



**“Smart Systems. Stronger Partnerships. Resilient Communities”
Embassy Suites Murfreesboro**

**All Times listed are Central Standard Time (CST)*

Tuesday, April 28, 2026	
7:30 a.m.	Registration Opens Presented by ReadyOp (Conference Center Atrium)
8:00 am	Industry Partner Exhibits Open – (Mirabella F-J)
8:00 am	CEM Exam – Rutherford County EMA Office – 1220 W College Street, Murfreesboro 37129
10:30 am	Opening Ceremonies – (Mirabella E) <i>Welcome & Announcements – Mike Gregory, Conference Chair</i> <i>Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance – Jim Tanner, President Emeritus EMAT</i> <i>Presentation of Colors – LaVergne Fire Color Guard</i> <i>National Anthem – Sherri Hanna, Executive Director, Obion County ECD-911</i> Welcome Addresses Patrick Sheehan, TEMA Director – Welcome Jeff Hardy, EMAT President Joe Carr, Rutherford County Mayor Shane McFarland, Mayor of Murfreesboro Mike O’Sullivan, SDS Weather, Conference Title Partner Matt Church, Ozone Environmental Services, Conference Title Partner Al Willimon, Safe Industries, Conference Title Partner Marc Moore, ReadyOp, Conference Title Partner Jay Baxter, MyEMAapp.com, Conference Title Partner
11:00 am	Keynote Address Presented by Garner Environmental Services (Mirabella E) Josh Morton – IAEM USA President
12:00 pm	Lunch Reception with Industry Partners (Mirabella F-J)
1:00 pm	The Power of Trust: Leading Through Crisis, Clarity and Character Presented by Critical Response Group (Mirabella E) John Mathews, JM Consultants
1:45 pm	Industry Partner Break Presented by DEN Systems (Mirabella F-J)
2:15 pm	ReadyTN Faith Presented by TPM Group Mirabella E) Bethany Kelly, Faith Based Partnership Manager, TEMA
3:00 pm	Industry Partner Break Presented by Forerunner (Mirabella F-J)
3:30 pm	A View from the Other Side Presented by SDR (Mirabella E) Chris Clark, Director – Rutherford County EMA Tina Henson, President – First Noelle Foundation
4:15 pm	Beyond the Hype: How We Communicate & Respond to Low-Probability, High-Impact Events (Mirabella E) Megan Schargorodski, State Meteorologist – TEMA Krissy Hurley, Chief Meteorologist – National Weather Service Nashville
5:00 pm	EMAT Membership Meeting/EMAT 101 (Mirabella E)
6:00 pm	Opening Night Social Presented by Safe Industries & Lipman Brothers (Parking Lot)
Wednesday, April 29, 2026	
6:00 am	Breakfast Buffet Opens (Embassy Suites Atrium)
7:00 am	Registration Opens Presented by ReadyOp (Conference Center Atrium)
7:30 am	Industry Partner Exhibits Open (Mirabella F-J)

