



**Michigan Emergency Management Association
Therese Cremonte, President**

Hello MEMA Membership!

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I sincerely hope that 2021 is off to a good start for you all. 2020 was fraught with many emergencies that kept us busy and then some. I know that COVID 19 and the release of vaccines have not allowed a break in the action, the EM discipline is busier than ever! The light at the end of this long pandemic tunnel should be getting closer...if we can just hang in. (We can)

We have some good news we would like to share with the MEMA membership. The liaison members for Region 2 South and Region 6 have officially been appointed to the MEMA Executive Board.

- Brian Kahn, Emergency Management Coordinator for Livonia City, will be our R-2S liaison
- Jerry Becker, Emergency Management Coordinator for Clare County, will be our R-6 liaison

Welcome to both Brian and Jerry, we are excited to have you on the MEMA Executive Board to represent and speak for your regions.

The MEMA Conference Committee, led by Liz Reimink, our 2nd VP, is planning a virtual training workshop for Wednesday, **May 5, 2021. SO, SAVE THE DATE!** It will be a 3-hour, afternoon session. More info to come soon.

Allison Farole, MEMA Legislative Liaison, has provided some important information that the MEMA Executive Board would like to pass on to you.

First, we are providing a link regarding the President's directive that allows FEMA to pay 100% federal funding for the costs of activities that have previously been determined eligible, in the COVID 19 response.

<https://www.fema.gov/press-release/20210203/fema-statement-100-cost-share>

Second, we have an opportunity for input on the EMPG grant funding by taking the time to fill out the annual EMPG survey. Yes, this survey is going to take sometime to fill out. That said, we can never expect improvement without letting our voices be heard. If you are an Act 390 program, please find some time to fill out this survey and speak on behalf of Michigan 390 programs from your perspective.

<https://www.iaem.org/2021-EMPG-Annual-Survey>

Finally, anyone that has ideas for articles or topics for the MEMO Newsletter – or even better – if you are a subject matter expert and wish to write an article on a favorite topic that would benefit MEMA members, please contact me at president@mi-em.us

That is all the information to share for now. Thank you for your support as MEMA members. Do not hesitate to let the MEMA Executive Board know what we can do to support you.

Best Regards,
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