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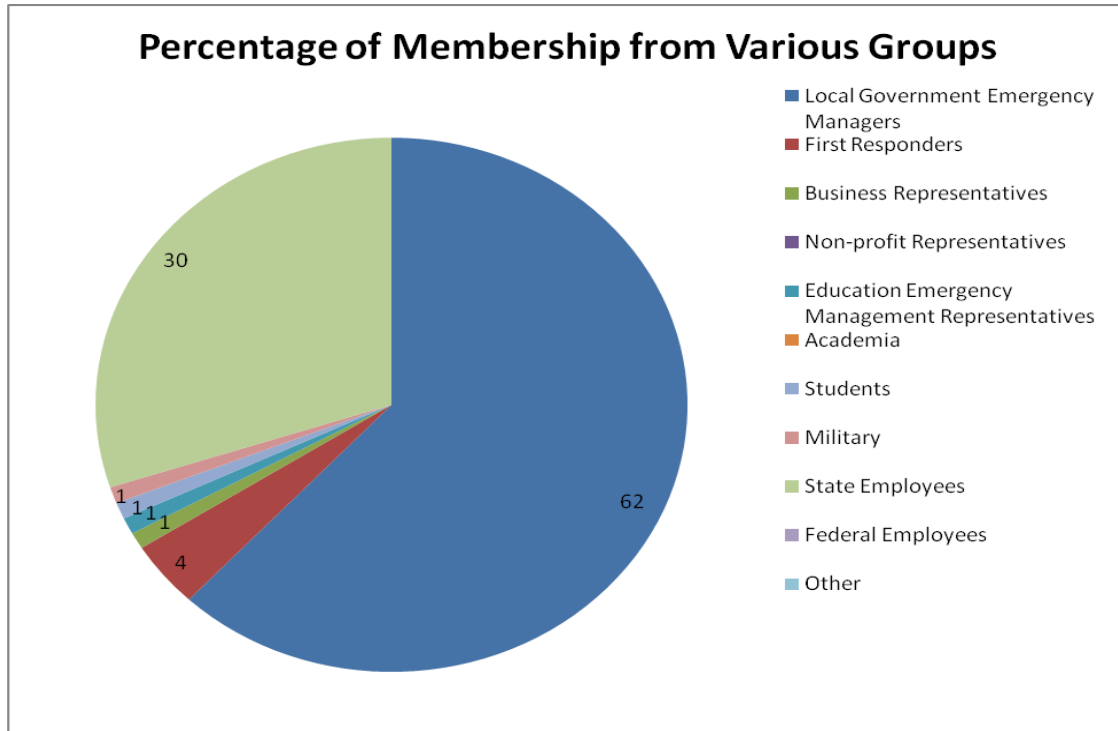
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Alabama Association of Emergency Managers

Established in 1960

Membership: The Alabama Association of Emergency Managers has approximately 269 members. The Association accepts individuals who are actively engaged in the daily administration, direction and/or coordination of an emergency management program at the local or state level within Alabama as members.



Dues: The Association collects dues annually depending on the type of membership an individual wants. It charges \$50 annually for a voting delegate membership and \$10 annually for a non-voting associate membership. It also charges \$50 annually for a corporation with fewer than 100 employees and \$100 annually for a corporation with more than 100 employees. It is unclear whether corporate members have voting rights. The Association receives no other financial support other than dues collected.

Governance: The Association is governed by a board of directors elected from both the state at-large and regions within the state. There are four elected positions in the Association from the state at-large: President, President-Elect, Vice President, and Secretary. There are also eight District Directors who are members of the board. Each individual is elected for a term of one year and takes office in May/June. The Association does not employ any administrative staff.

Membership Benefits and Association Activities: The Alabama Association of Emergency Managers lists the primary benefits of membership as communication and networking. Activities of the Association include maintenance of a website at www.aeem.us, sponsorship of an annual legislative conference, sponsorship of annual Association conference, and holding training events. The annual conference is typically held in May and has 200 attendees. The Association does not publish a newsletter.

Legislative Affairs: The Association's legislative priorities and interests include EMPG and other emergency management funding as well as issues related to the National Weather Service, FEMA, and DHS. The legislative committee is active in advocacy related to these issues and even took a trip to Washington DC last year to visit with Alabama legislators.

Interest in Formal Relationship with IAEM: The Association is somewhat interested in a formal relationship with IAEM but did not list any services IAEM could provide for their organization.

Arizona Emergency Services Association

Established in 1940

Membership: The Arizona Emergency Services Association has approximately 250 members. Membership is extended to representatives of private and public organizations, industries, and business involved in or with interest in comprehensive emergency planning, emergency response, and/or other emergency management activities. The Association did not provide a profile of their current membership.

Dues: The Association collects \$50 in dues annually from each member. The Association also generates additional income from sponsorships by corporations and vendors.

Governance: The Association is governed by a board of directors elected from the state at-large. There are nine elected positions in the Association from the state at-large: the President, President-Elect, and Immediate Past President are elected to one year terms beginning in July and the Treasurer, Secretary, Sergeant at Arms, Membership Chair, Public Relations Chair, and Member At-Large are elected to two year terms beginning in July. The Association does not employ any administrative staff.

Membership Benefits and Association Activities: The Arizona Emergency Services Association lists the primary benefits of membership as being part of an organization that promotes and enhances inter-agency and inter-discipline cooperation to develop a fully integrated and professional emergency management community within the state of Arizona. The Association hosts a website at <http://www.azaesa.org>, conducts an annual conference and a mid-year training workshop, provides a membership directory, and a quarterly newsletter. The annual conference is held in June and typically has around 150 people attend.

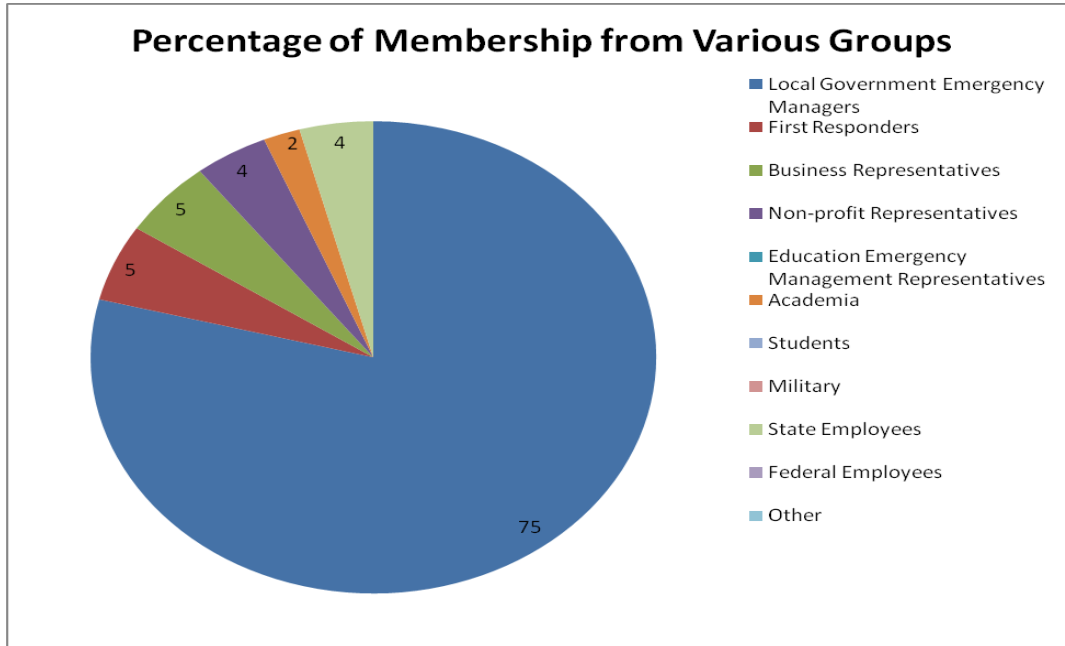
Legislative Affairs: The Association does not have specific legislative priorities or interests and does not have a legislative committee.

Interest in Formal Relationship with IAEM: The Association is very interested in a formal relationship with IAEM. Specifically, it is interested in support for CEM development.

Arkansas Emergency Management Association

Established in Unknown

Membership: The Arkansas Emergency Management Association has approximately 300 members. Anyone in state or local emergency management or any auxiliary services that traditionally support emergency operations, students, and vendors can be a member of the Association. They also offer membership to students and vendors.



Dues: Individual memberships are \$40 per year and include voting rights. The Association also offers student and auxiliary memberships that do not have voting rights. It is unclear how much the annual dues are for student and auxiliary memberships. The Association generates income from vendor fees at the annual conference.

Governance: The Association is governed by a board of directors elected from the state at-large and regions within the state. There are six elected positions in the Association from the state at-large: the President, President Elect, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Historian. There are also five Area Representatives who sit on the board. All elected positions are for a term of two years starting in September. In addition to the elected board members, a representative of the Arkansas Department of Emergency Management sits on the board. The Association does not employ any administrative staff.

Membership Benefits and Association Activities: The Arkansas Emergency Management Association lists the primary benefits of membership as support for local issues that might or will be addressed at the state or national level, scholarships, networking, information exchange, membership lists, and relationship with the state. The Association has a website but it is the process of being revised. Currently, Association information is displayed at the Arkansas Department of Emergency Management webpage at: <http://www.adem.arkansas.gov/ADEM/AEMA/index.aspx>. The Association hosts a mid-year and annual conference. The annual conference usually draws around 400 people and is held in September. In addition, the organization supports other large conferences held in the state.

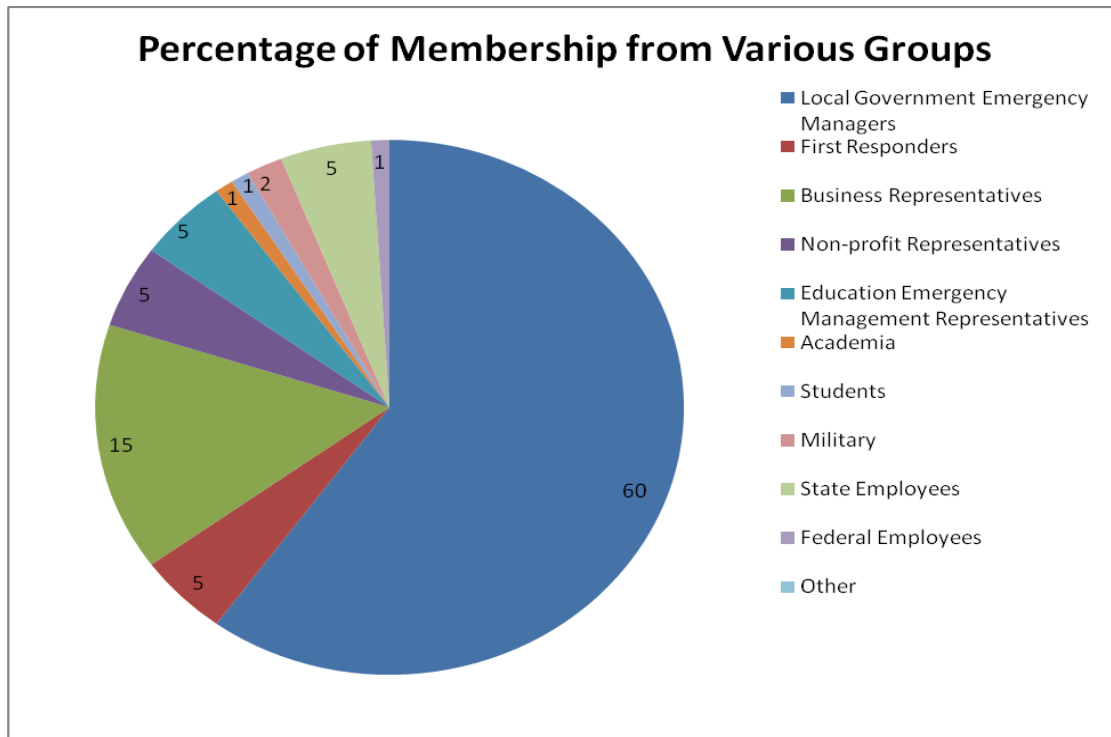
Legislative Affairs: The Association is interested in EMPG funding, seeing legislation that would support an increase in services by providing full-time emergency management funding for at least one position per jurisdiction, and legislation which would initiate an emergency management recognition week. The legislative committee is currently attempting to secure full time emergency management agency funding and the attendance of US Congressmen Ross and Senator Lincoln for its annual conference.

Interest in Formal Relationship with IAEM: The Association is very interested in a formal relationship with IAEM but did not identify any specific services IAEM could provide for it.

California Emergency Services Association

Established in 1990

Membership: The California Emergency Services Association has approximately 600 members. Anyone with an interest in emergency management can be a member of the Association.



Dues: The Association collects dues annually depending on the type of membership an individual purchases and which of the three Association chapters an individual wants to join. Each chapter sets its own dues structure. The Association as a whole generates income from the state conference and fees collected from each of three Association chapters.

Governance: The Association is governed by a board of directors elected from the state at-large. There are eight elected positions in the Association: the President, Immediate Past President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, and 3 Members At-large. All elected positions are for a term of one year starting in January. The Association employs someone to maintain its website on a contract basis but does not employ any other administrative staff.

Membership Benefits and Association Activities: The California Emergency Services Association lists the primary benefits of membership as connection with colleagues around the state to share ideas, best practices, access to current information (jobs, legislative, regulatory) around the state, discount conference registration, and discount workshop registration. The Association maintains a website at <http://www.cesa.net>, holds an annual conference in September of each year with approximately 250 attendees, and sponsors training events and exercises.

