



2024 CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

NOTE: All schedules (content, dates, times, etc.) are subject to change. All times Central Standard Time (CST)

TUESDAY APRIL 30, 2024		
7:30 a.m.	Registration <i>presented by Salamander Technologies</i>	
8:00 am – 10:30 am	CEM Exam - IAEM Certification On-Site Testing	Oakley C
9:00 am	Industry Partner Exhibits Open	Mirabella F-J
9:00 am – 9:45 am	EMAT Membership Informational Session	Oakley A
10:30 am – 11:00 am	Opening Ceremonies <i>Welcome & Announcements – Mike Gregory, Conference Chair</i> <i>Invocation – Rickey Graves – EMAT Board</i> <i>Presentation of Colors – Rutherford County EMS</i> <i>Pledge of Allegiance – Rickey Graves – EMAT Board</i> <i>National Anthem – Adam Brown, Murfreesboro Fire Rescue</i> Welcome Addresses <i>Patrick Sheehan, TEMA Director – Welcome, Moment of Silence In Remembrance</i> <i>Jeff Hardy, EMAT President</i> <i>James Fountain, TN Healthcare Coalition President</i> <i>Joe Carr, Rutherford County Mayor</i> <i>Kristina Greenway, SERVPRO, Conference Title Sponsor</i> <i>Mike O’Sullivan, SDS Weather, Conference Title Sponsor</i> <i>Billy Power, ORCA, Conference Title Sponsor</i>	Mirabella A-E
11:00 am – 11:50 am	Keynote - Attitudinal Leadership <i>Jeff Stiles, University of Tennessee, Police Management Consultant, Municipal Technical Advisory Service (MTAS)</i> <i>Presented by Lipsey Logistics</i>	Mirabella A-E
11:50am – 12:00pm	Membership Meeting – Nomination/Election of President-Elect	Mirabella A-E
12:00 p.m. – 1:00pm	Lunch Reception with Industry Partners	Mirabella F-J
1:00 pm. – 2:00 pm	Safe Spaces Program <i>Heather Mathis – NewsChannel 5 Nashville</i> <i>Presented by Ozone Environmental Service</i>	Mirabella A-E
2:00 pm – 2:30 pm	Industry Partner Break <i>Presented by BOLDplanning & Hinkle Environmental Services</i>	Mirabella F-J

2:35 – 5:30 pm	Emotional Escape Fires: Prevent Being Overwhelmed <i>Robert & Terri Bogue, Thor Projects</i>	Mirabella A-E
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Reception/Industry Partner Technology & County EMA Vehicle Showcase <i>Presented by Lipman Brothers & Verizon Frontline</i>	Mirabella F-J

