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Candidate for IAEM-Canada Student Representative

Two years ago I joined the field of emergency management out of curiosity when York University introduced a certificate in Disaster and Emergency Management. Today, I see the big picture. There are few disciplines that force you to push yourself to strive for a better tomorrow and this can only be done by merging academics and practical experience.

Now in my second year of a MA in emergency management, I have the distinct pleasure of learning and working under David Etkin, Alain Normand and so many more professors, professionals and friends in the field of emergency management in Canada. Recently, my interests have focused on Business Continuity and Resiliency which led to my current position with Hydro One Brampton, the power distribution company for the City of Brampton.

Last year I was the president of the Disaster and Emergency Managers' Student Association (DEMSEA) which operated out of York University. Because I strongly believe that effective emergency management is the union of academic and practical experience, my vision for DEMSEA was to create a network between emergency managers and ALL students, regardless of institution.

This vision for DEMSEA proved to be highly effective in networking EM students and getting students from other fields to consider a career in emergency management. As the IAEM student representative for Canada I will expand this vision and methodology to a national scale.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.