Legislative Affairs: The Association is interested in anything that affects the profession of emergency management or its role in disaster planning. Its legislative committee tracks and compiles information on legislative activity related to emergency management in the state and makes recommendations for action to the Association.

Interest in Formal Relationship with IAEM: The Association is very interested in a formal relationship with IAEM but did not identify any specific services IAEM could provide for it.

Colorado Emergency Management Association

Established in 1965

Membership: The Colorado Emergency Management Association currently has approximately 150 members. Anyone with an interest in emergency management or business continuity can be a member. The Association did not provide a membership profile.

Dues: The Association collects dues annually depending on the type of membership an individual wants: active (\$45), associate (\$10), business, vendor, or corporate (\$250), and honorary (\$0). The Association receives no other financial support other than dues collected.

Governance: The Association is governed by a board of directors elected from the state-at-large. There are four elected positions in the Association: President, Vice President, Recorder, Treasurer, and Membership Manager. Each individual is elected for a term of two years and takes office in February with the exception of the Membership Manager who is appointed by the board and serves an indefinite term. The Association does not employ any administrative staff.

Membership Benefits and Association Activities: The Colorado Emergency Management Association lists benefits of membership in the Association as access to state certification, the Association website, job postings, a library of exercises, training information, networking in addition to representation at the state level and support in securing/maintaining EMPG funding. Activities of the Association include maintenance of a website at: <http://www.cemacolorado.com> and co-sponsorship of the annual Colorado Governor's Emergency Management Conference with the Colorado Division of Emergency Management (approximately 275 attendees and 15 vendors).

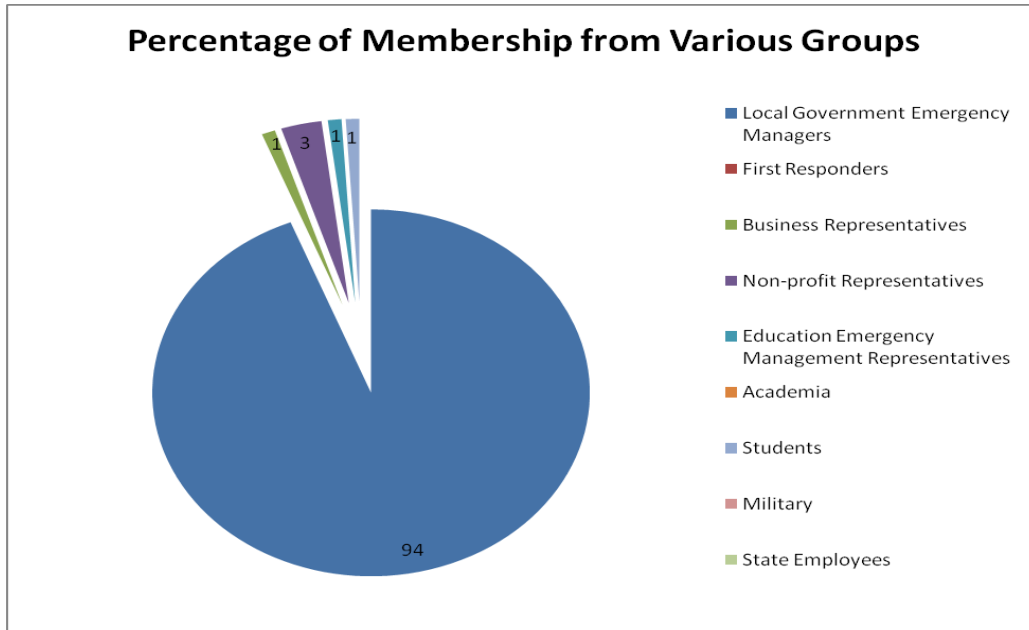
Legislative Affairs: The only legislative priority or interest identified by the Association was EMPG. The Association does not currently have a legislative committee.

Interest in Formal Relationship with IAEM: The Association is very interested in a formal relationship with IAEM. Specifically, the Association would like more information for its members.

Connecticut Emergency Management Association Inc.

Established in 2004

Membership: The Connecticut Emergency Management Association Inc. has approximately 130 members. The Association has two kinds of membership status: voting and non-voting. Members with voting status include emergency managers from municipalities and tribes in the state and non-voting members include individuals from education, students, businesses,



Dues: The Association collects dues annually depending on the type of membership an individual wants. Generally speaking, the dues collected from members fall between \$51-100 per year. Specifically, a voting membership is \$50 annually for the first member from a municipality or tribe and \$25 annually for each additional member from a municipality or tribe. The dues for non-voting members vary—student and educational memberships are \$25 annually; and, corporate memberships are \$100 annually. The Association receives no other financial support other than dues collected.

Governance: The Association is governed by a board of directors elected from the state-at-large. There are four elected positions in the Association: President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Each individual is elected for a term of two years and takes office in July. The Association does not employ any administrative staff.

Membership Benefits and Association Activities: The Connecticut Emergency Management Association Inc. lists benefits of membership in the Association as networking, education/training opportunities, and receiving appropriate information. Activities of the Association include maintenance of a website at: www.cemaonline.org and holding bi-monthly meetings that include training. The Association does not publish a newsletter or sponsor an annual conference.

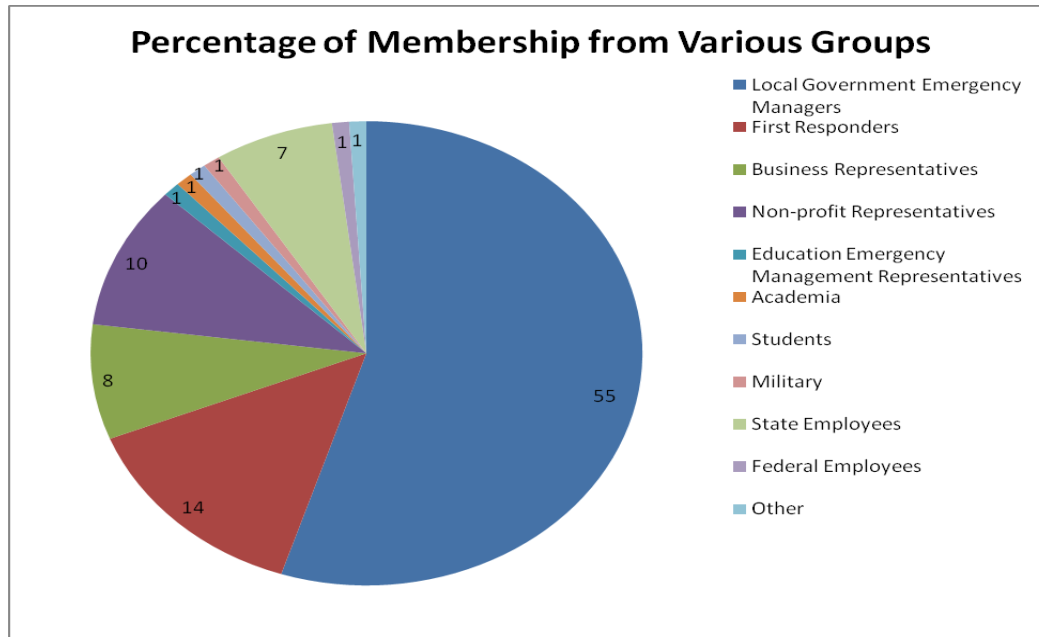
Legislative Affairs: The Association's legislative priorities and interests include homeland security funding (EMPG etc.) and how funding is distributed from the State to local municipalities. The Connecticut Emergency Management Association Inc. does not have a legislative affairs committee.

Interest in Formal Relationship with IAEM: The Association is very interested in a formal relationship with IAEM. Specifically, the Association would like to get involved with IAEM regional conferences, send representatives to some conferences, etcetera.

Florida Emergency Preparedness Association

Established in 1956

Membership: The Florida Emergency Preparedness Association has approximately 580 members. Anyone with an interest in emergency management can be a member of the Association.



Dues: The Association's annual dues fall between \$51-100. A regular individual membership is \$75, a student membership is \$25, an institutional membership (e.g., State Division of Emergency Management) is \$1200, and they are currently working on a corporate membership structure. The Association also receives funds from their annual meeting but such funding is not guaranteed on an annual basis.

Governance: The Association has a board of directors. There are 18 individuals on the board of directors who are elected to one year terms: a President, President-Elect, an Area Governor and alternate from each of 7 geographic regions within the state, Secretary, and Treasurer. All terms start in January or February depending on the date of the annual meeting. The Association also has a Parliamentarian (ex-officio) who is appointed by the President each year. The Association employs a part-time administrative staff person on a contract basis.

Membership Benefits and Association Activities: The Florida Emergency Preparedness Association identifies the benefits of membership in the organization as education, technical assistance, training, information sharing, advocacy, and certification. The Association maintains a website at: www.fepa.org, publishes a newsletter four times a year, and sponsors a Annual Meeting, Mid-Year Work Session, FEPA Training Academies (Basic and Intermediate), and topic specific meetings when requested. The Association also co-sponsors the Annual Governor's Hurricane Conference. The annual meeting is usually held in January or February and typically has 500 attendees.

Legislative Affairs: The Association's legislative priorities and interests include continued funding for local emergency management programs, continued local control of emergency management programs, continued professional development, recognition and career paths for emergency managers, and streamlined grant guidelines, processes, and requirements. The Association is extremely active with State Legislative activities. It advocates for emergency management issues, provides comments and analysis regarding regulatory actions that may impact emergency management, and maintains an on-going dialogue with and provides information to state legislators and key state agency leaders.

Interest in Formal Relationship with IAEM: The Association is interested in a formal relationship with IAEM but did not identify any possible services it might be interested in IAEM providing.

Idaho Association of Emergency Managers

Established in 1995

Membership: The Idaho Association of Emergency Managers currently has approximately 65 members. Any individual who is an emergency manager for a government jurisdiction, agency, or organization can be a member of the Association. Currently, 100% of the Association's membership is local government emergency managers.

Dues: The Association collects dues annually. The dues collected from each individual member per year fall between \$101-150. The Association receives no other financial support other than dues collected.

Governance: The Association is governed by a board of directors elected from regions within the state. There are eight elected positions in the Association: a President elected for a term of 3 years that begins in February, six Vice Presidents elected for terms of 3 years that begin in February, and a Secretary elected for a term of one year that begins in February.

Membership Benefits and Association Activities: The Idaho Association does not have a website or put out an Association newsletter. It does hold an annual conference with Idaho's Association of Counties each February. The Association identifies the benefits of membership as unity and ability to represent emergency management with state agencies.

Legislative Affairs: The Association's legislative priorities and interests revolve around pass through dollars from the State to local governments and grants. The Association does not have a legislative affairs committee.

Interest in Formal Relationship with IAEM: The Association is somewhat interested in a formal relationship with IAEM. It appreciates IAEM's newsletter and would like to get more involved regionally with other state Associations.

Iowa Emergency Management Association

Established in 1972

Membership: The Iowa Emergency Management Association has approximately 92 members. Only local emergency management coordinators can be members of the Association. 100% of its members are emergency management coordinators.

Dues: The Association collects \$100 in dues annually from all members. The Association receives no financial support other than dues collected.

Governance: The Association is governed by a board of directors elected from the membership at-large and regions within the state. There are twelve elected positions in the Association: a President, Past President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, six District Representatives, and an ISAC Representative. Each position is elected for a two year term beginning in November. The Association does not employ any administrative staff.

Membership Benefits and Association Activities: The Iowa Emergency Management Association lists benefits of joining the Association as its website and lobbying services. The Association hosts a website at <http://www.iowaema.com> and holds an annual conference in November with 80-100 attendees,

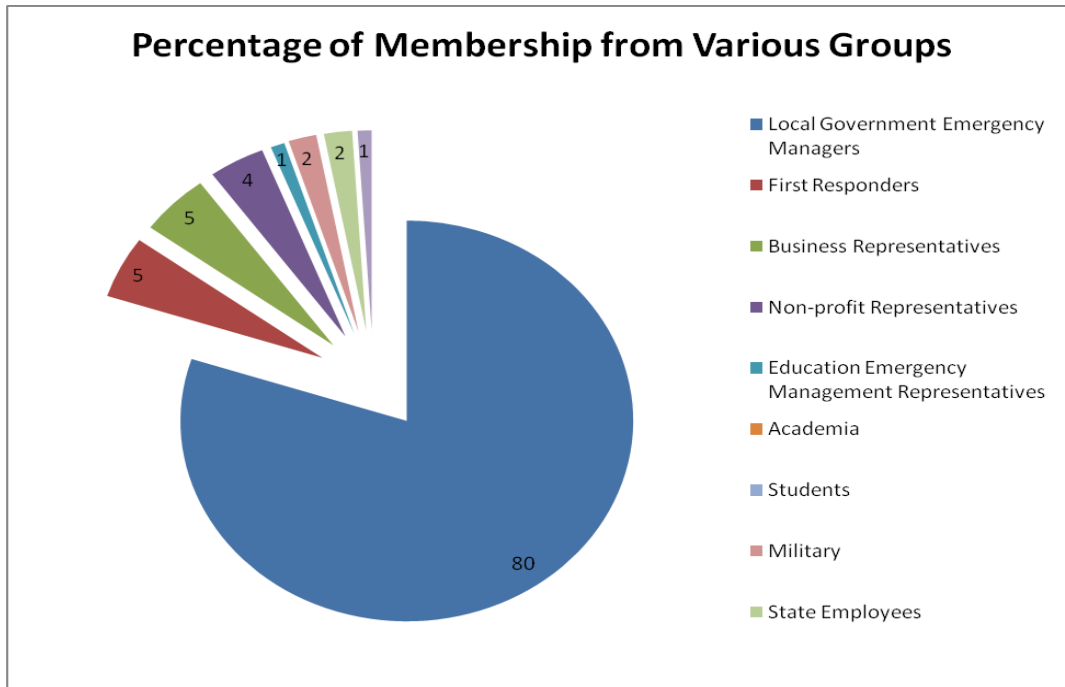
Legislative Affairs: The Association's primary legislative interest is funding for emergency management. It has a legislative committee that works on a variety of issues but the Association did not specify which issues in its survey response.

