



**2025 National Homeland Security Association**  
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## Schedule at a Glance

### Monday, August 25

- 0700-1700: Registration open
- 1200-1300: Lunch on your own
- Various times:
  - Conference Workshops & Sessions (requires registration)
  - Local Tours (requires registration)

### Tuesday, August 26

- 0800-1700: Registration open
- 0900-1045: Opening Ceremonies and Remarks
- 1100-1200: Session 1
- 0900-1900: Exhibition Hall open
- 1215-1315: Lunch provided in Exhibit Hall.
- 1330-1430: Session 2
- 1445-1545: Session 3
- 1600-1700: Session 4
- 1700-1900: Exhibitor Social

### Wednesday, August 27

- 0800-1600: Registration open
- 0900-1030: General Session
- 0900-1500: Exhibition Hall open
- 1045-1145: Session 5
- 1200-1300: Lunch provided.
- 1315-1415: Session 6
- 1430-1530: Session 7
- 1545-1645: Session 8
- 1900-2200: Host Social – location TBD

### Thursday, August 28

- 0830-1100: Registration open
- 0900-1045: General Session
- 1045-1100: Closing Ceremony
- 1115-1215: "Best of Show"
- Lunch on your own (not provided)
- 1330-1530: In-depth Discussions (concurrent offerings possible)



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<b>MONDAY, AUGUST 25, 2025</b>		
0700 – 1700	<b>Registration Open</b>	
0800 – 1200	<b>SEMINAR – Disaster Recovery: A Strategic Overview of the Public Assistance Process (MGT-481)</b> – Texas A&M Engineering (TEEX) Details on page __.	2
0800 – 1200	<b>TBD</b>	11
0800 – 1300	<b>TRAINING &amp; TESTING – AEM/CEM Certification Preparatory Course</b> (Registration for this class is with IAEM directly at: <a href="https://www.iaem.org/cvweb/cgi-bin/eventsdll.dll/EventInfo?sessionaltcd=072224PREP">https://www.iaem.org/cvweb/cgi-bin/eventsdll.dll/EventInfo?sessionaltcd=072224PREP</a> not NHSA; Details on page __.	3
0800 – 1500 <i>with a lunch break 1200 - 1300</i>	<b>WORKSHOP - Senior Officials Workshop for All-Hazards Preparedness (MGT-312)</b> – Texas A&M Engineering (TEEX); instructed by Barry Graham and Don Ogden. In addition to registering in CVENT, please register via this link below, more details can be found on page __ to include prerequisites. <a href="https://my.teex.org/TeexPortal/Default.aspx?MO=mCourseCatalog&amp;D=FP&amp;C=MGT312&amp;S=644">https://my.teex.org/TeexPortal/Default.aspx?MO=mCourseCatalog&amp;D=FP&amp;C=MGT312&amp;S=644</a>	1
0830 – 0930	<b>MICRO-TRACK: Active Shooter</b> – Moderator TBD	5
0830 – 0930	<b>MINI-TRACK: Cybersecurity</b> – Moderator: Adam Monsolve	10
0830 – 0930	<b>MINI-TRACK: Fire Rescue/Emergency Medical Services</b> – Moderator TBD	7
0830 – 0930	<b>MINI-TRACK: Personnel, Policy, and Law</b> – Moderator: Irene Navis	8
0830 – 0930	<b>MINI-TRACK: Public Health and Medical</b> – Moderator: Jay Rajyaguru	9
0830 – 1000	<b>TRAINING – Tactical Response to Suicide Bombing Incidents</b> – instructed by John Stamatopolous, New Mexico Tech, Details on page __.	6
0900 – 1300	<b>BUSINESS MEETING</b> – UASI POC Annual Meeting (UASI POCs only) Details on page __.	4
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1015 - 1145	<b>TRAINING – Drone Assessment and Response Tactics</b> – instructed by Dan Delgado, New Mexico Tech, Details on page __.	6
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1300 - 1430	<b>CASE STUDY – Current Trends in the Misuse of Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS)</b> – Presented by Dan Delgado, New Mexico Tech, Details on page __.	6
1300 – 1700	<b>SEMINAR – Disaster Recovery: A Strategic Overview of the Public Assistance Process (MGT-481)</b> – Texas A&M Engineering (TEEX), Details on page __.	2
1300 – 1700	<b>PRESENTATION – “Law Enforcement Uses of Drones”</b> (50), with	11
1300 – 1700	<b>BENCHMARKING – Preparedness Grants Meet Up for State Administrative Agencies Representatives</b> , hosted by Robert Evans, Illinois Emergency Management Agency; Details on page __.	5
1400 – 1630	<b>TESTING – IAEM AEM/CEM Exam</b>	3
1415 – 1515	<b>WORKSHOP – THIRA/SPR METHODOLOGY: KEY UPDATES AND PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS (71)</b> – Hosted by Benjamin Berger, Branch Chief, Risk and Capability Assessments Branch; Robert Thomas, Emergency Management Specialist, FEMA’s Community Risk and Capability Assessment Branch; and Lana Marian, Emergency Management Specialist, FEMA’s Community Risk and Capability Assessment Branch. Details on page __.	4
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1445 - 1615	<b>TRAINING – Homemade Explosives: Awareness, Recognition, and Response</b> , with TBD, New Mexico Tech, Details on page __.	6
1530 – 1630	<b>POP-UP TRACK: “Strategic Foresight and Futures for Homeland Security”</b> (220), with Kristin Wyckoff; Moderator: TBD	1
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1530 - 1700	<b>PANEL DISCUSSION - Findings from Recent Incident After-Action Reviews from Across the Nation: An Emergency Management Panel</b> Hosted by: Lee Zelewicz, Continuous Improvement Technical Assistant Program Manager, Continuous Improvement Program   Office of Resilience Strategy   Resilience	4
1530 – 1700	<b>TBD</b>	4
1600 – 1700	<b>CLOSED MEETING – FIFA World Cup 2026 Host Cities</b> ; Details on page __.	





