AKEMA (ALASKA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION)
THE MEMBERS OF THE ALASKA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION (AKEMA) THROUGH EDUCATION, OUTREACH, AND TRAINING SEEK TO PROMOTE SAFER, LESS VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES WITH THE CAPACITY TO COPE WITH HAZARDS AND DISASTERS. WORKING TOWARDS IMPROVED INTER-DEPARTMENTAL COMMUNICATIONS AND COOPERATION THROUGHOUT THE ALASKAN COMMUNITIES BY INCREASING AN EMPHASIS ON DISASTER PREPAREDNESS, SO WHEN A DISASTER STRIKES, THE ALASKAN COMMUNITIES CAN WORK TOGETHER EFFICIENTLY AND EFFECTIVELY.
OUR VISION:

• TO PROVIDE A NETWORK OF ALASKANS WORKING TOGETHER TO REDUCE THE IMPACTS OF HUMAN- CAUSED AND NATURAL DISASTERS THAT OCCUR IN OUR COMMUNITIES.
OUR MISSION:

• TO SUPPORT THE ALASKANS IN PREVENTING, PREPARING FOR, MITIGATING, RESPONDING TO, AND RECOVERING FROM EVENTS THAT AFFECT ALASKA, OUR COMMUNITIES, AND OUR PEOPLE.
QUESTIONS?

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Overview of Resources for the Emergency Management Professional

Presented: May 2, 2019
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About IAEM

- Founded in 1952
- International non-profit organization dedicated to promoting the goals of saving lives and protecting property during emergencies and disasters
- 5,000 members worldwide
- Practitioners at all levels of government, the military, private industry, volunteer organizations, campuses, healthcare institutions and more
IAEM’s Mission

• To advance the profession by promoting the principles of emergency management

• To serve its members by providing information, networking and professional development opportunities

• To advance the emergency management profession.
Emergency management is the managerial function charged with creating the framework within which communities reduce vulnerability to hazards and cope with disasters.

- Comprehensive,
- Progressive,
- Risk-driven,
- Integrated,
- Collaborative,
- Coordinated,
- Flexible,
- Professional
Advancing our Profession Through Partnerships
IAEM’s Value Proposition & Commitment

- IAEM connects people and ideas to inspire leadership, achievement and collaboration within the emergency management profession.

- IAEM provides exceptional experiences, a vibrant community, and essential tools that make you and your organization more successful.
Global Board of Directors

Representatives from each of the eight (8) IAEM Councils participate:

- IAEM Asia
- IAEM Canada
- IAEM Europa
- IAEM International
- IAEM Latin America & Caribbean
- IAEM Oceania
- IAEM Students
- IAEM USA (4 members)
IAEM-USA Board of Directors

- President*
- First Vice President*
- Second Vice President*
- Immediate Past President*
- Secretary*
- Treasurer*
- Regional Presidents (10)
- Student Council President

(*Executive Committee, plus one representative selected from and by the Regional Presidents)
IAEM Global total includes all membership types plus lifetime members, complimentary members, and honorary members.
State Profile

- 1 AEM
- 3 CEMs
- 25 IAEM Members
USA Committees

- Awards & Recognition
- Bylaws
- Conference
- Digital Engagement
- Diversity
- Government Affairs
- Membership
- Nominations & Credentials
- Training & Education
Caucuses

- Access & Inclusion
- Children in Disaster
- Climate, Water & Weather
- Disaster Cost Recovery & Finance
- Emerging Technology
- Faith-Based Organizations
- Federal Sector Emergency Managers
- Healthcare
- Public-Private Partnership
- Tribal Affairs
- Uniformed Services
- Universities & Colleges
Ad-Hoc Committees

• State Emergency Management Association
• Standards & Practices
• Strategic Planning
• Transportation
Training and Education

- Advocating to create new internship opportunities both in-person and virtual and highlight existing internship offerings throughout the nation.
- Develop a baseline set of recommendations on standards for Emergency Management Bachelor’s Degree Programs
- Engagement with EMI to strengthen collaboration amongst educators
Mission of the Government Affairs Committee

- The Government Affairs Committee (GAC) of IAEM is committed to ensuring the public policy interests of the emergency management profession are taken into account at the Federal level.

- The GAC works with Capitol Hill, FEMA, DHS, and other federal agencies to advance the policy goals of the emergency management profession.

- The GAC coordinates closely with other EM stakeholder organizations to ensure a coordinated message when advocating the interests of the emergency management profession.

- The GAC collaborates with all of IAEM’s various committees and caucuses to ensure the organization is engaged on all policy issues of interest to the full breadth of the EM profession.
Communication Updates

- IAEM Webinars — [https://www.iaem.org/Events/IAEM-Webinars](https://www.iaem.org/Events/IAEM-Webinars)
- IAEM Think Tank events — [https://www.iaem.org/Events/IAEM-Think-Tanks](https://www.iaem.org/Events/IAEM-Think-Tanks)
- IAEM website — [https://www.iaem.org/](https://www.iaem.org/)
- IAEM Conference microsite — [www.iaemconference.info](http://www.iaemconference.info)
- Facebook, LinkedIn, YouTube, Twitter, and discussion boards
- IAEM Dispatch — [http://iaemdispatch.com](http://iaemdispatch.com)
2019 Special Focus Issues

- March 2019 IAEM Bulletin | Copy Deadline: March 4, 2019  
  Honor the Past: The People We Remember

- June 2019 IAEM Bulletin | Copy Deadline: extended to May 10, 2019  
  Treasure the Present: What We Need to be Talking About Now