Interest in Formal Relationship with IAEM: The Association is very interested in a formal relationship with IAEM but did not specify what if any services IAEM can provide for it.

Kansas Emergency Management Association

Established in 1965 (Incorporated 1977)

Membership: The Kansas Emergency Management Association has approximately 243 members. Anyone with an interest in emergency management can be a member of the Association.



Dues: The Association collects \$50 in dues annually from all members. The Association receives no other financial support other than dues collected.

Governance: The Association is governed by a board of directors elected from the membership at-large and regions within the state. There are eleven elected positions in the Association: a President, President Elect, and Past President each elected for one year terms beginning in September and six Area Vice Presidents, Treasurer, Secretary each elected for two year terms beginning in September. The Association does not employ any administrative staff.

Membership Benefits and Association Activities: The Kansas Emergency Management Association lists benefits of joining the Association as being able to strive towards a professional organization and make an impact to the structure of emergency management in Kansas as well as training and professionalism. Sponsorship of an annual conference with more than 300 attendees each September is the primary activity of the Association. At the annual conference the Association sponsors training courses, full educational courses, and presents new technology for the coming year. The Association hosts a website at <http://www.kema.org> but does not publish a newsletter.

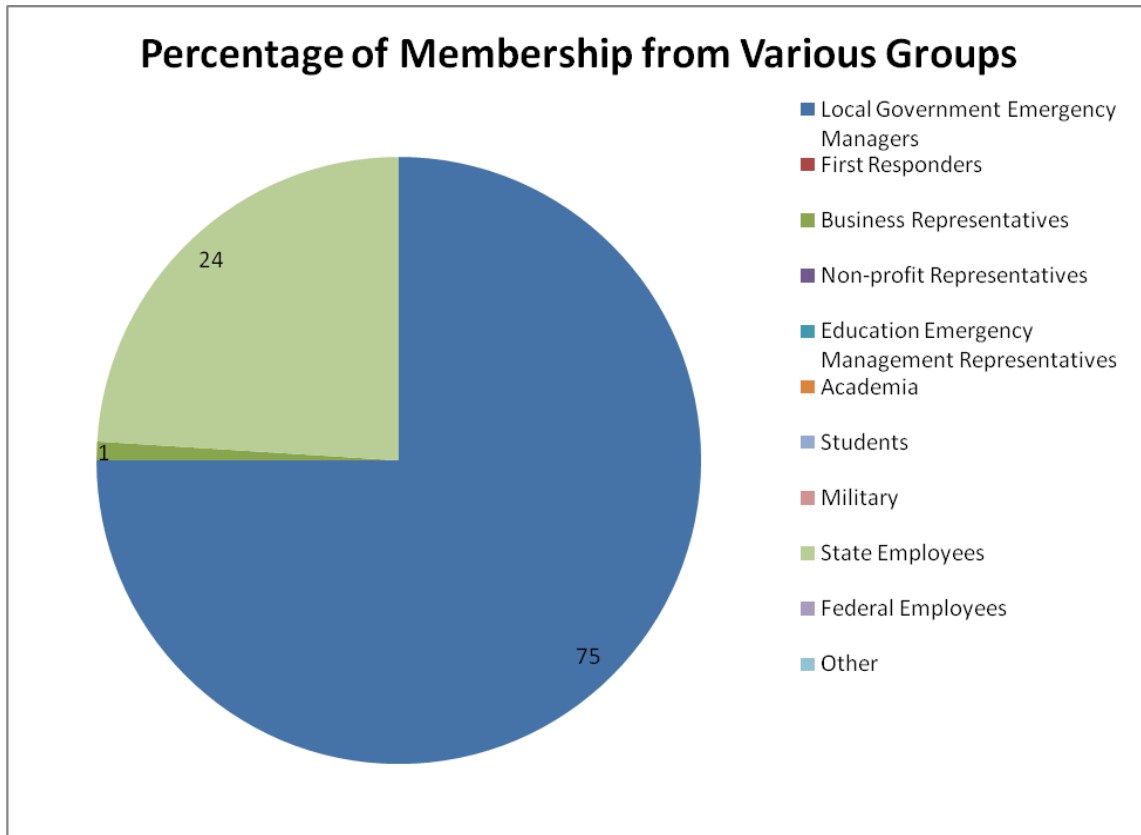
Legislative Affairs: The Association's legislative committee monitors national, state, and local issues that will/might impact emergency management in Kansas and briefs the board of directors on developments as they arise. EMPG funding is the primary interest of the Association.

Interest in Formal Relationship with IAEM: The Association is interested in a formal relationship with IAEM. Specifically, it is seeking guidance regarding their new scholarship program and continuing information on what is new at the National level.

Kentucky Emergency Management Association

Established in Unknown

Membership: The Kentucky Emergency Management Association has approximately 225 members. Anyone with an interest in emergency management can be a member of the Association.



Dues: The Association collects dues annually depending on the type of membership. It has an individual membership for \$50 annually, an emergency management agency group membership (3 members) for \$100 annually, a corporate membership for \$200 each, and an associate membership for \$25 annually. All memberships have voting rights except the associate membership. The Association receives no other financial support other than dues collected.

Governance: The Association is governed by a board of directors with members elected from both the state at-large and regions within the state. There are eight elected positions in the Association: a President, an Executive Vice President, five Regional Vice Presidents, and a Secretary/Treasurer. Each individual is elected for a term of two years and takes office in September. The Association does not employ any administrative staff.

Membership Benefits and Association Activities: The Kentucky Emergency Management Association lists benefits of joining the Association as the opportunity to attend the annual conference and the relationship between the President of the Association and the State. The Association maintains a website at www.kyema.org or www.kyema.us but does not put out a newsletter. The Association also holds an annual conference each September with 300-400 attendees.

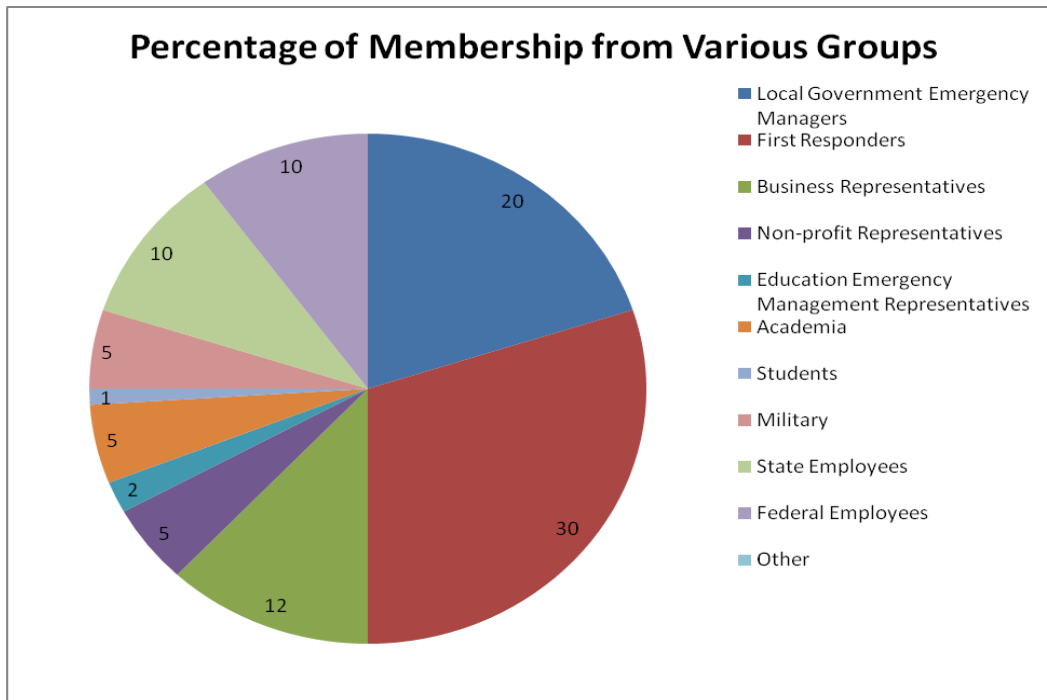
Legislative Affairs: It is unclear from the Association's survey response whether it has a legislative affairs committee and if so what the committee's interests, priorities, and activities entail.

Interest in Formal Relationship with IAEM: The Association is somewhat interested in a formal relationship with IAEM but did not list any possible services it might be interested in IAEM providing for their organization.

Louisiana Emergency Preparedness Association

Established in 1978

Membership: The Louisiana Emergency Preparedness Association has approximately 850 members. Anyone with an interest in emergency management can be a member of the Association. The Association represents public and private sector EP Professionals. Members also represent local/state emergency managers, elected officials, sheriffs, local police departments, public works, water, sewerage, public health, hospitals, and emergency medical services, etcetera.



Dues: The Association collects dues annually depending on type of membership. It offers individual memberships for \$75 annually with voting rights, student memberships for \$20 annually, and corporate memberships without voting rights. The dues for a corporate membership vary depending on the number of employees in the corporation. The Association receives additional funds from corporate sponsorships and its annual conference.

Governance: The Association is governed by a large board of directors. There are a total of 16 elected positions in the Association. A President, President Elect, and Treasurer are each elected from the membership at-large for a term of one year and take office in July. There are also 13 board members elected from the membership at-large who serve three years. The start of the 13 board member terms is staggered. The Association employs an executive director and association coordinator full-time.

Membership Benefits and Association Activities: The Louisiana Emergency Preparedness Association benefits its members through its annual workshop and expo, emergency management leadership, distributing a full membership listing, providing members a certificate of membership and Association identification card, providing training and networking opportunities, providing information and resources related to planning, training, and response, and its legislative advocacy work. The Association maintains a website at <http://www.lepa.org>, publishes a quarterly newsletter, and holds an annual conference in May with approximately 300 attendees in addition to many other activities.

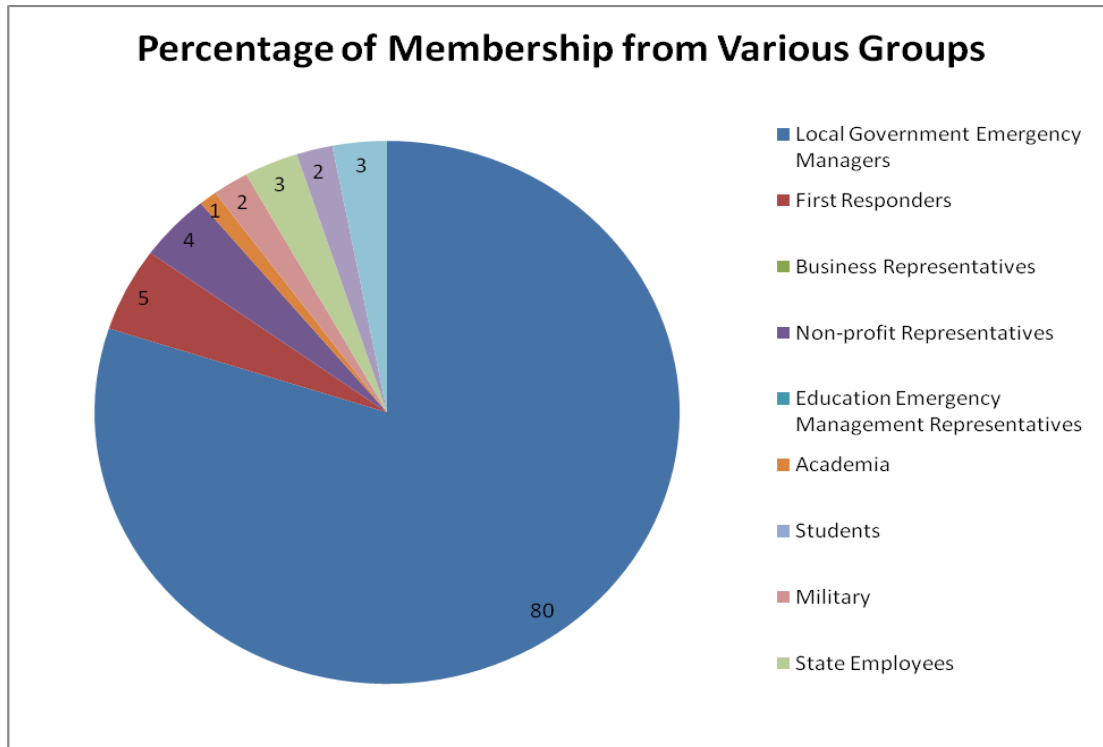
Legislative Affairs: The Association's legislative interests and priorities include continued support of EMPG funding and ensuring that HMPG funds can be used to support in-state sheltering. The Association's legislative affairs committee monitors state and federal legislation and coordinates with Louisiana's Congressional Delegation.