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The 2025 National Homeland Security Conference will be offering an opportunity to catch the “Best of Show”. Presentations will be ranked as “Best of Show” by you and your peers, using the NHSC app during the conference. You will have the opportunity to rate the presentations you attend. “Sorry I Missed That!” will give you the opportunity to select the presentations that you missed but wished you hadn’t. The top five, “Best of Show” and top five “Sorry I Missed That!” regardless of track, will be invited to return for an encore presentation on Thursday, August 28th, from 11:15 to 12:15. Final presentation selection is also subject to the presenter’s availability.

New this year are Mini, Micro, and Pop-up tracks. Mini-tracks consist of six one-hour sessions on the same topic presented on Monday. A Micro-track is a half-day of one-hour sessions on the same topic. Pop-up tracks are individual topics that appear throughout the week. Pop-up tracks may be announced the same day of the presentation. Mini, Micro, and Pop-up tracks are eligible for “Best of Show” or “Sorry I Missed That!” encore presentations, unless they are in italics.

Presentations given during Session 8 on Wednesday as well as those shown in italics, are not eligible for “Best of Show” or “Sorry I Missed That!” encore presentations.

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<b>TUESDAY, AUGUST 26, 2025</b>		
0800 – 1700	<b>Registration Open</b>	
0830 - 0900	<b>Entrance Entertainment – <i>(proposed)</i></b>	
0900 – 1900	<b>Exhibitor Hall Open</b>	Exhibit Hall
<b>0900 – 1045</b>	<b>Opening Ceremonies:</b> <b>Introduction</b> (Master of Ceremonies) <b>Presentation of Colors</b> <b>Pledge of Allegiance</b> <b>National Anthem</b> <b>Invocation</b> <b>Welcome Addresses:</b> <b>National Homeland Security Association</b> National Homeland Security Association President Natalie Gutierrez <b>Capital Police</b> Police Chief <i>(proposed)</i> <b>City of Washington, DC Police</b> Police Chief <i>(proposed)</i> <b>City of Washington, DC Fire-Rescue</b> Fire Chief <i>(proposed)</i> <b>Federal Emergency Management Agency <i>(proposed)</i></b> <b>Washington, DC Department of Emergency Management</b> Clint Osborn, Director <i>(proposed)</i> <b>Closing Remarks</b>	





