

# EMAT 2025

MURFREESBORO

CONFERENCE

PRESENTED BY OUR PARTNERS AT



CLIMATE CHANGE and ITS IMPACT ON EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

## 2025 CONFERENCE SCHEDULE


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

### TUESDAY APRIL 29, 2025

7:30 a.m.	<b>Registration Opens</b>	
8:00 am	<b>Industry Partner Exhibits Open</b>	Oakleigh
9:30 am	<p><b>Opening Ceremonies</b>  <i>Welcome &amp; Announcements – Mike Gregory, Conference Chair</i>  <i>Invocation – Rickey Graves – EMAT Board</i>  <i>Presentation of Colors – TBD</i>  <i>Pledge of Allegiance – Rickey Graves – EMAT Board</i>  <i>National Anthem – TBD</i></p> <p><b><u>Welcome Addresses</u></b>  <i>Patrick Sheehan, TEMA Director – Welcome</i>  <i>Jeff Hardy, EMAT President</i>  <i>James Fountain, TN Healthcare Coalition President</i>  <i>Joe Carr, Rutherford County Mayor</i>  <i>Shane McFarland, Mayor of Murfreesboro</i>  <i>Kristina Greenway, SERVPRO, Conference Title Partner</i>  <i>Mike O’Sullivan, SDS Weather, Conference Title Partner</i>  <i>Matt Church, Ozone Environmental Services, Conference Title Partner</i>  <i>Kaitlyn Prochak, Safe Industries, Conference Title Partner</i></p>	Mirabella E-F
10:30 am	<b>Industry Partner Break</b> <i>Presented By Ernst &amp; Young</i>	Oakleigh
11:00 am	<p><b>Keynote Address Presented by NAFECO</b>  <i>“Mental Health Resilience: Empowering Emergency Management Professionals”</i>  <b>Frank King – White Collar Comedy</b></p>	Mirabella E-F 
12:00 pm	<b>Lunch Reception with Industry Partners</b>	Oakleigh
12:30 pm	<b>EMAT Membership Meeting</b>	Mirabella E-F
1:00 pm	<p><i>“The Power of One: How one idea &amp; phone call helped build public trust, soften the disinformation narrative and revolutionized community led regional survivor support after Hurricane Helene”</i>  <b>Kate Amaral – TEMA Non-Governmental Partnerships Manager</b>  <b>Brandon Smith – Putnam County EMA Director</b></p>	Mirabella E-F

2:00 pm	<b>Industry Partner Break</b> <i>Presented by Deployed Logix</i>	Oakleigh
2:30 pm	<i>“Co-Developing the Future of Severe Weather Messaging with Emergency Manager Input”</i> <b>David Hogg – NOAA Research Associate</b> <b>Megan Schargorodski – TEMA State Meteorologist</b> <b>Krissy Hurley – NWS Nashville Meteorologist In-Charge</b>	Mirabella E-F
3:30 pm	<b>Industry Partner Break</b> <i>Presented by Stantec</i>	Oakleigh
4:00 pm	<i>“Operation BBQ Relief – One Hot Meal That Matters”</i> <b>Steve Anderson – TN Area Coordinator, Operation BBQ Relief</b>	Mirabella E-F
6:00 pm	<b>Reception</b>	Location TBD

## WEDNESDAY APRIL 30, 2025

6:00 am	<b>Breakfast Opens</b>	Atrium
7:30 am	<b>Registration Opens</b>	
8:00 am	<b>Industry Partner Exhibits Open</b>	Oakleigh
8:30 am	<b>Keynote: Presented by AC Disaster Consulting</b> <i>“Non Profit Collaboration”</i> <b>Sherry Nicholson – Founder, YAIPAK</b>	Mirabella E-F 
9:30 am	<b>Industry Partner Break</b> <i>Presented by Enviro Medics LLC</i>	Oakleigh
10:00 am	<i>“Tennessee Department of Health Hurricane Helene Response: Northeast Regional Health Office”</i> <b>Chad Bruckman – TN Department of Health</b> <b>Tony Wright – Northeast Regional Office Regional Coordinator</b>	
11:00 am	<b>Industry Partner Break</b> <i>Presented by Ready Op</i>	Oakleigh
11:30 am	<i>“Drones in Emergency Management: A View Beyond the Norm”</i> <b>Captain Patrick Kellam – Hamilton Co. Office of Emergency Management &amp; Homeland Security</b>	Mirabella E-F
12:30 pm	<b>2025 Awards &amp; Mayors Luncheon</b>	Mirabella E-F
1:30 pm	<i>“Leading &amp; Managing People During Blue &amp; Gray Skies”</i> <b>Gary Scronce – Director Homeland Security &amp; Emergency Management – IEM International</b>	Mirabella E-F
2:00 pm	<b>Industry Partner Break</b> <i>Presented by Canary Care</i>	Oakleigh

