



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Looking forward to the IAEM Virtual Conference and UEMA's Annual Conference in May.

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REGIONAL CALENDAR (2025)

- IAEM Virtual Conference - May 9
- [UEMA](#) May19-20, Saint George, UT
- SDEMA Sioux Falls,SD
- NDEMA Sept 8-10, Bismark, ND
- MEMA Oct 8-9, Lewistown,MT
- WAWA (TBD)
- [IAEM](#) Nov 14-20, Louisville, KY

When/where is your state's 2025 conference?

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

WELCOME TO OUR NEW R8 MEMBERS

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

- ♥ David Medema, UT
- ♥ Patrick Martin, ND
- ♥ Kyle Sturgill-Simon, MT
- ♥ Autumn Ashdale, MT
- ♥ Marcelo Ferreira, CO
- ♥ Dean Berenbaum, CO
- ♥ Bob Smith, CO
- ♥ Heidi Lundberg, UT

WELCOME TO OUR NEW R8 CEM/AEM's

New AEM's

- ♥ Alexis Kimbrough, CO
- ♥ BrianPainter, CO

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- ♥ Ryan, Broughton, CO
- ♥ Stuart Moffatt, UT

Upgrade AEM to CEM

- ♥ Isaac Bacon, MT

DISCOUNT FOR IAEM MEMBERSHIP

1. Open <https://www.iaem.org/join/iaem>.
2. Be sure to check "I have a promo code".
3. For a NEW Individual membership only!
4. — complete the rest of the pages and enter **MBRDUESDISCOUNT-25R8** when prompted.
5. The total due for new members will be \$99 (instead of \$199).

From Around the IAEM R8 States

COLORADO

CMIST Response Team: Emergency Response Interpreter - Course Information



This training is designed for American Sign Language (ASL) and other language interpreters who will work with Public

Information Officers (PIOs), Joint Information Systems (JIS), and Joint Information Centers (JICs). By the end of this course American Sign Language Interpreters will understand their roles when working with Emergency management Public Information Officers, and Public Information Officers will understand the importance and methods of working with Interpreters to ensure effective communication with the community during an emergency or disaster.

Wed, May 14, 2025 | 8:30 am - 4:00 pm MT

- [Zoom Registration Link](#)
- [View the Course Flyer](#)

Scott Morrill - Colorado writes "Applications now being accepted for the [Gunnison County Emergency Management Director](#),

WANT TO SPEAK OUTSIDE Region 8?

- ➔ IAEM Region 7 looking for abstracts from potential speakers at their [regional conference](#), July 23-24 in Overland, Texas
- ➔ IAEM Region 9 is looking for speaker abstracts for their [regional symposium](#), August 12-13 in Honolulu, Hawaii

HOW ABOUT GOING TO DC IN JUNE?

IAEM plans to host a Legislative Day from June 24-26 in Washington DC. We would like to have a representative from each Region to attend. This will be paid for out of Regional funds, so I can't guarantee full travel expenses at this time. BUT... if you are interested, let me know ASAP.

MONTANA

[Randy Olson](#) Missoula is hosting a 2 day music festival July 4 & 5 at the Fairgrounds in the middle of town. We are working with the promoter and his staff to coordinate a TTX for a wide range of agencies and organizations. The promoter is working with a contractor that specializes on venue safety, traffic, and security. We are excited to learn from them. We would open the invite up to other EM's that host large events to come and observe. Please RSVP here: <https://veoci.com/v/p/form/93tdckjh29p7>

FOR R8 STUDENTS ...

🏢 Because you are an IAEM student member you can register for the IAEM virtual confidence on May 9th...FREE. This is the [link](#) and information about what is included.

🏢 During the upcoming IAEM conference, there will once again be a poster showcase. As a student member, if you submit a [poster](#) in the competitive division, you can get FREE registration to the whole conference.

🏢 Finally — Region 8 received a donation to pay for 10 IAEM student memberships. Thanks to [Arthur Simental - Simental Industries Ltd. & EM Disaster Gaming](#). Tell all your students and colleagues. Complete the [membership form](#), select the "pay by check" option, and then send a screen shot of the last page to me at usaregion8president@iaem.com.