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1045 – 1100	<b>Break</b>	
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1200 – 1215	<b>Break</b>	
1215 – 1315	<b>Lunch (Provided)</b>	Exhibit Hall
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1430 – 1445	<b>Break</b>	
1445 – 1545	<p><b>Session 3</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Best Practices and Lessons Learned</b> – Moderator: Blake Fisher</li> <li>• <b>Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and Explosives (CBRNE)</b> – Moderator: Jay Rajyaguru</li> <li>• <b>Combating Violent Extremism</b> – Moderator: Larry Kraus</li> <li>• <b>Community Preparedness and Resilience</b> – Moderator: Elizabeth Dunn</li> <li>• <b>Counterterrorism</b> – Moderator: Jason Stewart</li> <li>• <b>Emergency Management</b> – Moderator: John Antapasis</li> <li>• <b>Emerging Technologies</b> – Moderator: Susanna Taddei</li> <li>• <b>Enhancing Information and Intelligence Sharing</b> – Moderator: Siobhan Carroll</li> <li>• <b>Grants and Program Management</b> – Moderators: Dawn Heartsong &amp; Mark Silveira</li> <li>• <b>Mental Health</b> – Moderator: Irene Navis</li> <li>• <b>Planning</b> – Moderator: Jennifer Schaal</li> <li>• <b>Protecting Soft Targets and Critical Infrastructure</b> – Moderator: Jorge Torres</li> <li>• <b>Training and Exercise</b> – Moderator: Sheryl Jardine</li> <li>• <b>Sponsored Solution Track</b> Company: Kasware (silver sponsor) Presentation Speaker: Brooke Patton Session Title: Description:</li> </ul>	
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0800 – 1600	<b>Registration Open –</b>	
0900 – 1500	Exhibitor Hall Open	
0900 – 1500	<b>WASHINGTON DC URBAN AREA GRANT-FUNDED EQUIPMENT DISPLAY <i>proposed</i></b>	
<b>0900 – 1030</b>	<b>General Session –</b>	
0900 – 0905	Opening Announcements	
0905 – 1030	TBD	
1045 – 1100	Break	
1045 – 1145	<p><b><u>Session 5</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Best Practices and Lessons Learned</b> – Moderator: Blake Fisher</li> <li>• <b>Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and Explosives (CBRNE)</b> – Moderator: Jay Rajyaguru</li> <li>• <b>Combating Violent Extremism</b> – Moderator: Larry Kraus</li> <li>• <b>Community Preparedness and Resilience</b> – Moderator: Elizabeth Dunn</li> <li>• <b>Counterterrorism</b> – Moderator: Jason Stewart</li> <li>• <b>Emergency Management</b> – Moderator: John Antapasis</li> <li>• <b>Emerging Technologies</b> – Moderator: Susanna Taddei</li> <li>• <b>Enhancing Information and Intelligence Sharing</b> – Moderator: Siobhan Carroll</li> <li>• <b>Grants and Program Management</b> – Moderators: Dawn Heartsong &amp; Mark Silveira</li> <li>• <b>Mental Health</b> – Moderator: Irene Navis</li> <li>• <b>Planning</b> – Moderator: Jennifer Schaal</li> <li>• <b>Protecting Soft Targets and Critical Infrastructure</b> – Moderator: Jorge Torres</li> <li>• <b>Training and Exercise</b> – Moderator: Sheryl Jardine</li> <li>• <b>Sponsored Solution Track</b></li> </ul> <p>Company: Emergency Management Collaborations (exhibitor) Presentation Speakers: Andrea Glass Session Title: Session Description:</p>	
1000 – 1500	<b>Exhibitor Hall Open</b>	
1200 – 1300	<b>Lunch (Provided) Exhibitor Hall</b>	
1300 – 1315	<b>Break – return to conference hall</b>	
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<b>0900 - 1045</b>	<b>General Session</b>	
1045 – 1100	<b>Closing Ceremony – Thank you Washington, DC – see you in Louisville, KY 2026!</b>	
1100 – 1115	Break	
1115 – 1215	<p><b>Session 9: – Highlighting the “Best of Show” presentations</b> (the five presentations that scored the highest) <i>plus three</i> additional new presentations.</p> <p><i>“Best of Show” and “Sorry I Missed You” winners will be posted on the app after Session 8 and announced at the Host Social</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “Best of Show” presentation #1 TBD, Moderator: TBD</li> <li>• “Best of Show” presentation #2 TBD, Moderator: TBD</li> <li>• “Best of Show” presentation #3 TBD, Moderator: TBD</li> <li>• “Best of Show” presentation #4 TBD, Moderator: TBD</li> <li>• “Best of Show” presentation #5 TBD, Moderator: TBD</li> <li>• “Sorry I Missed That!” presentation #1 TBD, Moderator: TBD</li> <li>• “Sorry I Missed That!” presentation #2 TBD, Moderator: TBD</li> <li>• “Sorry I Missed That!” presentation #3 TBD, Moderator: TBD</li> <li>• “Sorry I Missed That!” presentation #4 TBD, Moderator: TBD</li> <li>• “Sorry I Missed That!” presentation #5 TBD, Moderator: TBD</li> </ul>	
1215 – 1330	<b>Lunch on your own (not provided)</b>	
1330 – 1530	<b>In-depth Discussion:</b>	



