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Dear Oregon Emergency Management Association Members,

First, I would like to say thank you for the extremely difficult and hard work you do on a daily basis. We all know working in the emergency management field these days is hard work and at times not very rewarding. However, your work and dedication to the little things and staying focused makes your communities safer.

I was asked by a good friend why I stepped up into a leadership role with OEMA and my response was quick and to the point, "*because, it's the right thing to do and I enjoy helping others.*" Having met many of you in OEMA or in my role as the Public Health Preparedness Manager my sense is all of us enjoy working within our own communities, volunteering our time, to make a difference whether you're public or private-sector focus. Over the course of the last year many if not all of us faced the H1N1 activities head on to assist in our community resiliency efforts.

We are still facing hard economic times at the local, state, and federal level and as I write this letter there are still many unknowns out there that we face. As the professional emergency management association for the state we will need to face these challenges as if it's an all-hazards event impacting our communities. Our community leaders and citizens look to us for help and leadership, I hope that the information this association provides over the next 12-months can help you in your efforts to respond and recover.

My agenda as President is the following:

- Increase membership
- Network with other state associations
- Provide timely information
- Share recruitment opportunities at the local, state, and/or federal levels

Lastly, we need your help in getting the word out about OEMA. Membership has been steady at about 250+ members over the past few years. We are trying new ideas and new partnerships with other associations to increase our numbers so when we do speak as an association we have a strong membership following that people will notice and pay attention to our concerns.

It is an honor and privilege to represent OEMA.

Sincerely,

Mike Harryman

President