Interest in Formal Relationship with IAEM: The Association is very interested in a formal relationship with IAEM and would like more information about the services that IAEM can provide.

Maine Association of Local Emergency Managers

Established in 2009

Membership: The Maine Association of Local Emergency Managers currently has approximately 56 members. Anyone with an interest in emergency management can be a member of the Association.



Dues: The Association collects \$25 in dues annually from each member. The Association receives no other financial support other than dues collected.

Governance: The Association does not have a board of directors. The Association does not employ any administrative staff.

Membership Benefits and Association Activities: The Maine Association of Local Emergency Managers lists the primary benefit of membership as “one voice at state legislative sessions when necessary”. The Association is in the process of setting up a website, has published two newsletters since the Association’s inception in 2009, and holds an annual preparedness conference in April of each year with approximately 400 attendees. The Association is also in discussions as to how to facilitate training within the state.

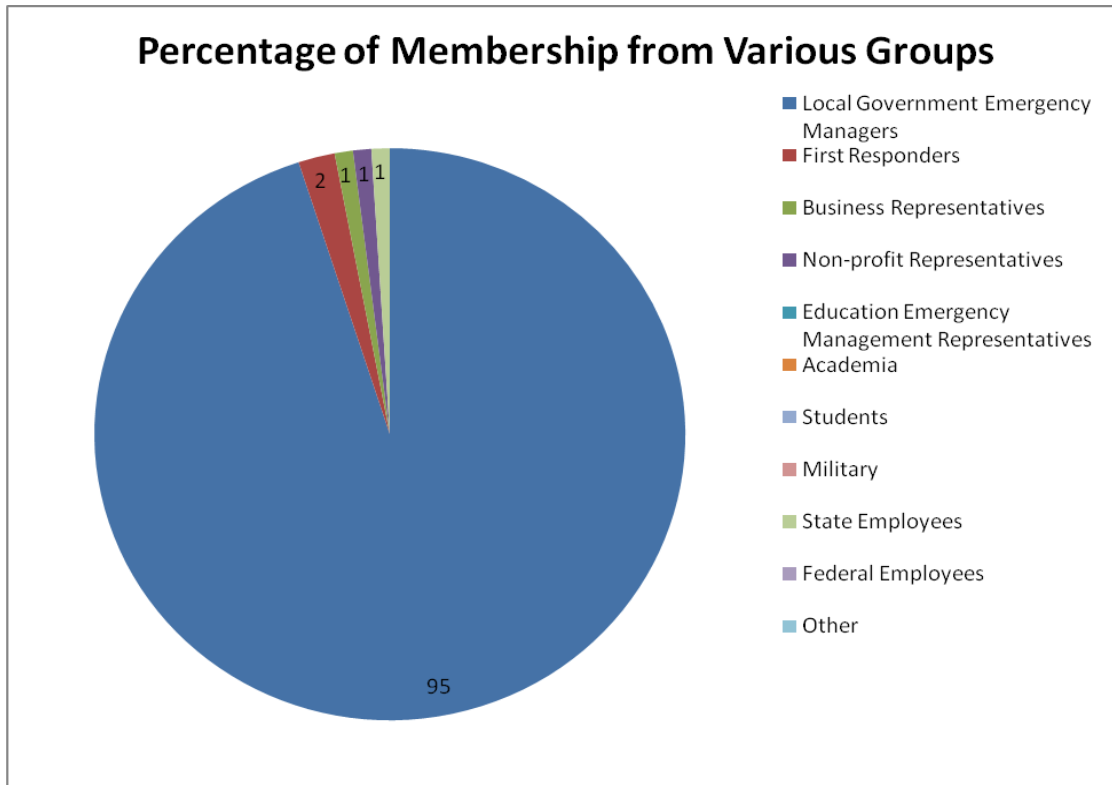
Legislative Affairs: The Association’s primary legislative interest is in EMPG. While the Association does not have a formal legislative affairs committee, member Bob Bohlmann acts as an advocate for the organization and monitors what is going on at the state capitol in Augusta that may/will impact emergency management.

Interest in Formal Relationship with IAEM: The Association is very interested in a formal relationship with IAEM but did not identify any possible services it might be interested in IAEM providing.

Maryland Emergency Management Association

Established in 1986

Membership: The Maryland Emergency Management Association has approximately 95 members. Emergency managers and business representatives can be a member of the Association.



Dues: The Association collects \$35 in dues annually from each member. In addition to dues, the Association generates funding through a silent auction every year to support a scholarship program and supports its annual conference from sponsorships and fees collected from vendors.

Governance: The Association's board of directors includes a President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Each individual elected holds their position for one year starting in January. The Association does not employ any administrative staff.

Membership Benefits and Association Activities: The Maryland Emergency Management Association describes the benefits of membership as follows, "By being a member of our Association you are part of a group that shares best practices, brainstorms new ideas, fosters professional & ethical standards among practitioners of emergency management. We develop close working relationships not only within the 26 jurisdictions, but also with all our partner agencies throughout the state. This Association has also become more active in following legislative issues and has been working hard to promote and support adequate all-hazards emergency management in the State of Maryland". The Association maintains a website at <http://www.mdema.org>, administers a scholarship program, and holds a mid-year meeting and annual conference. The annual conference takes place each May and attracts approximately 115 attendees.

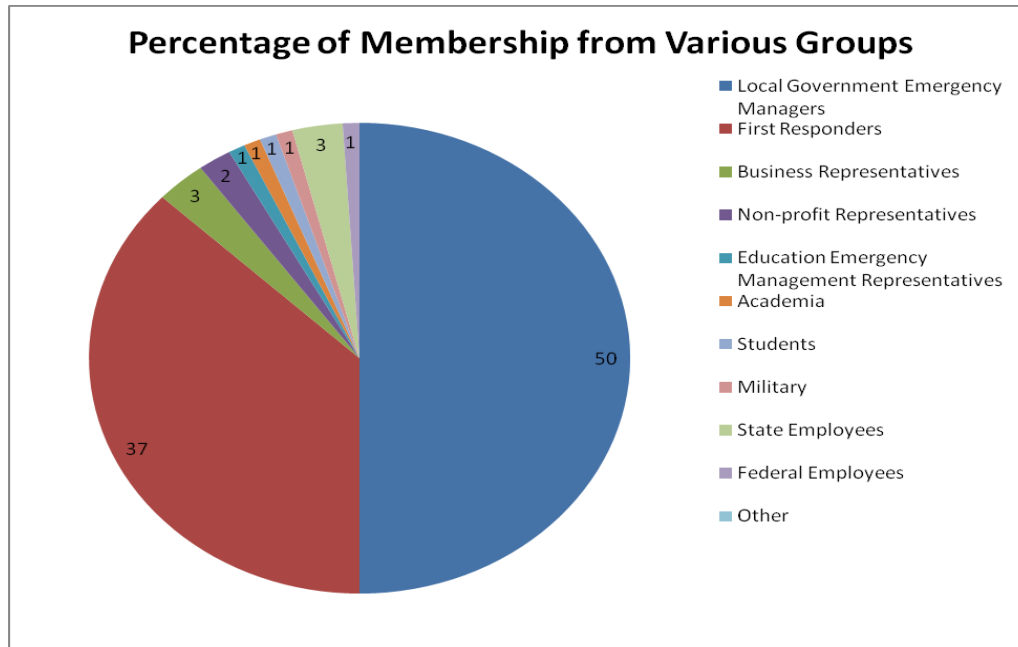
Legislative Affairs: The Association's legislative committee follows all legislation within branches of local and federal government and reports regularly to the President of the Association in with recommendations for association involvement. A few of their legislative priorities include EMPG funding, Maryland HB770, and attempts to privatize medivac units in the state.

Interest in Formal Relationship with IAEM: The Association is very interested in a formal relationship with IAEM beginning with general guidance from IAEM as to how to enhance the Maryland Association.

Association of Minnesota Emergency Managers

Established in 1955

Membership: The Association of Minnesota Emergency Managers has approximately 450 members. Directors, Deputy Directors, or Coordinators of Emergency Management within a political jurisdiction in the state of Minnesota and those persons whose business or professional interests bring them into close relationship with the Association can be members.



Dues: The Association collects dues based on the type of membership: regular members pay \$100 annually and have voting rights; associate members pay \$35 per year and do not have voting rights. Additional funding is secured through grants and the Association's annual conference.

Governance: The Association has a board of directors comprised of a President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Judge Advocate, and Region Representatives. Each member of the board serves a one year term that begins in September. The Association employs a part-time executive director and contracts a conference coordinator and legislative advocate.

Membership Benefits and Association Activities: The Minnesota Association of Emergency Managers lists the benefits of membership as inclusion in association group email, reduced conference rates, networking for availability of resources, and advocacy of emergency management. The Association maintains a website at <http://amemminnesota.org>, sponsors an annual conference with approximately 400 people in attendance each September, trains elected officials, and participates in other association conferences by conducting emergency management sessions.

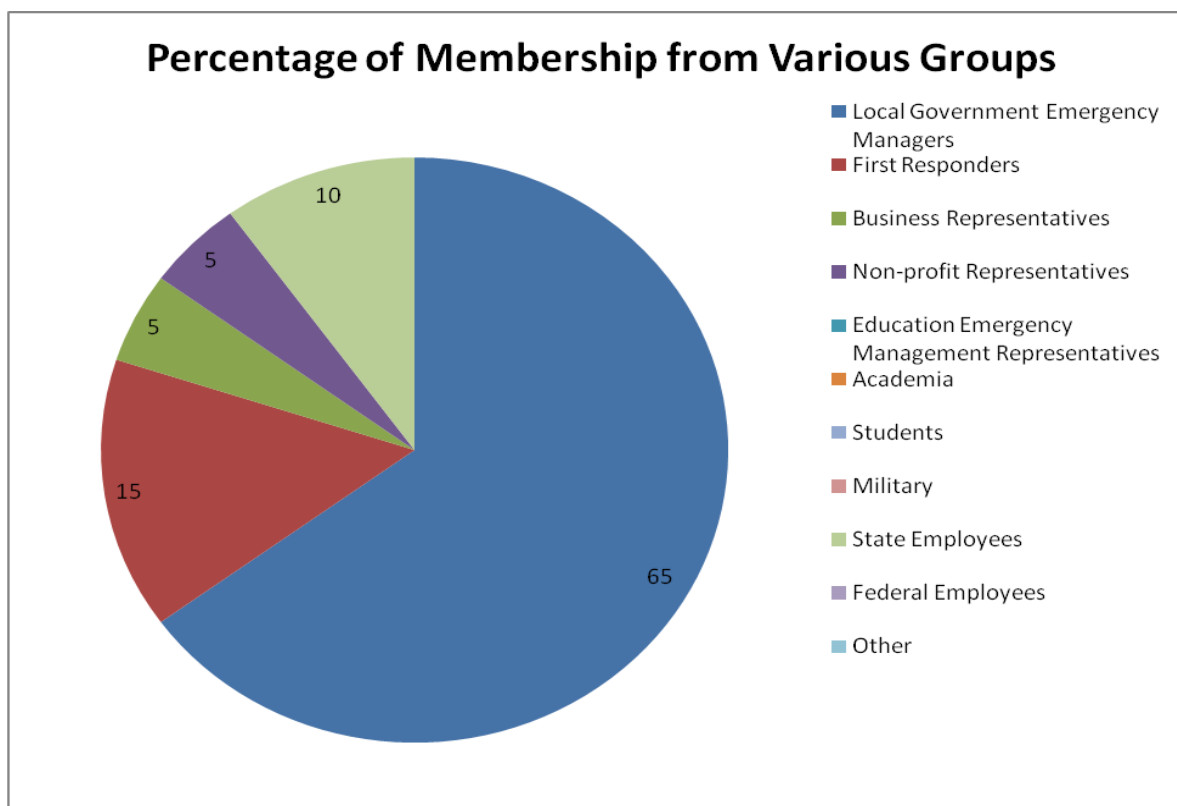
Legislative Affairs: The Association has a legislative affairs committee with regional representatives that conduct regional emergency management information sessions with local elected officials and serve as a "grassroots" organizers of legislative advocacy. Committee members also represent the Association and emergency management at state legislative committee hearings. The Association's interests, priorities, and activities include EMPG enhancement; adoption of a state disaster aid fund, advocacy for dedicated emergency managers at the local level; and, support of state emergency management legislative initiatives as well as the initiatives of law enforcement, fire, and emergency medical services partners.

Interest in Formal Relationship with IAEM: The Association is very interested in a formal relationship with IAEM. Continued communication of IAEM programs and initiatives and making speakers available for conferences and other events are two services IAEM can provide for the Association.

Mississippi Civil Defense Emergency Management Association

Established in 1961

Membership: The Mississippi Civil Defense Emergency Management Association has approximately 200 members. Anyone employed in emergency management or an associated field can be a member of the Association.



Dues: The Association collects dues based on the type of membership an individual wants. It offers both voting and non-voting memberships. A voting membership, called an active membership by the Association, is \$25 annually. The Association also has three types of non-voting memberships: an associate membership for \$5 annually, a corporate membership for \$100 annually, and a non-profit/volunteer emergency response group membership for \$75. The Association also generates funding from vendor booths at their bi-annual meetings.

Governance: The Association has a board of directors comprised of thirteen elected positions a Chairman of the Board of Directors, a Vice President, a Secretary/Treasurer, a Past President, and Representatives of 9 geographic regions within the state. From the information provided it appears that each member of the board serves a term of two years that begins in November. The Association employs its Secretary/Treasurer part-time as administrative staff.