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#### TOUR 1 - TBD

#### WORKSHOP - SENIOR OFFICIALS WORKSHOP FOR ALL-HAZARDS PREPAREDNESS (MGT-312)

This workshop provides a forum for senior officials to understand strategic and executive-level issues related to all-hazards disaster preparedness, to share proven strategies and best practices, and to enhance coordination among whole community officials responsible for emergency preparedness, response, and recovery. The workshop emphasizes planning, operational coordination and public information and warning through extensive group discussions and a table-top exercise. The final outcome of the seminar is the development of an action plan to improve the preparedness posture of the community/organization.

##### Training Level:

- Management and Planning

##### Venue:

- This workshop is typically delivered at a time and place determined by the requesting jurisdiction. Each workshop, including site and curriculum delivery costs, is fully funded through DHS/FEMA's Homeland Security National Training Program.

##### Course Length:

- 8 hours

##### Workshop Topics:

- Roles and responsibilities and preparedness challenges
- Domestic preparedness resources and how to leverage them for your community.
- Homeland Security Strategic Planning as it relates to risk and needs assessment and the Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) for your jurisdiction.
- Executive-level incident response and recovery considerations, including medical/public health, situational appraisal, incident management (ICS), mutual aid agreements, media relations, recovery and restoration processes, Federal assistance, and business/economic recovery.
- Includes a practical exercise tailored for the jurisdiction(s) as the catalyst to generate discussion of policy and emergency operations center activities required to support the incident commander's and state/federal government requirements related to an all-hazard, catastrophic incident.

##### Continuing Education Credits:

- IACET - 0.6 CEUs

For more information contact: TEXAS A&M ENGINEERING EXTENSION SERVICE

<https://my.teex.org/TeexPortal/Default.aspx?MO=mCourseCatalog&D=FP&C=MGT312&S=644>

##### Course Materials:

Participants receive an executive handbook on all-hazards preparedness. This reference book contains chapters on:

- The importance of all-hazards preparedness and the "right" questions to ask during an emergency situation.
- The National Response Framework
- Local Government Partner Guides
- ESF and Support Annexes



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- Working with the media Overviews of:
- The Stafford Act Support to States
- DOD Support to Domestic Incidents; and
- Federal Support in Non-Stafford Act events

#### Participants:

This workshop is intended for elected and appointed senior officials from a local jurisdiction, but may also include executives from other community entities, both public and private, that are likely to be involved in a disaster response, including:

- Directors of local response agencies
- Chiefs of departments: fire, law, EMS, HazMat, public works, water, public health, health care, emergency management, Governmental administrative disciplines/services
- Public Information Officers
- Resident federal agency representatives (FBI, BATF, Secret Service, FEMA, TSA)
- CEOs of hospitals
- College and university representatives
- School district superintendents
- Airport and port facility managers
- DoD installation commanders and representatives
- Stadium and sports facility managers and directors

#### Class Size:

- Approximately 70 participants

#### **BUSINESS MEETING - UASI POC ANNUAL MEETING**

Annual business meeting for the official Points of Contact (POC's) only Meeting and lunch sponsored by Partner Forces (Silver Sponsor).

#### **TRAINING – TACTICAL RESPONSE TO SUICIDE BOMBING INCIDENTS (TRSBI), 1.5 HOUR COURSE**

The course provides law enforcement officers, tactical operators, and law enforcement supervisors and command staff with the knowledge and skills to implement response strategies for active suicide bombers and post-blast incidents. Participants are presented with information regarding criminal incidents versus terrorist incidents and the mindset and tactics necessary to respond to and mitigate the effects of a suicide bomber. This information is presented using case studies of incidents within the United States and discussions regarding the lessons learned from these incidents.

