

International Association of Emergency Managers
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Friday, April 23, 2010 saw the gathering of 160 leading emergency managers at Old Sturbridge Village, Sturbridge, Massachusetts for the IAEM Region 1 and Massachusetts Association of Emergency Management Professionals annual conference, "Neighbors United". This was the first year that IAEM Region 1, New England, has collaborated with another organization on the annual conference and it was an outstanding success both in overall attendance as well as vendor support. Bruce Lockwood, CEM, IAEM Region 1 President opened the conference with welcoming remarks and tribute to the Region 1 Conference founder of 2006, acting IAEM-USA President Pamela L'Heureux, CEM who was also in attendance. Barry Wante, CEM, MAEMP Vice President, on behalf of Ron Reents, MAEMP President, extended a warm welcome to Old Sturbridge Village and to the State of Massachusetts. Jason McNamara, Chief of Staff, FEMA Headquarters, delivered the opening keynote address with an emphasis on partnerships, coordination, collaboration and team building that is lasting. FEMA is not the team, rather only part of the team. FEMA's new mission statement "Support our citizens and first responders. Ensure as a nation we work together to build, sustain and improve our capability to prepare, protect, respond, recover and mitigate." Other presentations throughout the day were: Use of Social Media for Notification and Information by Brad Blake, Director of New Media, Massachusetts Governor's Office and Valerie McKay, Massachusetts Governor's Office, information Technology Division; 2010 Haiti Earthquake, An on the Ground Perspective by Tom Hines, Administrative Officer, Massachusetts Disaster Medical Assistance Team (DMAT) MA-1; Emergency Management in the 1800's by Tom Kelleher, Curator, Old Sturbridge Village; 2009 H1N1 Pandemic Influenza, Lessons Learned by Dr. Gregory Dworkin, Danbury Hospital; 2008 Massachusetts Ice Storm by Chris Monteverdi, Deputy Emergency Management Director, City of Worcester, Massachusetts and Public Private Partnerships, How We All Need to Work Together by Robert Connors, Director of Emergency Management, Raytheon Corporation. Door prizes donated from a variety of generous supporters were raffled to attendees raising \$700 towards the IAEM Scholarship Commission. The conference concluded with the directive by Bruce Lockwood, IAEM Region 1 President, to all IAEM Region 1 members to bring one more colleague into IAEM membership within the next year.

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