Membership Benefits and Association Activities: The Mississippi Civil Defense Emergency Management Association lists the benefits of membership as networking and training. The Association maintains a website at <http://mcdema.org/> but does not publish a newsletter. The Association also sponsors two conferences each year with approximately 250 attendees.

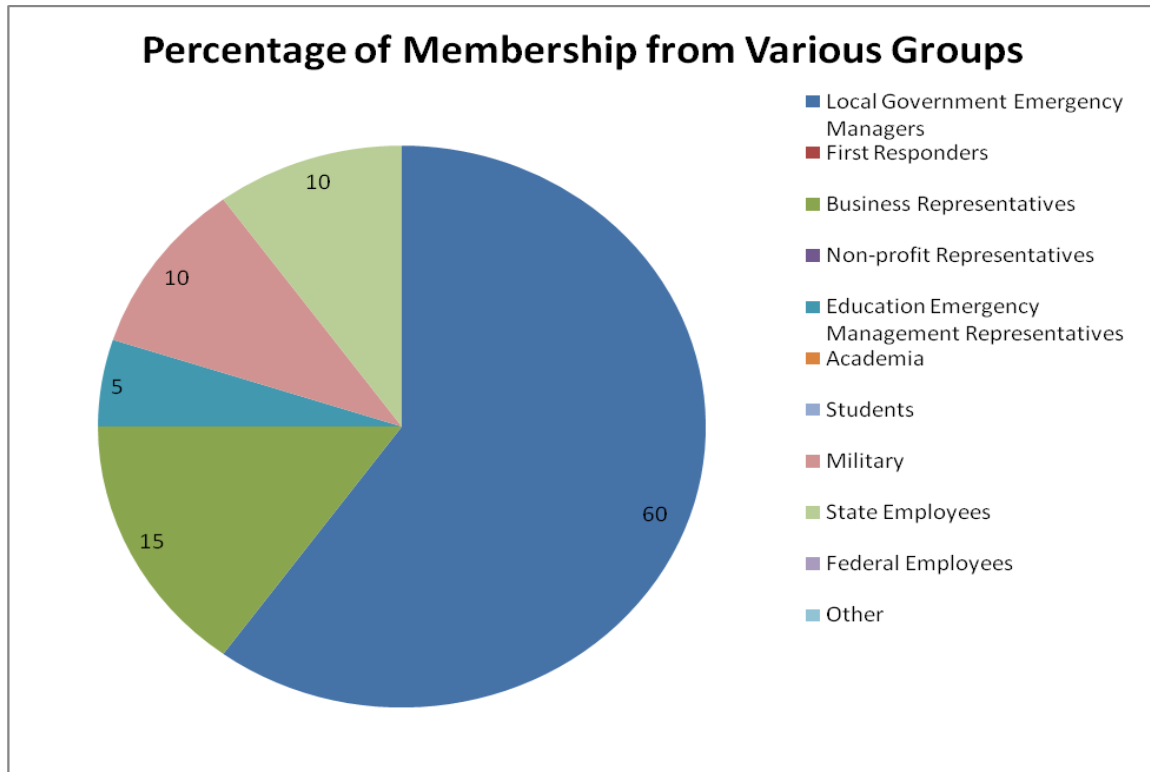
Legislative Affairs: It is unclear from the Association's survey response whether it has a legislative affairs committee as well as the committee's interests, priorities, and activities.

Interest in Formal Relationship with IAEM: The Association is somewhat interested in a formal relationship with IAEM but did not identify any possible services it might be interested in IAEM providing.

New York State Emergency Management Association

Established in Unknown

Membership: The New York State Emergency Management Association has approximately 100 members. Anyone employed in emergency management or an associated field can be a member of the Association.



Dues: The Association collects \$50 in dues annually from each member. The Association also generates funding from conference registration fees and vendor fees for displays at conferences.

Governance: The composition of the Association's board of directors is somewhat uncertain from the Association's survey response. It was clearly stated that the board includes a President and Secretary/Treasurer who are elected to a two year term beginning in February. Apparently, there are also Vice Presidents chosen by the President from the Regional Directors who take office in February but it is unclear how many there are as well as whether the Regional Directors are also members of the board. The Association does not employ any administrative staff.

Membership Benefits and Association Activities: The New York State Emergency Management Association lists the benefits of membership as information sharing, networking, conferences with timely subject matter speakers, and a unified voice in dealing with the State and in promoting emergency management activities. The Association maintains a website at <http://www.nysema.org>, sponsors an annual conference in February (approximately 125 attendees) and a component of the State's Disaster Preparedness Commission conference in October, hosts training events, and assists with mutual aid and incident command.

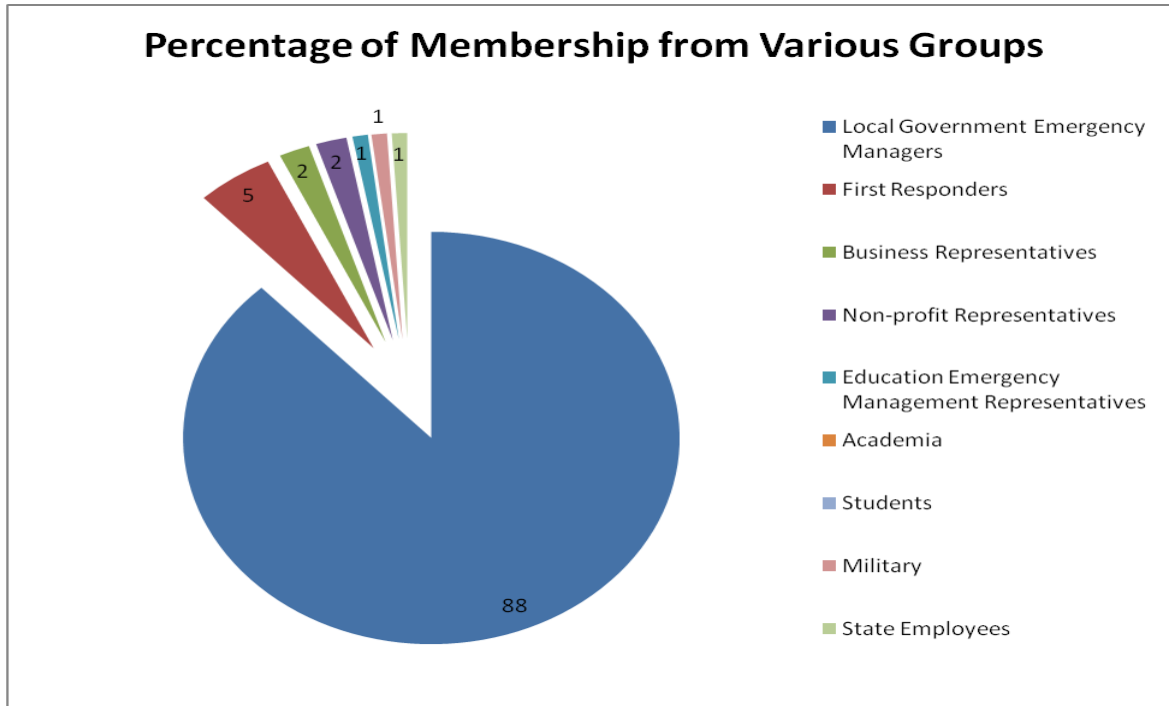
Legislative Affairs: The Association has a legislative committee that monitors emergency management legislation within the state but it is unclear what the committee's interests, priorities, and activities are.

Interest in Formal Relationship with IAEM: The Association is somewhat interested in a formal relationship with IAEM but did not identify any possible services it might be interested in IAEM providing.

North Carolina Emergency Management Association

Established in 1971

Membership: The North Carolina Emergency Management Association currently has approximately 537 members. Anyone with an interest in emergency management can be a member of the Association.



Dues: The North Carolina Emergency Management Association has two kinds of memberships—voting and non-voting. Annual dues vary based on the type of membership. An individual voting membership is \$50 annually. Non-voting student memberships are \$25 annually. Non-voting corporate memberships are \$200 annually. The Association also generates funding by collecting booth fees from vendors at Association conferences.

Governance: The Association is governed by a seven member board of directors including a President, Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Chaplain. Each individual is elected for a term of one year and takes office in October. The Secretary, Treasurer, and Chaplain can serve multiple terms. The Association employs an Executive Director.

Membership Benefits and Association Activities: The North Carolina Emergency Management Association identifies goals of the Association as “A. To coordinate the efforts of its members in a common front to protect the lives and property of all persons within its territorial limits and to coordinate and assist in the efforts of all member organizations throughout the State of North Carolina with emergency preparedness responsibilities, including those for cities, towns, and districts. B. To serve for the constant improvement of standards, practice and effectiveness of Emergency Management activities in the State of North Carolina. To collect and disseminate helpful information concerning matters related to emergency preparedness. To coordinate the contact between the Local, State and Federal Emergency Management. C. To serve as a clearinghouse of experiences, ideas and suggestions. To promote successful courses of action among Association members and agencies both private and governmental, in those matters pertinent to Emergency Management Programs. D. To afford opportunities for members to keep abreast of new developments and approved principles relating to Emergency Management Programs. E. To act in concert with, and in a professional advisory capacity, to other organizations, private or governmental, primarily in the State of North Carolina in those matters regarding Emergency Management”.

Membership benefits are accrued by virtue of the Association successfully meeting its goals. Activities of the Association include maintenance of a website at: <https://ncema.renci.org/default.aspx> and sponsorship of two annual conferences (a Spring Conference in March and a Fall Conference in October). The Association also partners with the North Carolina Division of Emergency Management in sponsoring a NCEM/NCEMA Forum in January and August.

Legislative Affairs: The Association's legislative priorities and interests include keeping a unified voice throughout the emergency management community by modeling their interests to those of IAEM, NEMA and other public safety associations, ensuring that EMPG funding continue to flow to the local level EMA's either by increase or simple consistency, advocating continued funding support for FEMA to continue providing services to disaster affected governments and citizens, emphasizing working relationships with legislative partners at both the federal and state levels, fighting to make sure that local input is included when decisions being made that directly or indirectly affect the operational and funding support for emergency management agencies, and ensuring that legislative partners are fully educated on these impacts of decisions made related to emergency management.

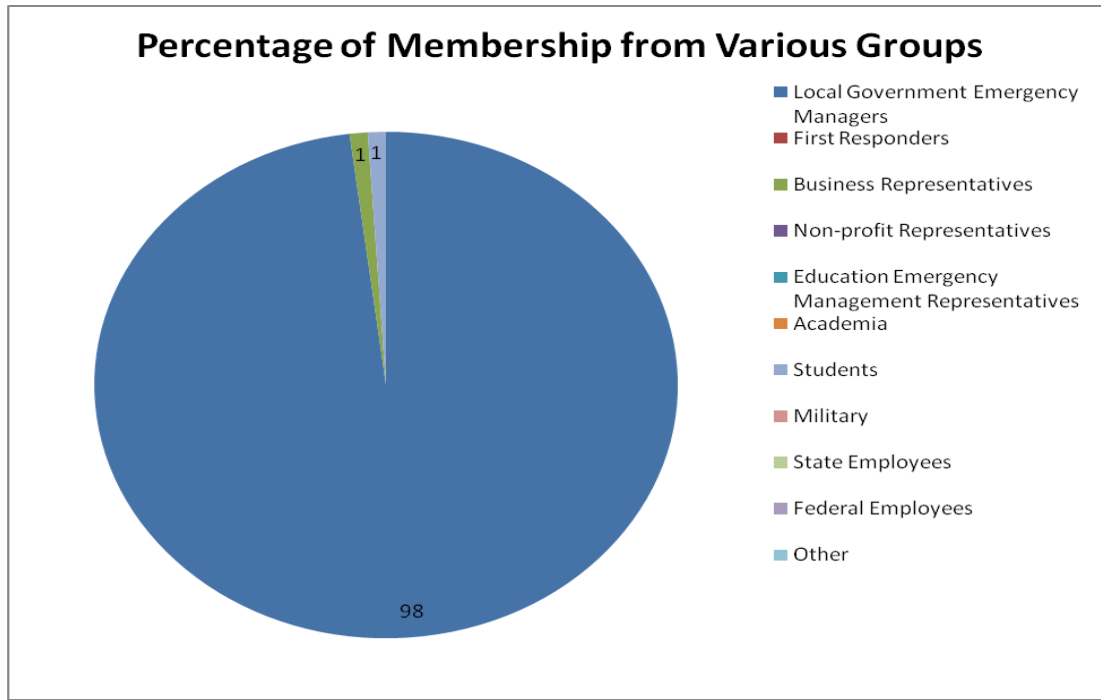
The North Carolina Emergency Management Association does have a legislative affairs committee. Committee members participate in committee and sub-committee meetings at the North Carolina General Assembly. The Association has a voting member on the North Carolina State Emergency Response Commission which acts in an advisory capacity to the Secretary of Crime Control and Public Safety, who serves as the State Administrative Agent (SAA) to coordinate activities of the North Carolina State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) and the Domestic Preparedness and Readiness Regions (DPRR).

Interest in Formal Relationship with IAEM: The Association is very interested in a formal relationship with IAEM. Specifically, the Association would like to continue their relationship with Martha Braddock, Policy Advisor to IAEM, which has been very beneficial for their organization.

Emergency Management Association of Ohio

Established in Unknown

Membership: The Emergency Management Association of Ohio has approximately 125 members. County emergency management directors and staff, students, and emergency management related private sector (vendor) organizations can be members of the Association.