#### Presenter:

John Stamatopolous spent 28.5 years with the Tucson Police Department, holding positions as a SWAT operator, sergeant, lieutenant, captain and tactical team commander for over 16 years. Mr. Stamatopolous retired at the rank of Captain, as the department's Executive Officer overseeing day to day operations. He has been an explosive breacher since 1995 and successfully conducted 643 high risk tactical operations. Mr. Stamatopolous has trained and mentored thousands of law enforcement officers in support of DHS/FEMA and Department of State initiatives. He has provided training across the



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United States, Asia, Africa, and the Middle East pertaining to QRF tactics, explosive breaching, hostage rescue, vehicle assault, and tactical communication.

### **SEMINAR - DISASTER RECOVERY: A STRATEGIC OVERVIEW OF THE PUBLIC ASSISTANCE PROCESS (MGT-481)**

The Disaster Recovery for Senior Officials course provides a strategic overview of the FEMA Public Assistance Process that is essential to disaster recovery for local communities. The FEMA Public Assistance Process provides funding for local governments and eligible Private Non-Profit organizations to conduct effective long-term recovery. Unfortunately, many jurisdictions do not have a good understanding of this process and thereby fail to obtain, and retain, all the recovery revenue the community is eligible for. This course will provide senior leaders and staff planners with the key elements, milestones, and pitfalls to avoid when guiding a local jurisdictions recovery plans and operations. MGT481 - 4.00 HOURS

#### **Prerequisites:**

- There are no prerequisites for this course.

#### **Recommended:**

- Disaster recovery awareness | AWR408 -Online Course (1 hour)

#### **Topics:**

- Overview of the FEMA public assistance program
- Pre-disaster recovery planning
- Key milestones and pitfalls in recovery operations
- Best practices for local jurisdictions and partners

#### **Participants**

- Local government senior officials and staff
- Emergency managers
- Local government finance managers
- Public works and utility managers
- Public power managers
- Healthcare non-profit managers
- School district administrators
- Public information officers
- Senior officials, leaders, and local staff
- Private non-profits

#### **Continuing Education and Professional Credits 0.4 CEUs**



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#### **TRAINING & TESTING - AEM/CEM CERTIFICATON PREPARTORY COURSE**

The International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM) will be offering the AEM/CEM preparatory exam course from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM and the AEM/CEM Exam from 2:00 to 4:00 PM. The cost of the preparatory course and exam fee are NOT included with your registration fee. Registrants who indicate they would like to attend the prep course and/or take the exam will also need to register directly with IAEM at : <https://www.iaem.org/certification/getting-started/prep-course-exam-dates>; to finalize their registration. Registration deadline is TBD. Onsite registration is not available.

##### **Summary:**

What emergency manager hasn't worked through a long or challenging after-action review process following a real-world incident? Drawing on years of experience with after-action reviews and continuous improvement, a panel of state and local emergency managers will discuss their approaches to completing after-action reviews. FEMA's Continuous Improvement Technical Assistance Program will moderate, and lead discussion focused on the development and success of their jurisdictions' After-Action Reports (AARs) from recent major incidents. The panelists will consider what went well and describe what they would do differently to drive more change and action through their after-action review process. The discussion will consider topics from all four continuous improvement phases described in FEMA's National Continuous Improvement Guidance (Discovery, Validation, Resolution, and Evaluation). This will include discussion of data collection and analysis, action tracking, and assessing the success of completed actions. During the discussion of each phase, attendees will be engaged through a question-and-answer session with the panelists and moderator.

##### **Learning Objectives:**

- Participants will learn more about the continuous improvement process as described in FEMA's National Continuous Improvement Guidance.
- Participants will engage in peer-to-peer learning on approaches that worked well for their continuous improvement activities using recent incident after-action reviews.
- Participants will gain tactical knowledge of continuous improvement principles that may apply to their specific work environment.

##### **Intended Audience:**

- Emergency managers at all levels, as well as those who work with non-governmental (private sector and non-profit) organizations, who engage in continuous improvement activities.

#### **TRAINING – DRONE ASSESSMENT AND RESPONSE TACTICS, 1.5 HOUR COURSE**

The course presents emergency personnel with the methodologies used to detect, identify, track, assess, respond and report Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) activity. Participants are provided information on the current UAS criminal and terrorist threat, and analog and electronic UAS detection techniques.

