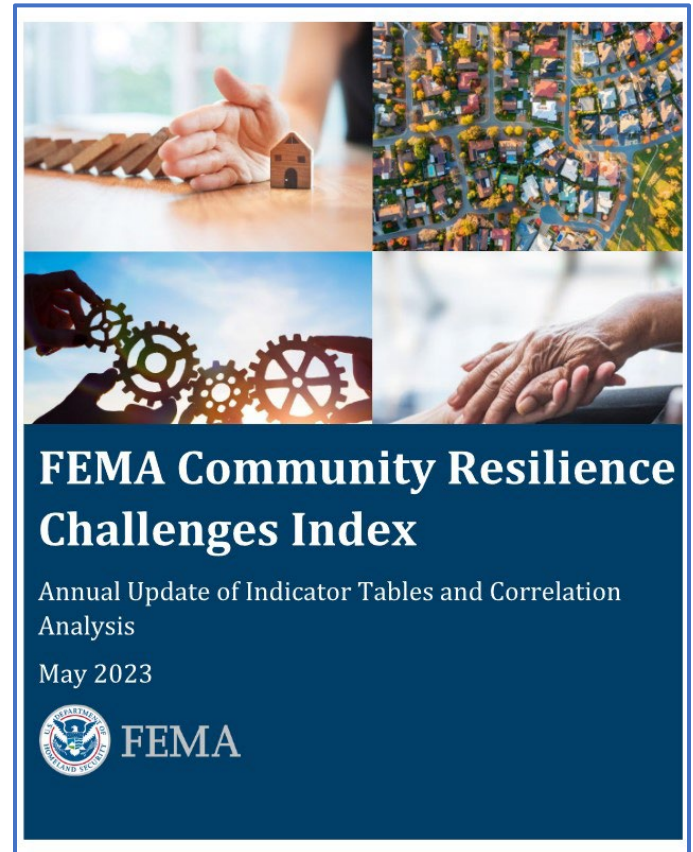


- An old favorite at the conference -- the *Live Scholarship Auction* -- is being replaced this year by the [Climb to Colorado](#)!
- It is a *virtual* health and wellness event that will support the IAEM Scholarship Program.
- The Climb will begin on Sept. 11 from IAEM HQ in Virginia and conclude on Nov. 13 in Colorado Springs. Registration is \$45. [Register](#) before the September 4 deadline.
- There is a weekly survey and those numbers are updated weekly.
- There are prizes! Individuals and teams allowed!
- There was a test program last year, and it was a lot of fun. One team was so far ahead getting to Long Beach they were detoured through Arizona!
- Most of you know your R8 President can't really compete in this, but I registered anyway – to support the IAEM Scholarship Program. Last year. I got all the to somewhere in Kansas. !!
- I will be cheering all the R8 folks who register. 😊

Registration is open!! Check it out [HERE](#). Early Bird discount ends 10/11



The 2023 FEMA Resilience Report is now available to download.



If you haven't seen it yet, take a look at this bulletin IAEM puts out weekly. There is lots of great info, insights, energy updates, cybersecurity news and more. Anyone can sign up for it, the link is at the bottom of the page.

**For example**, did you know FEMA has an [Emergency Manager Exchange Program \(EMX\)](#)? You can engage with decision makers for six months in FEMA offices and FEMA staff will be sent to your home office to help fill in gaps and learn. The application period just opened.