Dues: The Association collects dues annually depending on type of membership. County director memberships are \$200 annually, associate and student memberships are \$25 annually, and corporate memberships are \$300 annually. The Association generates additional funding from tradeshow at its annual Spring Conference.

Governance: The Association is governed by a board of directors elected from both the state at-large and regions within the state. There are four positions elected from the state at-large including President, Vice President, Immediate Past President, and Secretary/ Treasurer. Each individual is elected for a term of two years and takes office in September. There are also three board members elected from regions within the state that hold terms of two years and also take office in September. The Association does not employ any administrative staff.

Membership Benefits and Association Activities: Benefits of membership in the Emergency Management Association of Ohio include the opportunity for professional development, the chance to participate in training programs, the opportunity to participate in the state certification program, legislative advocacy related to emergency management issues, information sharing via a newsletter and the chance to attend social events for networking. The Association maintains a website at <http://www.ohioema.org>, publishes a quarterly newsletter, sponsors quarterly conferences, training events, and coordinates social/networking events (golf outing, etc.) for members. The Association also holds an annual conference in September of each year with approximately 150 attendees.

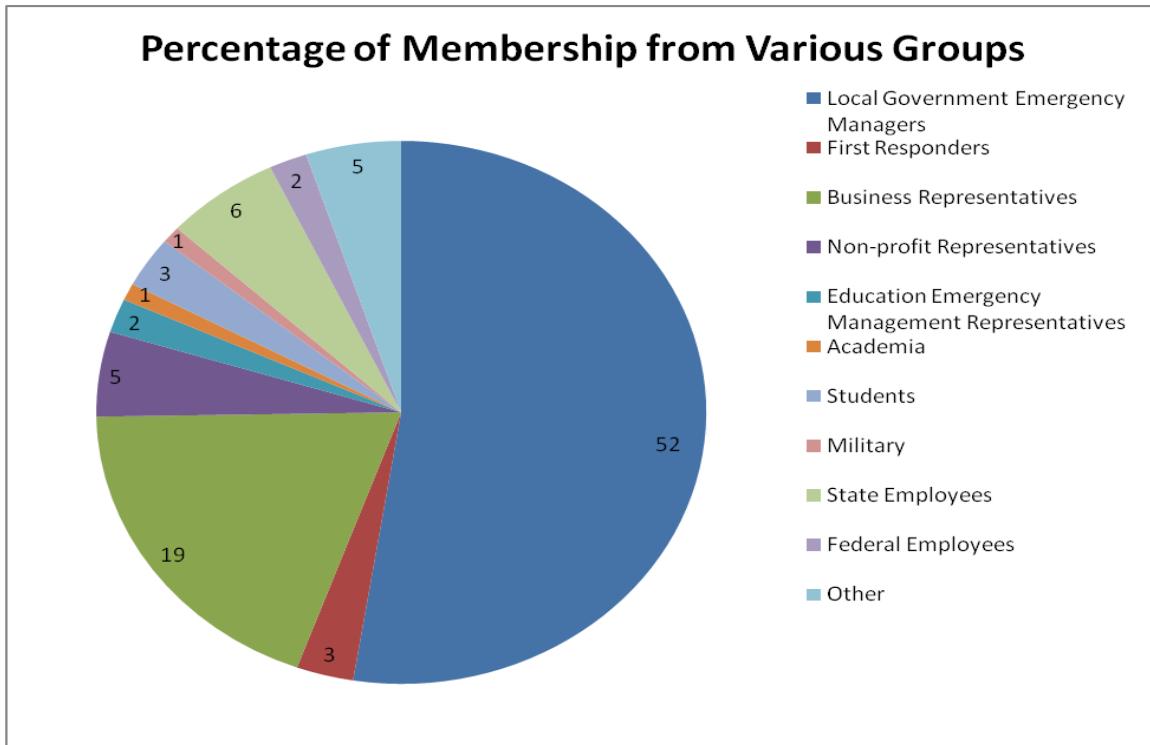
Legislative Affairs: The legislative interests and priorities of the Association are unclear from the Association's survey response. The Association does have a legislative committee which works primarily with Ohio General Assembly issues, including providing testimony for hearings.

Interest in Formal Relationship with IAEM: The Association is somewhat interested in a formal relationship with IAEM but did not list any possible services it might be interested in IAEM providing for the Association.

Oregon Emergency Management Association

Established in 1978

Membership: The Oregon Emergency Management Association has approximately 238 members. Emergency managers, emergency responders, government agencies, elected officials, non-profits, and providers of emergency-related products, services, or resources are able to members.



Dues: The Association collects dues annually depending on type of membership. A delegate membership is \$100 annually and has voting rights; an affiliate membership is \$300 annually and has voting rights; and, a student membership is \$25 annually but does not have voting rights. The Association generates additional income from annual conference fees and fees from exhibit space and sponsorships that are sold to private sector vendors, educational, government agencies, and non-profits for the conference.

Governance: The Association is governed by a board of directors elected from the state at-large. There are five positions elected including President, President Elect, Past President who serve terms of one year starting in July and a Secretary and Treasurer who serve a term of two years beginning in July. The Association does not employ administrative staff.

Membership Benefits and Association Activities: Benefits of membership in the Oregon Emergency Management Association include being part of a network for training, education, and preparedness information and professional development., being able to participate in a forum for the sharing of knowledge, ideas, processes and building partnerships, and being part of a collective and unified voice for emergency management issues in Oregon. The Association maintains a website at www.oregonemergency.com and holds an annual conference in October with approximately 150 attendees. The Association does not publish a newsletter.

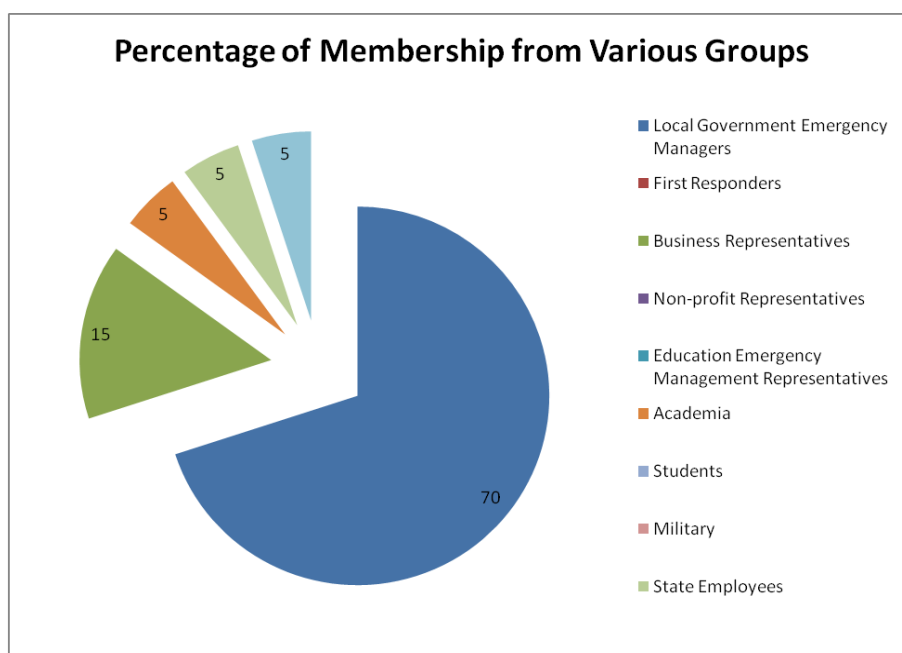
Legislative Affairs: The Association did not address its legislative interests or priorities in its survey response; however, the Association does have a legislative committee and has issued a RFP to hire a lobbyist for the 2011 Oregon General Legislative Session to represent emergency management interests.

Interest in Formal Relationship with IAEM: The Association is interested in a formal relationship with IAEM but needs to discuss possible services it might be interested in IAEM providing amongst the board of directors.

Keystone Emergency Management Association

Established in Unknown

Membership: The Keystone Emergency Management Association has approximately 150 members. Anyone with an interest in emergency management can be a member.



Dues: The Association collects dues annually depending on type of membership. A regular membership is \$30 and includes voting rights; a student membership is \$15 and includes voting rights; an affiliate membership is \$120 and does not include voting rights (membership is for industry and business); and, an organizational membership for political subdivisions in Pennsylvania that can include up to 5 individuals is \$120 and includes voting rights. The Association generates additional funding from fees paid by vendors to have booths at Association conferences.

Governance: The Association is governed by a board of directors elected from the state at-large and regions within the state. There are five elected positions from the state at-large—President, Immediate Past President, Vice President, Secretary, Financial Secretary—and there are three Regional Presidents. All positions are for two years starting in September. The Association does not employ any administrative staff.

Membership Benefits and Association Activities: The Keystone Emergency Management Association lists the benefits of membership as networking and access to educational opportunities. The Association maintains a website at <http://www.kema-pa.org>, publishes a newsletter semi-periodically, holds an annual conference in September of each year with approximately 100 attendees, holds training sessions on various topics, and participates in the State conference.

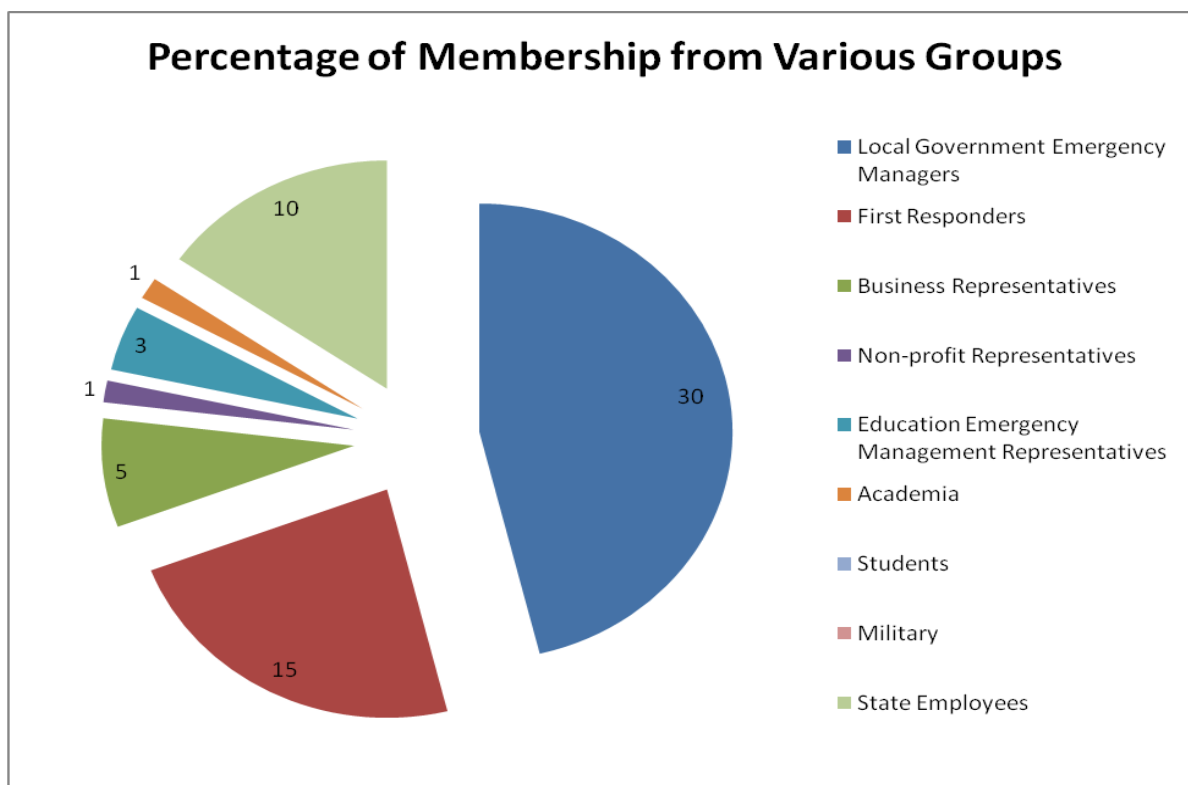
Legislative Affairs: The Association's legislative interests and priorities are primarily focused at the state level. Its legislative committee is advocating for a rewrite of the state basic emergency management legislation, support for pre-paid wireless 9-1-1 funding, and other emergency management-related organization's legislative concerns. At the federal level the Association is interested in continuing EMPG and SHSGP.

Interest in Formal Relationship with IAEM: The Association is somewhat interested in a formal relationship with IAEM but did not identify any services that IAEM could provide for it.

Rhode Island Association of Emergency Managers

Established in 2008

Membership: The Rhode Island Association of Emergency Managers currently has approximately 65 members. Emergency managers, private industry representatives, state and city officials, and students can be members of the Association.



Dues: The Association collects dues annually depending on type of membership. The dues collected from each individual member per year fall between \$51-100. Neither the types of memberships available nor the dues associated with each type of membership were specified in the Association's survey response. The Association receives no other financial support other than dues collected.

Governance: The Association is governed by a board of directors elected from regions within the state. There are four elected positions: President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Each individual is elected for a term of one year and takes office in October.

Membership Benefits and Association Activities: The Rhode Island Association does not have a website, put out an Association newsletter, or hold an annual conference. The Association is relatively new and plans to expand the activities it sponsors as its dues structure and the amount of money collected from dues becomes more stable. In the meantime, the Association identifies the benefits of membership as networking, uniformity, and information sharing.

