December 19, 2014

Dear Alabama County EMA Directors:

I am informing you of the establishment of Continuing Education Units (CEUs) necessary to maintain the designation of Certified Local Emergency Manager (CLEM) as provided in Section 3-9-61, Code of Alabama. CLEM designation is required for your county’s eligibility for the state salary subsidy and additional federal funding as provided in Section 31-9-62 of the code.

The CEU requirement will begin on January 1, 2015. Each person holding the designation of CLEM will have two years to complete the requirements, as outlined in the enclosed information. In accordance with the provisions of Section 31-9-61 of the code, the CEUs were approved by the Alabama Local Government Training Institute (ALGTI) Board on Dec. 4, 2014.

The requirements authorize the AEMA Director to approve additional “technical” courses that will also qualify for credit units. The course approval criteria and process is also attached.

The Association of County Commissions of Alabama has graciously agreed to maintain the records of attendance at the events qualifying for CEUs and to provide AEMA with an annual update on October 1st of each year. The AEMA Training Officer will forward an update to each CLEM and the AAEM Board to ensure accuracy of the data. Any CLEM not meeting the CEU requirements by October 1st of the second year of the period will be notified as well as the County Commission Chairman. This will help insure the requirements are met by the December 31st deadline.

The state salary subsidy and additional federal funding will be suspended on February 1st following the second year of the period for any county that fails to meet the CEU requirements for CLEM designation. With a joint effort this situation hopefully will never occur.

If you have any questions, please contact Pam Cook, Alabama Emergency Management Agency Training Officer at (205)280-2418 or pam.cook@ema.alabama.gov.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Art Faulkner
Director

cc: County Commission Chair
December 23, 2014

MEMORANDUM

TO: ALABAMA COUNTY EMA DIRECTORS

FROM: ART FAULKNER, DIRECTOR

RE: CLEM Technical Course Information

As outlined in the attached email, I have set a list of guidelines for technical courses to meet the CEU requirement for CLEM.

The guidance for the courses should be:

1. Course will enhance your knowledge, skills and ability as an Emergency Management Director
2. Course will enhance the Emergency Management Program in the county
3. Course will enable me to better respond to, recover from, or mitigate against threats to your county

I will be publishing the final list of approved technical courses by January 31st after I confer with the AAEM Board. The approved list will cover the 2015 calendar year, and for the subsequent years the Board will need to submit any recommended changes through the AEMA Training Officer, Pam Cook.