In addition to the new Region 8 Challenge Coins, we also have a lot of R8 stickers! Do you want some? [Email](#) me and let me know how many and where to send them.

IAEM CONFERENCE NEWS

Champions of Change



November 14 –20, 2025

Registration opens in May.

Upcoming events and deadlines:

- The Call for Speakers for the Poster Showcase closes on April 11, 2025. More information can be found [here](#).
- The Call for Speakers for the EMvision Talks® opens on April 7 and closes on May 9, 2025. More information can be found [here](#).
- The IAEM Plugged In Virtual Conference is May 9, 2025. More information can be found [here](#).

VIRTUAL CONFERENCE

The virtual conference program and registration information can be accessed [here](#). IAEM student members can register FREE.



IAEM's [Poster Showcase](#) is a fantastic opportunity for practitioners, *like you*, to share research, practices, or general findings with the emergency management community. It's as easy as following these four simple steps:

- ✓ **Step 1** - Review the [Poster Showcase Guidance](#) for the necessary requirements.
- ✓ **Step 2** - Choose to enter either the competitive or non-competitive division.
- ✓ **Step 3** - Submit your proposal with the step-by-step instructions found in the [Poster Showcase Guidance](#)
- ✓ **Step 4** - Reap the benefits of participation:
 - Network with over 2,500 emergency managers from around the world.
 - Credit towards the IAEM Certification Program under Professional Contribution Category F, Speaking.
 - Availability of a coach to mentor you through the process.
 - Chance to earn gold, silver or bronze recognition when participating in the competitive division.

BONUS - Participants chosen to display their posters will receive a *discounted registration rate* to the Annual Conference as follows:

- Competitive Division - half off the speaker registration rate.
- Non-Competitive Division - discounted speaker registration rate.

Submission Deadline: *Friday, April 11*. If you have any questions, please contact [Alex](#).



IAEM-USA'S 2025 TOP 40 UNDER 40.

recognizes today's emerging leaders who are shaping the future of our industry. This prestigious honor is a symbol of excellence and a testament to the remarkable achievements and hard work of the next generation of emergency management professionals.

Nomination Criteria: Any IAEM-USA member who is under 40 years old may be nominated to be recognized for their achievements and emergency management community involvement.

How to Nominate: The nomination process is quick and easy. [Complete this short survey](#) before **5:00 p.m. EDT on Monday, March 31**



The official CEMA Conference mom, Shirl Garcia, at the conference in February in Loveland, CO.

REGION 8 BYLAWS REVISION

The IAEM-USA Region 8 Leadership is proposing amendments to the IAEM-USA Region 8 Bylaws. All IAEM-USA Region 8 Individual, Affiliate, and Lifetime members are invited to vote on the proposed amendments.

These substantive changes are outlined in a memo posted on the [website](#). It is being provided alongside the current Bylaws and a clean copy of the proposed updated Bylaws. These changes are being shared with the membership for 30 days prior to voting for review.

The voting period will be from Apr. 24, 2025 - May 26, 2025. All voting members will receive a unique voting link when the voting period begins. Members are encouraged to read through the memo and review the new bylaws document posted [here](#).

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

[PRACADEMIC EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND HOMELAND SECURITY SUMMIT](#)

Embry-Riddle Worldwide's College of Arts & Sciences is hosting a virtual "Pracademic Emergency Management and Homeland Security Summit" on May 7-8, 2025, with a focus on security and resilience education, research, and engagement. More information [HERE](#).

[ATTEND MIT'S CRISIS MANAGEMENT & BUSINESS RESILIENCE COURSE](#)

On-Campus in Cambridge, MA, July 14 - 18, 2025

On-Line October 20-24 and October 27-30, 2025

Join your peers, industry leaders, government professionals, SMEs, and renowned MIT faculty. Several *interactive class activities* provide additional learning and hands-on experience.