

## IAEM: Children in Disasters Activities

### 2003

- **Pat Jocius** represented IAEM in March 2003 at the **Pediatric Preparedness for Disasters and Terrorism Conference**, held in Washington, D.C.

### 2004

- The **Training & Education Committee** discussed **Project Safe Side for Children** with the Weather Channel to see if there is a potential partnership for IAEM.
- **Kathee Henning, CEM**, serves on the Technical Advisory Group to the **Home Safety Council**. In 2003, the Home Safety Council reorganized its Board to include primarily private profit corporations for development purposes, and IAEM representation was moved to the Technical Advisory Group. Henning attended the Swing for Safety program and the Board meeting held in South Carolina. In January 2004, she participated for two days in the judging of the Lowes Heroes Program held in Washington, D.C. The Lowes Heroes program partners with non-profit organizations and local jurisdictions each year to provide seed monies for injury prevention projects. In April, the Home Safety Council held an Open House in Washington, D.C., to inaugurate its new offices. The Home Safety Council continues to look at injury prevention issues and to partner with organizations such as NFPA, American Red Cross, National Safety Council, IAEM, Consumer Federation, AARP, and various other organizations to identify home safety issues which include fire safety, **kids safety**, elderly safety, other home injury prevention issues including disaster preparedness.

### 2006

- IAEM Secretary **Vikki Stempkowski, CEM**, oversaw the donation of 100 old IAEM annual conference registration bags to serve as **book bags for 100 children** who were relocated to Louisville, Kentucky, following Hurricane Katrina. Picture 100 kids in Louisville who are toting their books to school in bags that say "IAEM" on the front. Maybe there is a future emergency manager somewhere in the crowd.
- **IAEM staff** met with J.R. Thomas, CEM, IAEM Past President, now National Director of the Domestic Emergencies Unit for **Save the Children**.

### 2007

- IAEM 2007 Mid-Year Meeting – Kathleen Henning, CEM, presented information on children in disasters, in preparation for the Congressional discussion on June

20.

- IAEM-USA Region 3 President **Kathleen Henning, CEM**, testified at the June 20 **Briefing and Roundtable Discussion on Preparedness, Response, and Recovery for Children** at the invitation of Congresswoman Corrine Brown. Her topic was “**Incorporating Children into Community Disaster Plans.**”
- In April 2007, IAEM published an article in the IAEM Bulletin about the values of IAEM membership. One item mentioned was the **IAEM Online Member Directory**. IAEM members were urged to update their member profiles and to add the requested information about their experience and expertise and their areas of interest in order to facilitate networking among members. The categories of experience and interest include **pediatric disaster preparedness**.

## 2008

- **Bruce Lockwood, CEM**, Region 1 President (2007-2008), was appointed by U.S. House of Representatives Speaker Nancy Pelosi to the **National Commission on Children in Disasters**.
- **Pat Jocius, CEM, Jocius Associates**, Sunnyvale, California, represented IAEM at the **National Pediatric Trauma & Disaster Services Summit**, held by Children’s Hospital Los Angeles, Sept. 11-12, 2008, in Los Angeles, California. She shared information with attendees about IAEM, the CEM® Program, and the IAEM Annual Conference & EMEX Exhibit. Childrens Hospital Los Angeles recently was awarded a grant from the U.S. Dept. of Health & Human Services to improve hospital surge capacity and preparedness for public health emergencies. With funding from this grant, they have meticulously designed a program that incorporates the multidisciplinary aspects of trauma and disaster preparedness. The summit brought together an array of speakers from across the United States to share their perspectives on how these issues affect communities on a local, regional and national level.