8:00 am	Keynote Address: Under Pressure: Leading with Stability Through the Storm with Emotional Intelligence Presented by NAFECO (Mirabella E) Dr. Martha Rader, CEO – Rader Coaching, Training, & Consulting LLC
8:45 am	Industry Partner Break Presented by Jack Daniels (Mirabella F-J)
9:30 am	Breakout Sessions/Training
	When Minutes Matter: Statewide Contract for Swift Action (Oakleigh A) Helen Crowley, Procurement Compliance Team Lead – State of Tennessee Karen Conway, Procurement Program Manager/Team Lead – State of Tennessee Ellen Lipinski, Procurement Program Manager – State of Tennessee
	Impact to Recovery (Oakleigh B) How Local Emergency Management Influences the Survivor Journey Kate Amaral, Non-Government Partnerships Manager – TEMA
	Speaking Calm in Chaos: Communicating Effectively with the Public After Disasters (Oakleigh C) Kristin Coulter, Communications Director – TEMA
	Disaster Leadership & Community Resilience (Cambridge A) Pat Woodmansee, Assistant Director – Maury County EMA
	Public Health Emergency Preparedness & AI: Moving Forward (Cambridge B) James Logan, Emergency Response Coordinator – Shelby Co. Health Dept.
	The Importance of an IMT Entourage: The Importance of Providing Local Knowledge to the IMT (Broadlands A) Jason Powell, Assistant Chief – Johnson City Fire Department
	Hurricane Helene, Douglas Lake Response, Recovery, Outreach & Communication (Broadlands B) Scott Turnbow, Vice President Civil Projects & Equipment Support Services – TVA
	NWS Updates and a Review of the January 2026 Winter/Ice Storm (Mirabella A) Anthony Cavallucci - NWS Morristown Kate Guillet - NWS Huntsville Krissy Hurley - NWS Nashville Todd Beal - NWS Memphis
	TN-HART – Who We Are & What We Do (Mirabella B) Michael Culberson, Rescue Specialist – Tennessee Helicopter Aquatic Rescue Team
	G402 Training Course (Mirabella C) Natalie Boone, TEMA Training Manager & Peyton Massey, TEMA Training Manager
	Incident Management Teams (Mirabella D) Eric Mitchell, TEMA All Hazards Incident Management Team/Fire Mutual Aid Specialist Amanda Siegel, TEMA, Team Development Lead
10:15 am	Industry Partner Break Presented by Tango Tango (Mirabella F-J)
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12:00 pm	<p>2026 EMAT Industry Awards Luncheon (Mirabella E)</p>
2:00 pm	<p>Breakout Sessions/Training</p>
	<p>Controlling the Narrative in an AI World: How to Fight Misinformation (Oakleigh A) Chance Craven, Chief Brand Officer – Safe Industries</p>
	<p>Enabling Better Decision Making (Oakleigh B) Kate Guillet, Warning Coordination Meteorologist – NWS Huntsville</p>
	<p>A Bird’s Eye View: Supporting Disaster Response with NASA’s Open Satellite Data (Oakleigh C) Joshua Barnes, Manager, Disaster Response Coordination System – NASA</p>
	<p>Understanding the Importance of Process When Implementing NIMS (Cambridge A) Martin Senterfitt, President, NIMS Logic</p>
	<p>Understanding Hazard Mitigation (Cambridge B) Brent Phillips, District Coordinator – TEMA</p>
	<p>The Appalachian Way: Visionary Leadership, Trusted Messengers, Building Recovery (Broadlands A) Kat Latham, Regional Director of Disaster Recovery – United Way of East TN Highlands Leslie Dalton, President & CEO – United Way of East TN Highlands</p>
	<p>Building Strong Local Emergency Planning Committees: From Compliance to Community (Broadlands B) Mack Green, TEMA West Region Director</p>
	<p>Recovery After the Response: Caring for the Caregivers (Mirabella A) Jessica Crosby, Outreach Director – State of Tennessee Benefits Administration</p>
	<p>EMAC MRP Basics and Pre-Deployment Considerations (Mirabella B) Patrick DeAngelo, Logistics/EMAC Coordinating Specialist – TEMA</p>
	<p>TEMA Learning Management System (Mirabella C) Dillon Matthews, TEMA, Training Program Manager</p>
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4:15 pm	Exercise Introduction (Mirabella E) Doug Jackson, President Centurion Solutions Dave Nock Door Prize Drawings
Thursday, April 30, 2026	
6:00 am	Breakfast Buffet Opens (Embassy Suites Atrium)
7:30 am	Registration Opens Presented by ReadyOp (Conference Center Atrium)
8:30 am	Tabletop Exercise (Mirabella E) Presented by Centurion Solutions
12:00 pm	Conference Close
Future EMAT Conferences	
April 27-29, 2027 – Murfreesboro (Embassy Suites) May 2-4, 2028 – Murfreesboro (Embassy Suites)	

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