WEDNESDAY May 1, 2024

6:00 am	Breakfast Opens	Atrium
7:00 am - 5:00 pm	Registration <i>presented by Salamander Technologies</i>	
8:00 am	Industry Partner Exhibits Open	Mirabella F-J
8:30 am - 9:30 am	Keynote: “What About Bob” <i>Shane Petty – Maury County Office of Emergency Management</i> <i>Presented by NAFECO</i>	Mirabella A-E
9:30 am - 10:00 am	Industry Partner Break <i>presented by FirstNet, built by AT&T & Magnolia Meadows</i>	Mirabella F-J
10:00 - 10:45 am	BREAKOUT SESSION #1	
	Defense Support to Civil Authorities (DSCA) & AASF#2 Flight Facility <i>SFC Tracy Benta, TN Army National Guard</i>	Oakley A
	Tennessee National Guard & Civil Support <i>Lt. Col Dallas Clements – TN National Guard</i>	Oakley B
	The Program Management Office: Guiding Successful Grant Management <i>Jaamal Whittington - Senior Manager, Ernst & Young</i>	Oakley C
	Incorporating Climate Change into Planning, Training, & Exercises <i>Rob Dale – National Disaster Preparedness Training Center</i>	Cambridge A
	The “How To”: Creating & Sustaining Essential Multi-Disciplinary Groups (LEPC) <i>Amanda Hite – Deputy, Humphreys County</i>	Cambridge B
	Community Preparedness – It’s More than a BuzzWord – It’s an Action Item <i>Kate Amaral – Chairperson, Tennessee VOAD</i>	Broadlands A
	The 2023 Tennessee Hazard Mitigation Plan Update: An Overview of the Risk and Vulnerability Assessments for Climatological Hazards <i>Andrew Joyner, Tennessee State Climatologist</i>	Broadlands B
10:45am – 11:15am	Industry Partner Break <i>Presented by EnviroMedics & DeployedLogix</i>	Mirabella F-J
11:15 am –12:00pm	BREAKOUT SESSION #2	
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12:00 pm. – 1:00pm	2024 Awards & Mayors Luncheon <i>Presented by The RATT</i>	Mirabella A-E
1:00 pm - 2:00 pm	National Weather Service Updates <i>Ryan Husted – NWS Nashville, Anthony Cavalluci – NWS Morristown, Todd Beal – NWS Memphis, Kate Guillet – NWS Huntsville</i> <i>Presented by Longview Solutions Group</i>	Mirabella A-E
2:00 pm – 2:30 pm	Industry Partner Break <i>Presented by Elliott Data Solutions & iamResponding</i>	Mirabella F-J
2:30 pm – 3:15 pm	BREAKOUT SESSION #3	
	Reimagining Disaster Response for Vulnerable Populations: Lessons Learned after Oregon & Lahaina Fires through Standardizing Survivor Needs Assessments <i>Rose Hessler - Futurity</i>	Oakley A
	Incident Management Teams – An Introduction <i>Ryan Thompson - TEMA</i>	Oakley B
	AHIMT – Simplifying the Recognition of Prior Learning Application Process <i>Eric Mitchell - TEMA</i>	Oakley C
	Weather Surveillance Systems <i>Lilly Herrington, SDS Weather</i>	Cambridge A
	Tennessee HART Team <i>Michael Culberson – Rescue Specialist, Tennessee Helicopter Aquatic Rescue Team</i>	Cambridge B
	Hazmat Roundtable <i>Caleb Lawson – District Coordinator, TEMA</i>	Broadlands A

	Introduction to FEMA’s Interagency Recovery Coordination (IRC) Group <i>Laura Curvey, FEMA</i>	Broadlands B
3:15 pm – 3:45 pm	Industry Partner Break <i>Presented by Ernst & Young</i>	Mirabella F-J
3:45 pm – 4:30 pm	BREAKOUT SESSION #4	
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8:00 am – 8:45 am	BREAKOUT SESSION #5	
	What to Expect when FEMA comes to your county? <i>John Dooley, FEMA</i>	Oakley A
	Changes in the American Red Cross <i>Kristin Rice, Red Cross</i>	Oakley B
	Effective for Faith Based Organizations in Disaster <i>Toby Swager, Executive Director – Walking with Swager/GoodWorks</i>	Oakley C
	Help Me Obi-Wan: Energy Mitigation Projects <i>Ben Bolton, Energy Programs Administrator, TDEC</i>	Mirabella A
	Let’s Build a FORT: Continuity of Operations Planning <i>Sarakay Johnson, Emergency Response Coordinator, Metro Nashville Public Health Department</i>	Mirabella B

	TN Highland Rim Healthcare Coalition: Training & Asset Showcase <i>Tabitha Hobson, Tennessee Highland Rim Healthcare Coalition</i>	Mirabella C
	It was Only an EF-2/EF-3 Tornado: Can Newer Homes Survive Today's Weather Safety Messaging in Middle Tennessee <i>Krissy Hurley, Meteorologist in Charge, NWS Nashville</i>	Mirabella D
	Alliance in Action: Bridging Public and Private Incident Management Team (IMTs) <i>Roy Dunn, Chief Emergency Management Officer – Longview Solutions Group</i>	Mirabella E
8:50 am – 9:35 am	BREAKOUT SESSION #6	
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9:45am – 12 pm	Tabletop Exercise <i>Matt Bush, TEMA</i> <i>Adam Stewart, TEMA</i> Door Prize Giveaway following exercise	Mirabella E

Special thanks to our silver partners for providing beverage service throughout this year's conference



FUTURE CONFERENCES	
April 29 – May 1, 2025	Embassy Suites Murfreesboro, TN
May 4-6, 2026	Marriott Downtown Knoxville Knoxville, TN
May 3-5, 2027	Marriott Downtown Knoxville Knoxville, TN