



County Director Membership

The broad objective of the Emergency Management Association of Ohio is to cooperate with the State of Ohio and its Emergency Management Agency in maintaining civil defense, emergency management, and homeland security services as an effective element of the national program and, through research, information, and training programs, to advance the professional standards of members engaged in emergency planning and management activities.

County Director Membership is exclusive to Emergency Managers who are the County EMA Director in one of Ohio's 88 counties. County EMA Members also have the ability to have their staff join at a reduced associate membership rate.

BENEFITS:

Members may attend all conferences (conference fees are applicable but include a member/non-member rate) Spring Conference and Trade Show, and Fall Conference as well as the Winter EMAO Education Conference. Members may attend EMAO sector meetings across the state and other EMAO events as they occur. ♦ Members will receive newsletters and communication from the EMAO staff on events related to Emergency Management. ♦ Opportunity to offer input and assistance on the development of the emergency management profession by attending meetings, serving on committees, etc. ♦ EMAO membership also includes college/university professionals and affiliate members, who include: Airport Emergency Managers, County and City Health Emergency Preparedness Coordinators, Hospital Safety and Emergency Preparedness Staff, safety managers at industry and those serving as planners for government agencies such as water treatment facilities, law enforcement emergency management unit staff, cities, villages, etc. As well as other professionals who are a part of Public Safety who would benefit from interaction and education related to emergency management.

EMAO Dues help to cover the costs of professional management of the association and providing benefits to its members. These items include, but are not limited to:

CONFERENCES:

Spring Conference and Vendor Show:

Our annual spring conference includes guest speakers based upon topics suggested by EMAO Members. The spring conference also includes our annual vendor show. Approximately 30 vendors participate in the annual event to meet with emergency management officials and discuss their products and services. We also have an evening reception, which is an excellent opportunity for members to network with each other and vendors.

Fall Conference:

Our annual fall conference includes guest speaker based upon topics suggested by EMAO Members. Again, another great opportunity to network with members

Winter Conference:

Our annual Winter Conference is a two-day, residential conference at a state park and is packed with educational presentations, networking opportunities and includes a price break for EMAO Members. This revised format has been a huge success with a plethora of positive feedback from our members.

COMMITTEES:

The association has numerous committees that members can participate in such as: Education, Legislative, College/University, Publications, Standards, Awards, EMAT, and Membership. Additional committees are formed regularly to fit the needs of the membership.

WEBSITE:

The association website includes a variety of information about the association, including EMAO Officers, upcoming conference information/registration forms, the Ohio Certified Emergency Management Program (OCEM), job postings, etc. The website is a great source of information about the association and items of interest.

Website Forum:

County Directors and their associates also have log in access to a private forum which provides a safe environment to discuss sensitive EM information as well as seek information from their peers. Log in access also provides access to private and restricted documents.

Website County Survey Tool:

County Directors have access to a private survey tool that allows county directors to input data about their county and office. The data can be updated regularly and directors can download all county director data by simply clicking on a button that will download an excel spreadsheet with current information that can be queried.

OHIO CERTIFIED EMERGENCY MANAGER PROGRAM (OCEM):

The Association offers the Ohio Certified Emergency Management Program (OCEM). The cost of the program is \$50 for members and \$200 for non-members. We also have a limited number of professional portfolios that members can purchase to help them build their OCEM portfolio. These leather binders cost \$50 but our members are able to purchase them for \$25.

ADVOCACY:

EMAO monitors state and federal legislation and other issues impacting emergency management. Updates are communicated to the membership and acted upon by the association. We are actively represented on state level commissions, committees and task forces.

Additionally, every Friday a Legislative Update is downloaded to the EMAO Website which contains current information about current affairs happening around the state and legislation of interest to members.

OTHER ITEMS:

Our member benefits are constantly being updated. Some of the other items include: new director binders and mentoring ♦ newsletters with valuable updates ♦ timely communications on key issues impacting emergency management ♦ golf outing ♦ service awards to members ♦ networking opportunities