##### **Presenter:**

Dan Delgado spent 22 years with the FBI, serving as the Unit Chief at FBI Headquarter WMD Directorate, Critical Infrastructure, Emerging Threats and Technologies Unit, responsible for identifying malicious or intentional misuse of advanced or evolving technologies, and directing proactive measures to conduct outreach to prevent/prepare for potential WMD attacks utilizing these new technologies. An experienced helicopter pilot, Mr. Delgado served 15 years in the US Coast Guard (USCG), logging 2000 flight hours, performing law enforcement and search and rescue missions, rescuing over 30 lives at sea.





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## CASE STUDY – CURRENT TRENDS IN THE MISUSE OF UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS (UAS) TACTICS, 1.5 HOURS

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## 2025 THIRA/SPR METHODOLOGY: KEY UPDATES AND PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS

FEMA's Community Risk and Capability Assessment Branch will deliver a presentation on the updated THIRA/SPR Methodology.

This session will:

- Provide an overview of the current THIRA/SPR Methodology
- Highlight recent updates driven by community and stakeholder feedback
- Explore opportunities for improving data collection and utilization
- Provide an opportunity for participants to work through the new THIRA/SPR Methodology fostering practical understanding and actionable insights.

### Learning Objectives:

- Develop a common understanding of the THIRA/SPR Methodology, including its purpose and role in community preparedness and risk assessment
- Share common points of feedback on the key updates for the THIRA/SPR Methodology from community perspective
- Practice the new THIRA/SPR Methodology enabling them to better understand these practical applications and benefits.

### Presenters:

- Benjamin Berger – Branch Chief, FEMA's Community Risk and Capability Assessment Branch  
Benjamin Berger is a Supervisory Emergency Management Specialist for the Federal Emergency Management Agency. He is a subject matter expert on stakeholder relationships and focuses on liaising with Regional, and state, local, tribal, and territorial partners to facilitate the Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (THIRA)/Stakeholder Preparedness Review (SPR) assessment.
- Robert Thomas – Emergency Management Specialist, FEMA's Community Risk and Assessment Branch  
Robb Thomas is an Emergency Management Specialist with FEMA's Community



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Risk and Capability Assessment Branch. His role is to coordinate with the Regional partners and communities to conduct the THIRA/SPR implementation support sessions for communities who have to fill out these assessments.

- Lana Marian – Emergency Management Specialist, FEMA’s Community Risk and Capability Assessment Branch  
Lana Marian is an Emergency Management Specialist with FEMA's Community Risk and Capability Assessment Branch. She coordinates with the Regional partners and communities to conduct the THIRA/SPR implementation support sessions for communities who have to fill out these assessments.

### **TRAINING – HOMEMADE EXPLOSIVES: AWARENESS, RECOGNITION, AND RESPONSE, 1.5 HOUR COURSE**

The course is designed to provide emergency first responders with the knowledge necessary to recognize and respond to incidents involving Homemade Explosives (HME). Emergency first responders are presented with information on the identification of HME explosive precursor chemicals, HME manufacturing indicators, HME exposure indicators, and pre-detonation and post-detonation response actions. Throughout this course, emergency first responders discuss how to implement safe response strategies when recognizing the presence of HME indicators; understanding these response actions is critical to mitigating the hazards associated with HME.

**Presenter:** TBD

### **BENCHMARKING: PREPAREDNESS GRANTS MEET UP FOR STATE ADMINISTRATIVE AGENCIES REPRESENTATIVES**

The presentation will actually be a discussion among representatives of the FEMA Preparedness Grants State Administrative Agencies (SAA 's). FEMA hosts a town hall each year at the NHSC to discuss topics and provide information from the federal government perspective related to the FEMA Preparedness Grant Programs. The meeting request that is being submitted today would be for representatives from SAA 's to have a discussion among their fellow SAA colleagues in order to meet, discuss best practices, and form a working group that will facilitate further colleague discussion, and assist new colleagues. The basic format is to identify an experienced colleague for each of the FEMA Preparedness Grant Programs as a subject matter expert, which could facilitate discussion, or answer questions for their program of expertise. The request for this session should take place hopefully prior to the FEMA Town Hall so that SAA 's can assist other colleagues with items related to state administration that don 't involve matters related to FEMA. Hopefully this session will allow the FEMA town hall to be more focused on those strictly federal government to SAA related matters.



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### FIFA WORLD CUP 2026 HOST CITIES WORKSHOP

This is a closed, by invitation only meeting for the cities hosting the FIFA games in 2026. At this meeting, cities will discuss their planning efforts and how to coordinate efforts across sites.