<b>2:30 pm</b>	<b>BREAKOUT SESSIONS</b>	
	<p><i>“Survivor Informed Peer Support: Adding Another Layer of Mental Health Support for Responders”</i>  <b>Melissa Taylor – TN Department of Health: Nurse Consultant  Emergency Preparedness</b></p>	Mirabella A
	<p><i>“Special Operations Team Credentialing”</i>  <b>Amanda Siegel – TEMA Special Operations Specialist  Eric Mitchell – TEMA AHIMT &amp; Fire Mutual Aid Specialist</b></p>	Mirabella B
	<p><i>“A Volunteer Management “How To” Guide”</i>  <b>Kate Amaral – TEMA – Non-Governmental Partnerships Manager</b></p>	Mirabella C
	<p><i>“Integration of Federal Military &amp; State Emergency Response”</i>  <b>Dr. Kristine V. Nakutis – Director DPTMS Fort Campbell</b></p>	Mirabella D
	<p><i>“TN-HART – Who We Are &amp; What We Do”</i>  <b>Michael Culberson – Rescue Specialist, TN-HART</b></p>	Cambridge A
	<p><i>“EMST Teams”</i>  <b>Patrick Sheehan – TEMA Director  Ryan Thompson – TEMA Team Development Manager</b></p>	Cambridge B
	<p><i>“Get Your Ducks in a Row: Documenting Your Projects”</i>  <b>Allen Shank – Partner, Ernst &amp; Young</b></p>	Broadlands A
	<p><i>“Integrated Preparedness Workshop (IPPW) Information Session”</i>  <b>David Kerby – Training &amp; Exercise Branch, TEMA  Dillon Matthews – Training Program Manager, TEMA</b></p>	Broadlands B
<b>3:15 pm</b>	<p><b>Industry Partner Break</b>  <i>Presented by Peregrine</i></p>	Oakleigh
<b>3:45 pm</b>	<b>BREAKOUT SESSIONS</b>	
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8:00 am	<b>CEM Exam - <a href="#">IAEM Certification On-Site Testing</a></b>	Cambridge A
<b>8:30 am</b>	<b>BREAKOUT SESSIONS</b>	
	<p><i>“It’s All About Teamwork: Northeast Tennessee MC Unit’s Response During Hurricane Helene</i>  <b>Jayne Harper – NE Tennessee MRC Coordinator</b></p>	Mirabella A
	<p><i>“Transforming Disaster Response with LEO Satellite Communications and Blended Connectivity”</i>  <b>Jeff Lawn - PEAKE</b></p>	Mirabella B
	<p><i>“Tech Savy Incident Tool”</i>  <b>Travis Pruitt – Director of CADIMDS Operations, Southern Software</b></p>	Mirabella C
	<p><i>“Tennessee All-Hazards Incident Management Team Program”</i>  <b>Ryan Thompson – TEMA, Team Development Manager</b></p>	Mirabella D

	<p><i>“Transforming Community Resilience with AI-Driven Flood Prediction”</i></p> <p><b>Susan Marlowe – Senior Principal, Stantec</b>  <b>Kent Archer, Director of Community Infrastructure, TECD</b>  <b>Katherine Osborne, Stantec</b></p>	Cambridge B
	<p><i>“Crisis Management Briefing: Stay Informed, Stay Resilient”</i></p> <p><b>Pat Woodmansee – Assistant Director, Maury Co. OEM</b></p>	Broadlands A
<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>BREAKOUT SESSIONS</b>	
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FUTURE CONFERENCES	
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April 27-29, 2027	Embassy Suites Murfreesboro, TN
May 2-4, 2028	Embassy Suites Murfreesboro, TN