- August 2019 IAEM Bulletin | Copy Deadline: July 10, 2019  
  Shape the Future: What We Should Do Now to Shape the Future

- October 2019 IAEM Bulletin | Copy Deadline: Sept. 10, 2019  
  Honor the Past, Treasure the Present, Shape the Future
Influencing Public Policy

- Implementation of Disaster Recovery Reform Act
- Protecting DHS/FEMA Competitive Preparedness Grant Program
- US Transportation & Infrastructure Subcommittee testimony July 2018 focusing on lessons learned from the 2017 hurricane and wildfire season
- Safeguarding the intent and integrity of the Disaster Relief Fund
- Ensuring EMPG guidance is flexible and not a one-size-fits-all approach
Advancing our Profession Through Standards

• AEM/CEM: IAEM offers an accreditation program for individuals, the Certified Emergency Manager (CEM) & Associate Emergency Manager (AEM) program.

• EMAP: IAEM, along with NEMA, supports the Emergency Management Accreditation Program (EMAP).
Emergency Management Accreditation Program

- The design facilitates determination of compliance with a collaboratively developed set of Standards called the Emergency Management Standard.

- A voluntary, non-governmental process of self-assessment, documentation, and external independent peer review with the focus to evaluate, enhance, and recognize Program sustainable qualities.

- The intent is to improve Program capabilities and increase professionalism.

- Accreditation evaluates an Emergency Management program’s organization, resources, plans, and capabilities against current Standards to increase effectiveness in protecting the lives and property of the people it serves.
Advancing Our Profession

• In 1993 IAEM created the internationally recognized Certified Emergency Manager (CEM®) program.

• In 1997 IAEM created the internationally recognized Associate Emergency Manager (AEM®) program.
  • Since the CEM program was introduced in 1993, more than 15,000 candidates have enrolled to pursue the AEM/CEM professional designation.
  • As of April 1 2019, there were 1,876 Certified Emergency Managers and 236 Associate Emergency Managers.
Purpose of IAEM’s Certification Program

• Elevate the visibility of emergency managers.

• Encourage and mandate continued professional development, education and technical skills.

• Ensure minimal Knowledge, Skills and Abilities (KSAs).
Areas of Expertise on CEM Commission

- Governmental and Tribal – all levels
- Private Sector
- Military
- Not-for-Profit
- Campus Practitioners
- Academia / Educators
- Healthcare Practitioners
Why Become an AEM or CEM?

• A Certified Emergency Manager (CEM®) has the knowledge, skills and ability to effectively manage a comprehensive emergency management program.

• Working knowledge of all the basic tenets of emergency management.

• Effectively accomplish the goals and objectives of any emergency management program in all environments with little or no additional training orientation.
Certification Requirements

Certified Emergency Manager

Associate Emergency Manager

Training  Essay  Reference Letter  Exam  Experience  Education  Professional Contributions
AEM Requirements

- Training - 200 hours
- Essay – KSAs
- Reference – one letter, plus contact info
- Examination – 100-question multiple choice
In addition to the AEM requirements, those seeking CEM must:

- EM Experience – 3 years
- Education – any baccalaureate or equivalent
- Professional Contributions
AEM/CEM Examination Design

• 100 Multiple Choice Question Exam
• 60% - 80% Core Questions
• 20% - 40% Country- or Region- Specific Questions
• 75% to Pass
• Pass Exam BEFORE or AFTER Application Packet Submission
Certification Maintenance

• AEM®s and CEM®s maintain certification every five years

• Document continuing educational in both general management and emergency management

• Professional contributions
AEM/CEM Highlights

• AEM and CEMs are found in 14 countries (49 states in U.S.)

• We have CEM®'s from multiple disciplines, including fire, police, medical, PW, education, etc.

• We have CEM®'s from the private and public sector, international,…and from the military

• More than 270 have been certified for 10+ years, and 180 certified for 15+ years
Tools and Support

• IAEM Certification Website Tools
  • Self-Assessment Tool
  • Exam Study Guide
  • Training Allocation Chart
  • FAQ
  • CEM Corner Articles

• Support
  • Mentors
  • Special assistance for cohorts
  • Prep Course
  • Questions → info@iaem.com
Mentor Program

• Online database searchable by location or employment description

• Consider job title, organization, sector of practice, certification date and biography

• Free, just complete online request form at http://www.iaem.com/mentors.cfm

• Still assembling interest in Caribbean
Certification Webinar Series

- [Link](https://www.iaem.org/certification/getting-started/certification-webinar-recordings-2018) recordings are available

- Mar. 13, 2019, 1:00-2:00 p.m. EDT
  Introduction & Essay

- Apr. 10, 2019, 1:00-2:00 p.m. EDT
  Training, Letters of Reference, Exam, and Certification Fees

- May 8, 2019, 1:00-2:00 p.m. EDT
  Experience/Work History and Degree Documentation

- June 12, 2019, 1:00-2:00 p.m. EDT
  Professional Contributions
Mark Your Calendar

IAEM 67th Annual Conference & EMEX in Savannah, GA! November 15-20, 2019

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Because people’s lives depend on you…

You can depend on IAEM

- Largest network of experts offering solutions, guidance and assistance;
- Job opportunities – extensive online compilation;
- Unified voice on policies and legislation;
- Information updates via monthly newsletter and regular electronic notices;
- Professional tools and resources on www.iaem.com;
- Certified Emergency Manager and Associate Emergency Manager;
- Scholarship program;
- And much more!