

## WEMA REPORT (August 2005)

### WEMA Activities:

- Attended Incident Communications Meeting with DHS/WEM
  - Issues Discussed included pre-incident communications, threat information coordination, and incident communications (presentations are on WEMA website)

### WEMA Annual Meeting

- October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2005 – Green Bay (Location TBD)
- Tentative Theme: NIMS
- Speakers Confirmed
  - Assistant Chief Terrance Manning – City of Los Angeles Fire Dept.
  - Representatives from Wisconsin Land Information Association Emergency Management Task Force – Topic of GIS
- Speakers Invited
  - Representative from the NIMS Integration Center
  - Senator Russ Feingold
- We are looking to present awards at the meeting and we are looking for input.
  - Presidents Award – For Outstanding EM Director
    - We are looking for nominees. If you have someone in mind, please forward me their name and a list of their EM accomplishments.
  - Founders Award – For Outstanding EM Partner
    - Person could be from LE, Fire, Public Health, EMS, Amateur Radio, or any other partner discipline.
    - We are looking for nominees. If you have someone in mind, please forward me their name and a list of their EM accomplishments.

### WEMA/OJA Interface Committee:

- Met with OJA on June 23<sup>rd</sup>. Issues discussed include PPE for LE, Volk Field, the National Preparedness Goal, use of funds for M & A., Volunteer Department Compensation, etc. Minutes for the meeting are on the website.
- Another meeting is not scheduled at this point. However, if you have any questions or concerns, please forward them to the WEMA/OJA Interface Committee.
  - Committee Members
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### WEM/WEMA Certification Program:

- Everything is approved (including the certificates)
- WEM will be issuing an I&G on the program shortly; keep checking the WEM website <http://emergencymanagement.wi.gov>

### Legislative Issues

- WEMA was contacted by Senator Feingold's Office regarding restoring EMPG from \$170 to \$180 million. The Senator was looking for input on the restoration and possible places where the dollars would come from. The House passed the appropriations with the \$10 million restored.
- S.786 National Weather Services Duties Act of 2005
  - WEMA sent a letter to the entire WI Delegation opposing the Act
    - A copy of the letter is on the website.
    - Additionally, we have added contact information for the WI Delegation to the website.

- Statement from IAEM:  
*“We are writing to express our strong opposition to S 786 which would fundamentally change the public safety partnership we share with the National Weather Service (NWS)”*

### **Statewide Emergency Services Council**

- WEMA is currently not represented on this committee and we feel that it is appropriate that we have representation. We are currently pursuing this.

### **Next Board Meetings:**

- August 25, 2005 – Stevens Point