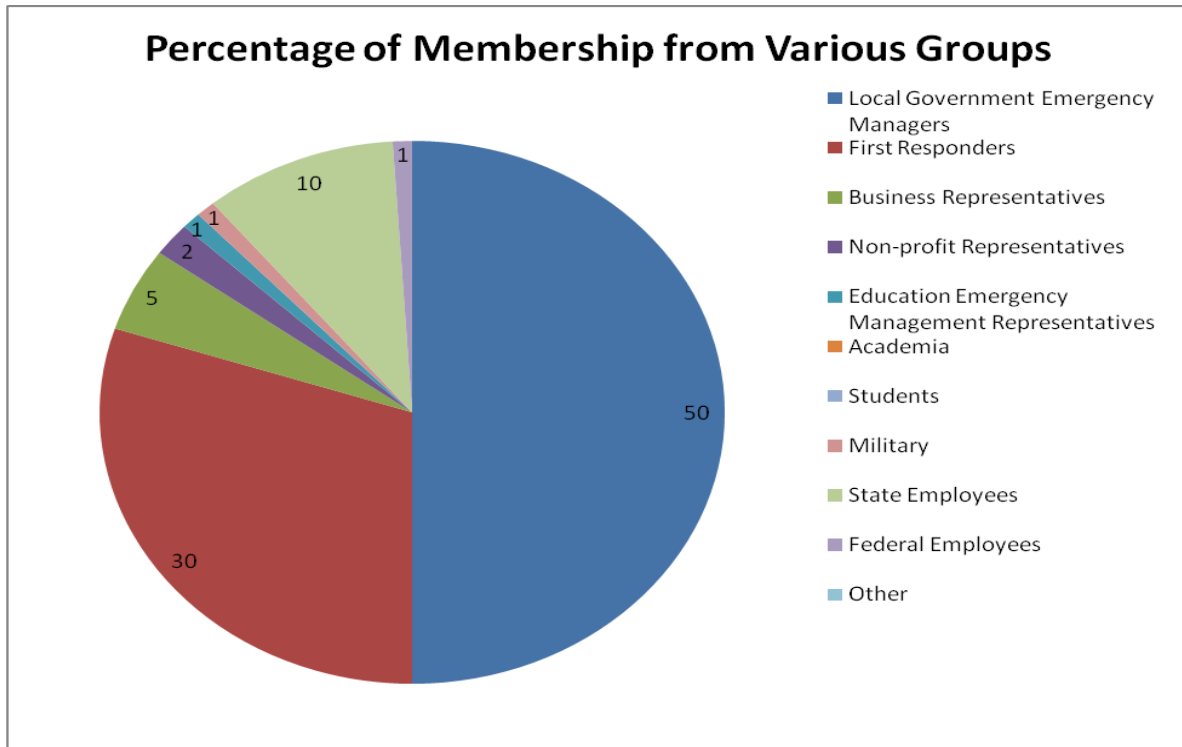
Legislative Affairs: It is unclear from the Association's survey response whether it has a legislative affairs committee and if so what the committee's interests, priorities, and activities entail.

Interest in Formal Relationship with IAEM: The Association is very interested in a formal relationship with IAEM. The only possible service it might be interested in IAEM providing is a conference.

South Dakota Emergency Management Association

Established in 192

Membership: The South Dakota Emergency Management Association has approximately 200 members. Anyone with an interest in emergency management can be a member.



Dues: Membership dues are \$30 annually for general memberships. Vendors or corporate sponsors are charged \$70, but have no voting privileges. Long time members may be given life memberships with no dues, but can still vote at our business meetings. The South Dakota Emergency Management Association generates limited additional funding from corporate sponsors and the State Office of Emergency Management.

Governance: The Association is governed by a board of directors elected from both the membership at-large and regions within the state. There are eight elected positions in the Association: the President, President Elect, and four Region Vice Presidents are elected for one year terms beginning in September and the Secretary and Treasurer are elected for two year terms beginning in September. The Association does not employ administrative staff.

Membership Benefits and Association Activities: Among the benefits of being a member of the South Dakota Emergency Management Association are training and the opportunity to network. The Association has a website at <http://www.sdema.org> and has an annual conference in September (2-300 attendees). Additionally, each region holds training and exercises at their discretion.

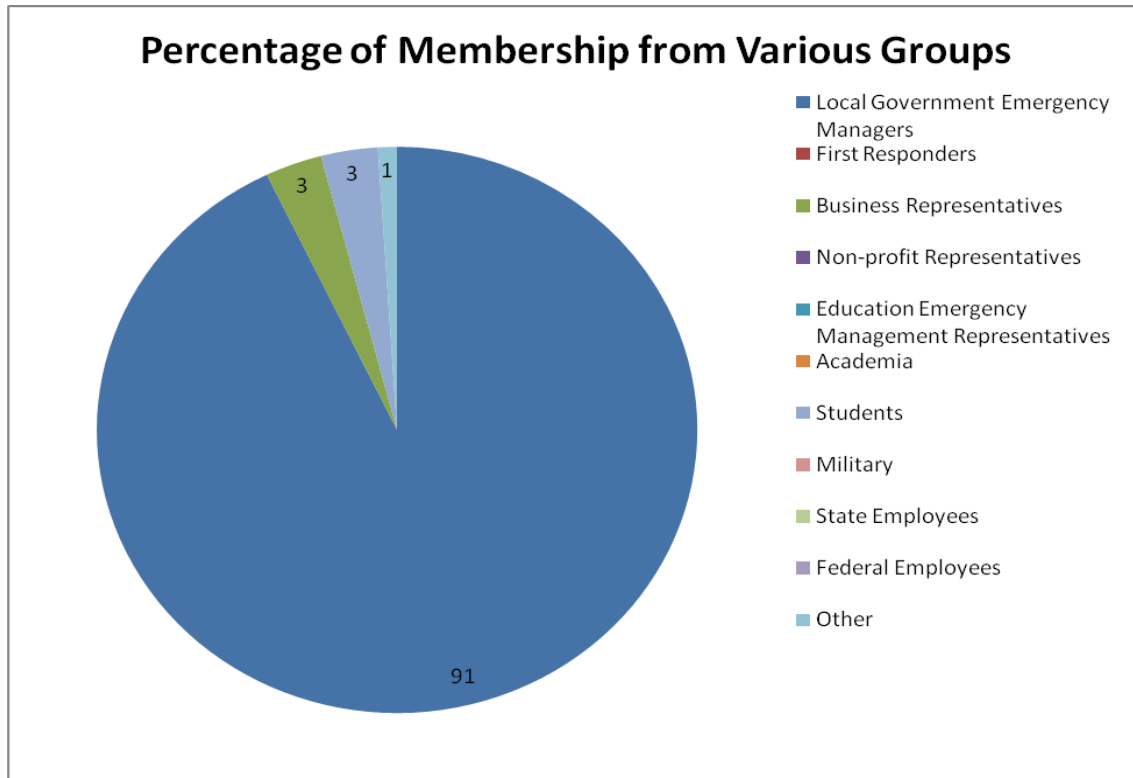
Legislative Affairs: The legislative priorities and interests of the Association include keeping funding at current levels during a time when budget cuts are common place, keeping training up-to-date, moving forward with the progress of technology, and national training standards. The legislative committee monitors legislative activity at the state and national levels. If there is legislation that might/will impact emergency management or first response, all members are notified and kept informed how that piece of legislation is progressing.

Interest in Formal Relationship with IAEM: The Association is somewhat interested in a formal relationship with IAEM. Possible support IAEM could provide for the Association includes training, information regarding practices in other states, and public relations about emergency management and its role.

Emergency Management Association of Texas

Established in 1987

Membership: The Emergency Management Association of Texas has approximately 416 members. Membership is open to any individual or organization that is significantly engaged in or directly supports emergency management, Homeland Security, business continuity, civil defense, or disaster and emergency preparedness.



Dues: The Association offers several kinds of membership and collects dues annually according to type of membership. The Association has two kinds of voting memberships: a delegate member for \$100 annually and a corporate member for \$350 annually. The Association also has three kinds of non-voting memberships: an associate membership for \$350 annually, a student membership for \$30 annually, and “life” or “honorary” memberships extended by the Board of Directors which entail no dues. The Emergency Management Association of Texas also generates funds through selling sponsorships for its annual conference and selling association merchandise.

Governance: The Association is governed by a board of directors elected from regions within the state. There are four elected positions in the Association: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Sergeant at Arms. Each individual is elected for a term of one year and takes office in October. The Association has one full-time and two-part time employees.

Membership Benefits and Association Activities: Among the benefits of being a member of the Emergency Management Association of Texas are education, networking, policy development, advocacy, and certification. The Association has a website at <http://www.emat-tx.org>, holds an annual symposium, plans and facilitates the emergency management track of the annual Texas Homeland Security Conference, and coordinates the Texas Emergency Manager (TEM) certification. Additionally, the Association provides education about state and federal level legislation, grants, and DHS / FEMA activities, participates on numerous state and national level committees, work groups, and task forces, and plans activities in partnership with the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM). The Association does not publish a newsletter. The Association’s symposium is held each August and has approximately 150 attendees.

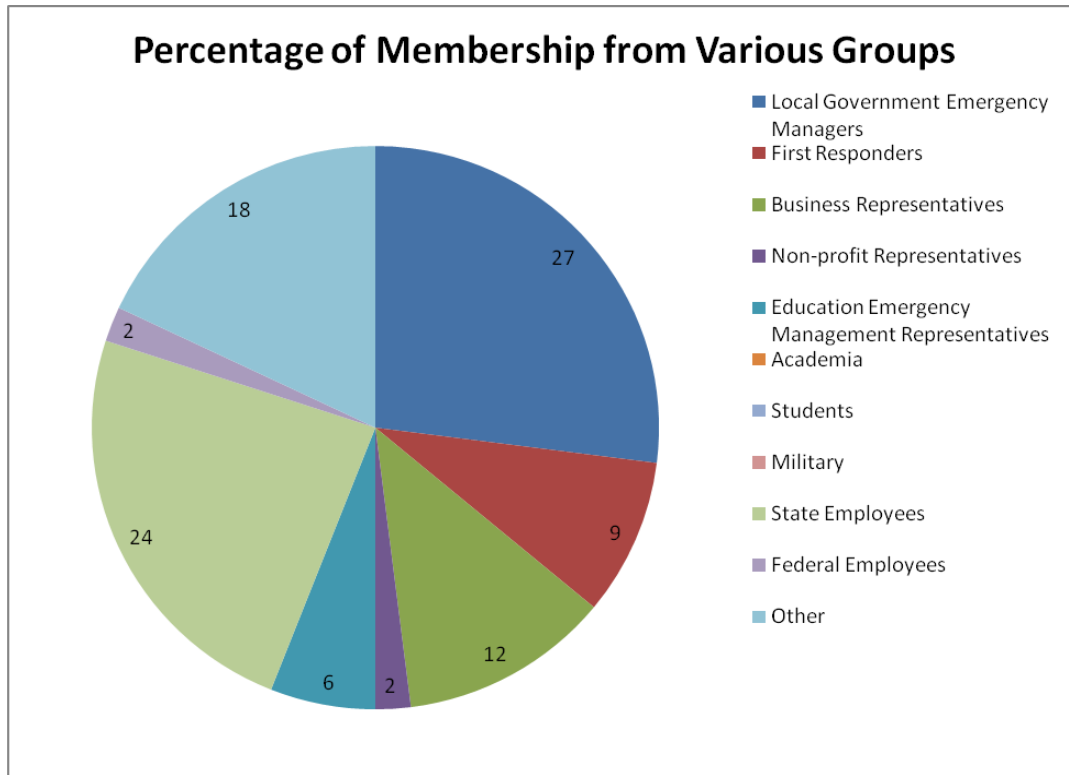
Legislative Affairs: The legislative priorities and interests of the Association include statewide mutual aid, the state disaster fund, and disaster preparedness legislation. In preparation for the upcoming legislative session, the Association's legislative committee has been identifying homeland security, emergency management, and emergency preparedness related state legislative committee hearings across the state and identifying Association members to speak to issues of interest at the hearings.

Interest in Formal Relationship with IAEM: The Association is very interested in a formal relationship with IAEM. Specifically, the Association would be interested in IAEM providing a newsletter template, a Legislative 101 - Best Practices package, and information relative to federal legislative activities and proposed changes in DHS / FEMA policies and procedures.

Utah Emergency Management Association

Established in 1992

Membership: The Utah Emergency Management Association has approximately 201 members. Any individual employed in or organization involved in emergency management or a related profession can apply to be a member.



Dues: The Association collects \$25 dues annually from each member. Beyond membership dues, the Association receives \$5,000 annually in funding from the State Division of Homeland Security and \$5,000 from the Utah Department of Health.

Governance: The Association is governed by a board of directors which includes a President, Immediate Past President, Vice President, and three Members At-large elected to one year terms starting in January and a Secretary and Treasurer each elected to two year terms beginning in January. The Association does not employ an administrative staff person.

Membership Benefits and Association Activities: The activities sponsored by the Utah Emergency Management Association include an annual Conference each January (approximately 140 attendees), training, monthly webinars, CEM guidance, a monthly newsletter, and a website at <http://www.uemaonline.org>. The Association did not identify any benefits of membership in its survey response.

