



Finding the Future of Emergency Management: How to Involve and Excite Students and the Next Generation of Emergency Managers

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Presentation Abstract: What does it take to invite, excite, and inform the students of today to become the emergency managers of tomorrow? Starting a student organization isn't just about campus engagement—it's a microcosm of the core skills emergency managers need: navigating bureaucracy, mobilizing diverse groups, and leading with limited resources. This firsthand account of launching an IAEM student chapter offers practical insights into fostering a culture of emergency management from the ground up. Discover how investing in student-led initiatives today can help shape a more resilient, adaptive future for Region 9 and beyond.

Learning Objectives:

1. How to navigate the red tape of University student organization creation and approval
2. How to recruit students, delegate tasks, and track key performance indicators
3. How to build networks that help expose students to emergency management in-action

Speaker Bio: I am a master's student earning an M.S. in Emergency Services Administration from California State University, Long Beach. I am the founder and president of the IAEM at CSULB Student Organization, and have been working diligently to get our chapter to be the only currently active IAEM student organization in all of California. I work full time as a property manager in Signal Hill and have been the caretaker to my 92 year old grandmother for the last 4 years.