## FIFA World Cup 2026 Host Cities

48 Teams Competing in 104 matches in 16 host cities across 3 North American countries broken up into 3 regions for close to 40 days. Previous 7 World Cups had 32 teams and 64 games for close to 30 days.



- United States
  - Atlanta(Central Region)
  - Boston(East Region)
  - Dallas (Central Region)
  - Houston(Central Region)
  - Kansas City(Central Region)
  - Los Angeles(West Region)
  - Miami(East Region)
  - New York/New Jersey(East Region)
  - Philadelphia(East Region)
  - San Francisco(West Region)
  - Seattle(West Region)
- Canada
  - Toronto (East Region)
  - Vancouver (West Region)
- Mexico
  - Guadalajara (West Region)
  - Mexico City (Central Region)
  - Monterrey (Central Region)



*"2002 was the only other World Cup to be hosted by multiple countries (Japan/S. Korea)"*

### PANEL DISCUSSION: FINDINGS FROM RECENT INCIDENT AFTER-ACTION REVIEWS FROM ACROSS THE NATION: AN EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PANEL

Have you ever wondered how other jurisdictions handled an incident response or recovery issue, but couldn't find that information? During this session, a panel of state and local emergency managers will share their findings from recent incident after-action reviews and their approaches for completing those reviews. FEMA's Continuous Improvement Technical Assistance Program will moderate a discussion focused on sharing incident after-action review findings, how to develop findings, and how to leverage findings to drive change. The panelists will consider what went well and describe what they would do differently during future response and recovery operations. The discussion will also consider their after-action review process in connection to the four continuous improvement phases described in FEMA's National Continuous Improvement Guidance (Discovery, Validation, Resolution, and Evaluation), including how to collect and analyze data, to track resulting actions, and to assess the success of completed actions. During the discussion, attendees will be engaged in a question-and-answer session with the panelists and moderator.



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### PRESENTATIONS IN WAITING –

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- **Best Practices and Lessons Learned** – Moderator: Blake Fisher
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- **Combating Violent Extremism** – Moderator: Larry Kraus
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- **Counterterrorism** – “The Anatomy of Terrorist Cells: Insights into Structure, Function, and Counterterrorism Strategies”(6), with Dr. Ahmet Yayla; Moderator: Jason Stewart
- **Counterterrorism** – “Purgatory: Swatting, Extortion, and 'The Com'” (34), with Christopher Betts; Moderator: Jason Stewart
- **Counterterrorism** – “Emerging Threats and Terrorist Exploitation of Technology” (59), with Dr. Gina Ligon and Dr. Austin Doctor; Moderator: Jason Stewart
- **Counterterrorism** – “From Precursor to User: Modeling the Fentanyl Supply Chain for Better Decision-Making” (83), with Travis J. Brown, Dana Saft, Steve Jean, and David Slater; Moderator: Jason Stewart
- **Counterterrorism** – “Innovation in Bombing Mitigation” (88), with Sara Henry and Michael Knight; Moderator: Jason Stewart
- **Counterterrorism** – “Tackling a Trafficker with a Team and Taking Their Treasures” (115), with Heidi Chance, Moderator: Jason Stewart
- **Counterterrorism** – “How to Plan for the Consequences from Long-Duration, Wide-Spread Interruptions of Lifeline Services without Crawling Under Your Bed to Hide: The Blue Book Project” (129), with Thomas Berry, Jamie Biglow, Josh Filler, and Dawn Thomas; Moderator: Jason Stewart
- **Counterterrorism** – “Natural Resource Exploitation as a Means to Diversify Funding for Terrorism and Other Illicit Activities” (180), with Kathryn Connelly, Sean Evans, and Cary Davis; Moderator: Jason Stewart
- **Counterterrorism** – “Structured Analytic Exploration of the Threats to the Homeland” (190), with Sean Evans and Kathryn Connelly; Moderator: Jason Stewart
- **Counterterrorism** – “Stopping Fentanyl through Technologies and Partnerships” (216) with Paul McDonagh, Travis Brown, Kamal Bherwani, and Dan Bontz; Moderator: Jason Stewart
- **Cybersecurity** – Moderator: Adam Monsolve
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- **Emerging Technologies** – Moderator: Susanna Taddei
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- **Enhancing Information and Intelligence Sharing** – Moderator: Siobhan Carroll
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