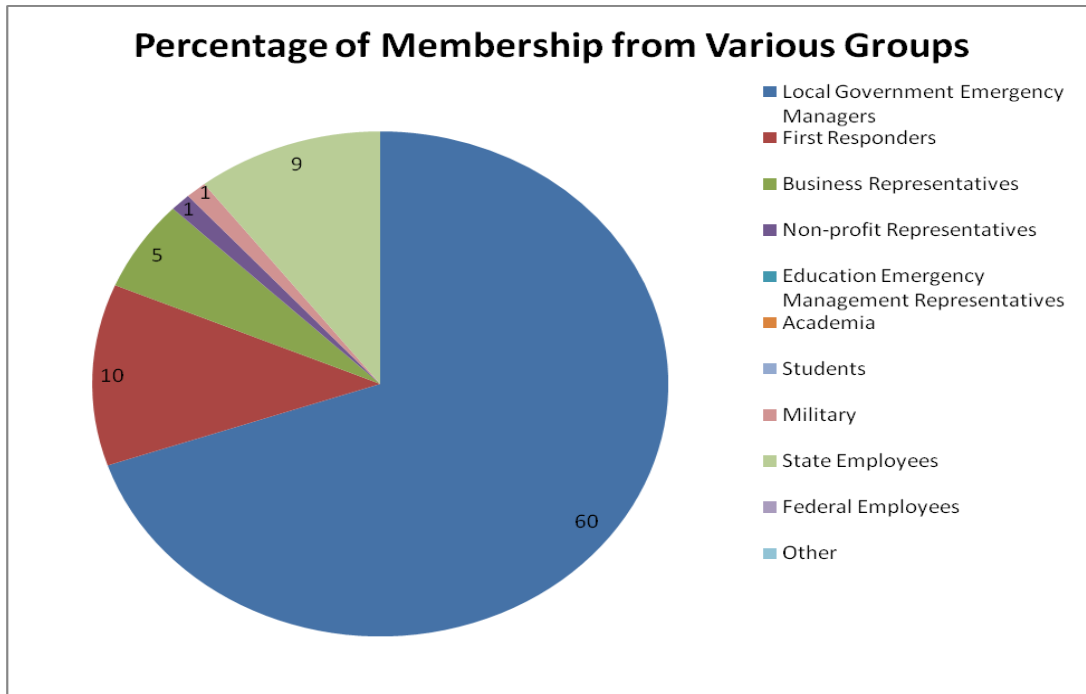
Legislative Affairs: The legislative interests and priorities of the Association were not included in the Association's survey response. The Association does not have a legislative committee but does have a legislative liaison that tracks emergency management related legislative activity in the state and reports on it to the board.

Interest in Formal Relationship with IAEM: The Association is interested in a formal relationship with IAEM but needs to discuss the ways IAEM could support amongst the board.

Virginia Emergency Management Association

Established in 1963

Membership: The Virginia Emergency Management Association has approximately 200 members. Anyone employed in emergency management or a related profession can be a member.



Dues: The Association collects dues annually depending on the type of membership an individual wants. The dues structure is as follows: individual membership = \$75 annually, student membership = \$25 annually, and organizational membership = \$150 annually. The Association generates additional funding to offset the costs of its annual conference but it is unclear how they do so from their survey response.

Governance: The Association is governed by a board of directors elected which includes a President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer each elected for one year with terms beginning in April. The Association employs an administrative staff person part-time.

Membership Benefits and Association Activities: Benefits of membership in the Virginia Emergency Management Association include getting information on emergency management issues/developments and having the opportunity to network with others having similar interests, access to conferences and training opportunities, professional representation on legal or regulatory issues, voting rights, access to an Association newsletter, professional certification, yearly conference/symposium, and discounts on VEMA certification, conferences, and other activities. The Association maintains a website at <http://www.vemaweb.org>, publishes a quarterly newsletter, and holds an annual conference in March which averages about 375 attendees.

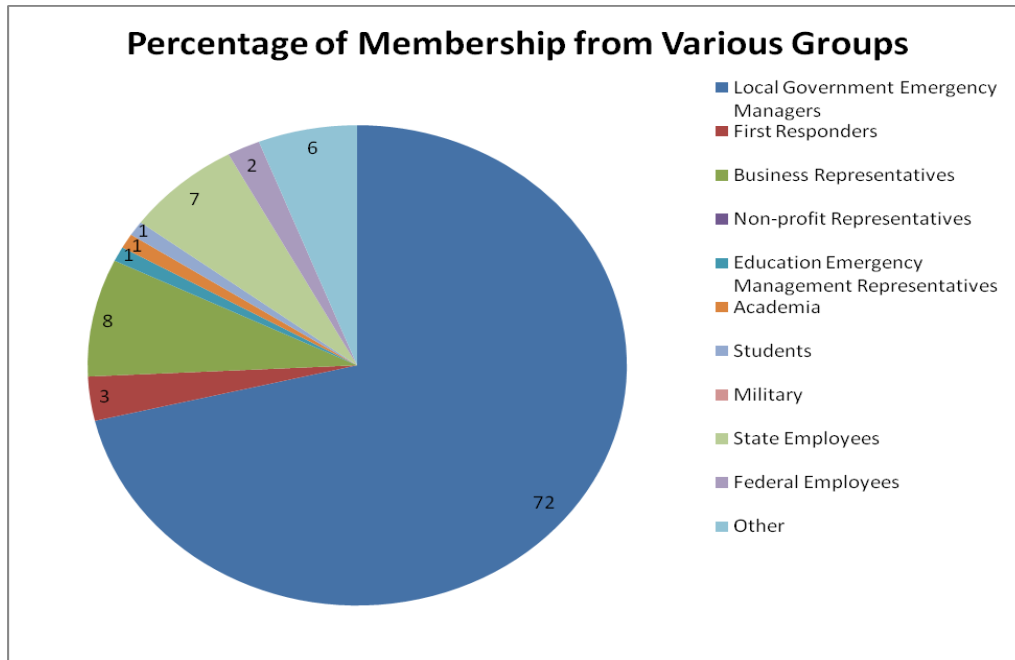
Legislative Affairs: The legislative interests and priorities of the Association were not included in the Association's survey response. The Association does have a legislative committee but it is inactive.

Interest in Formal Relationship with IAEM: The Association is interested in a formal relationship with IAEM but unsure of what services IAEM could provide for it.

Washington State Emergency Management Association

Established in 1970

Membership: The Washington State Emergency Management Association has approximately 172 members. Anyone with an interest in emergency management can join the Association but the target audience is local, county, state, federal and private sector emergency management professionals or people in related professions.



Dues: The Association collects \$75 in dues annually from each member.

Governance: The Association is governed by a board of directors elected in various ways including the state at-large, regions within the state, and from within membership groups. The board includes a President and President Elect that each serve one year beginning in October and a Treasurer, East Side Representative, West Side Representative, Public Sector Representative, and Private Sector Representative that each serve two years beginning in October. The Association does not employ any administrative staff.

Membership Benefits and Association Activities: Benefits of membership in the Washington State Emergency Management Association include a reduced rate for the annual professional development conference, information and idea sharing, mutual assistance partnerships, promotion of innovative emergency management programs and processes, promotion of the emergency management profession, and development of disaster resistant communities. The Association maintains a website at <http://www.wsema.org>, holds an annual professional development conference and occasional workshops, partners with other organizations to offer multi-hazard mitigation discussion forums 2-4 times annually. The Washington Association holds its annual conference in September and typically has around 175 individuals attend. The Association does not publish a newsletter.

Legislative Affairs: The legislative interests and priorities of the Association include to work with state legislators to promote a funding package to support state and local emergency management programs (not yet successful), promote EMPG funding to support local programs, provide comment on state and federal legislation affecting emergency management programs and disaster resilience, and minimize unfunded mandates. The Association has a legislative committee but it recently lost its membership. It is trying to rebuild for 2011. The Association represents emergency management interests on a number of state committees and is often asked to participate in and/or support new initiatives and programs.

Interest in Formal Relationship with IAEM: The Association is interested in a formal relationship with IAEM. Specifically, it would be interested in its association membership receiving informational e-mails from IAEM and having access to the electronic version of

IAEM newsletter. However, any formal relationship with IAEM would need to be affordable enough that we are not forced to increase our state membership rates to support.

West Virginia Emergency Management Council

Established in Unknown

Membership: The West Virginia Emergency Management Council has approximately 57 members. Elected officials with emergency management responsibilities, directors/coordinators, staff personnel and others involved in emergency management may be invited to participate in operations of the West Virginia Emergency Management Council; yet, currently, the Council's membership is comprised entirely of local government emergency managers.

Dues: The Council collects dues of between \$51-100 annually (the specific amount was not provided) and receives donations to support its conferences.

Governance: The Council is governed by a board of directors elected from the state at-large. There are two elected positions in the Council—a President and Vice President that are elected to one year terms beginning in January. The board also has a Secretary/Treasurer that serves “at the will and pleasure of the Council”. Beyond the aforementioned positions, there are also three board members who serve for three years each beginning in January but it is not clear how they are elected. The Council does not employ any administrative staff.

Membership Benefits and Association Activities: The West Virginia Emergency Management Council does not have a website or put out a newsletter. The Council holds an annual conference each May with 70-80 attendees, holds a Public Safety Expo Conference each year, participates in the State Emergency Response Commissions Conference each year, and holds special meetings that are attended by designated members and officers having to deal with emergency management with the state and federal government. Benefits of membership identified by the Council include “coordination of efforts in a common front to protect the lives and property of all persons against all hazards, preserve our national security, provision of dissemination of common experiences and judgments in emergency management, provision of a clearinghouse for ideas, suggestions and courses of action among the members, provision of assistance to other emergency managers, provision of assistance to the State Director on emergency management issues, participation in all FEMA programs designed to promote effective emergency management response”.

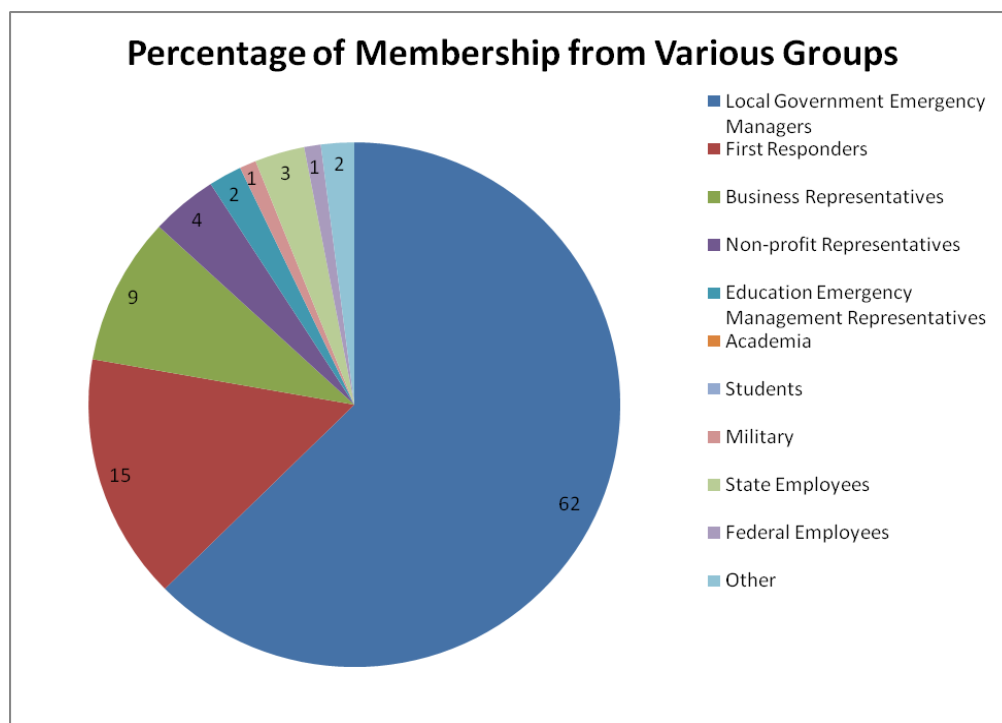
Legislative Affairs: The Council's legislative interests and priorities are primarily at the state level and state legislative activity that might/will impact emergency management is monitored and reported on by the Council's legislative committee. However, at the federal level the Council is interested in EMPG.

Interest in Formal Relationship with IAEM: The Association is somewhat interested in a formal relationship with IAEM but would like more information on the services that IAEM could provide to the Council.

Wisconsin Emergency Management Association

Established in 1982

Membership: The Wisconsin Emergency Management Association has approximately 182 members. Anyone with an interest in emergency management can be a member.



Dues: The Association collects dues of \$20 annually from each member. The Association generates additional income from vendor fees paid for booths at its annual conference.

Governance: The Wisconsin Emergency Management Association is governed by a board of directors elected from the state at-large and regions within the state. The board of directors includes a President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Each position is elected for two year terms beginning in November. The board also has five Regional Representatives and one Tribal Representative who serve two or more years and take office upon a position vacancy. The Association does not employ any administrative staff.

Membership Benefits and Association Activities: The Wisconsin Emergency Management Association lists benefits of membership as access to the Association website at <http://www.wema.us>, the opportunity to attend an annual symposium in October with training that addresses topics supporting effective emergency management programs (averages about 170 individuals), getting a discount for the conference, having access to an email list serve providing up to date info on emergency management, and having representation on emergency management issues within the state.

Legislative Affairs: The Association's legislative interests and priorities are monitored and reported on by the legislative committee. It keeps the membership aware of ongoing issues and encourages their involvement during times of votes or gain their feedback on important issues. This year the committee went to Washington DC in March to represent emergency management issues to elected officials.

Interest in Formal Relationship with IAEM: The Association is very interested in a formal relationship with IAEM but did not provide specific services IAEM could provide for it.