

*Southern Chapter update, Cont.*

As such, we are excited to announce the Southern Chapter is embarking on two major initiatives to serve our membership. First, our programs committee has been hard at work creating a professional development series to assist Emergency Managers in their day to day role. This series will consist of four workshops and include essential skills such as leadership behaviors, effective communication, leading change, avoiding communication breakdowns, and political skills/business relationships. This training will be delivered in partnership with the California State University Fullerton and will be held in different locations throughout the Southern Region.

Second, our mentoring committee is working on a series of networking opportunities for Southern Chapter members. This will allow our members to interact and develop professional relationships with professionals in like sectors and geographic regions. The mentoring committee is also revamping some of the core services to engage new Emergency Managers.

We will be pushing out communication on both these initiatives shortly and we look forward to seeing you at one of these workshops or networking opportunities. As always, we value the input of our members. If you have any suggestions for future workshops, resources you may need, etc., please feel free to reach out to a member of the Southern Chapter Board.