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Schedule at a Glance

Sunday, August 9

- 1500-1800: Registration open – South Pre-function, Upper Concourse

Monday, August 10

- 0700-1700: Registration open – South Pre-function, Upper Concourse
- 0800-1700 Conference Workshops, Trainings, Meetings, Case Studies, Seminars, and Tours (requires preregistration)
- 0830-0930: Session A
- 0900-1130: UASI POC meeting
- 0945-1045 Session B
- 1100-1200 Session C
- 1200-1330 Lunch on your own
- 1330-1430 Session D
- 1445-1545 Session E
- 1600-1700 Session F

Tuesday, August 11

- 0800-1700: Registration open – South Pre-function, Upper Concourse
- 0900-1045: Opening Ceremonies and Remarks
- 1100-1200: Session 1
- 0900-1900: Exhibition Hall open
- 1215-1315: Lunch provided in Hall AB
- 1330-1430: Session 2
- 1445-1545: Session 3
- 1600-1700: Session 4
- 1700-1900: Exhibitor Social

Wednesday, August 12

- 0800-1600: Registration open – South Pre-function, Upper Concourse
- 0900-1030: General Session
- 0900-1500: Exhibition Hall open
- 1000-1500: Static Vehicle Display
- 1045-1145: Session 5
- 1200-1300: Lunch provided
- 1315-1415: Session 6
- 1430-1530: Session 7
- 1545-1645: Session 8
- 1800-2130: Host Social – Churchill Downs First Turn– *staging begins at 1730 - Convention Center on Market St*

Thursday, August 13

- 0830-1100: Registration open – South Pre-function, Upper Concourse
- 0900-1045: General Session
- 1045-1100: Closing Ceremony
- 1115-1215: "Best of Show" & "Sorry I Missed That!"
- Lunch on your own (not provided)
- 1300 **Leaving? Not so fast! Tours are planned for Thursday afternoon this year in addition to Monday's tours!**

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A Welcome from the President

On behalf of the National Homeland Security Association Board of Directors, welcome to the 19th Annual National Homeland Security Conference.

Since its founding, this conference has served as a national forum, bringing together professionals from all levels of government, the private sector, nonprofit organizations, and academia to strengthen partnerships, exchange ideas, and advance the homeland security mission. As the challenges facing our nation continue to evolve, collaboration and information sharing remain essential to building safer, more resilient communities.

This week offers an outstanding opportunity to learn from subject matter experts, explore innovative solutions, and connect with colleagues from across the country. I encourage you to take full advantage of the educational sessions, networking opportunities, and exhibit hall. Share your experiences, challenge assumptions, and build relationships that will continue long after we return home.

Thank you to our host, the City of Louisville, Kentucky, as well as our sponsors, exhibitors, speakers, and volunteers, whose support makes this conference possible.

Most importantly, thank you for your continued service and dedication to protecting our communities and strengthening our nation's preparedness. It is an honor to serve alongside such an accomplished and dedicated community of professionals.

Together, we continue to strengthen the partnerships that make our nation more secure and resilient. Thank you for your commitment to this mission, and I wish you a productive, engaging, and rewarding conference.

Natalie Gutierrez
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Best of Show

Definition:
These are the most highly ranked presentations from Monday and Tuesday, and Wednesday morning.
Determination:
After the final morning session on Wednesday (Session 5), attendees will use the app to select up to three presentations for recognition. The top five will give an encore presentation on Thursday at 11:15 AM. Please note that Wednesday afternoon sessions are excluded to allow for result tallying.
Notification: Winners will be posted on the NHSC website and emailed at 5:00 PM on Wednesday. Participating presenters should check the app at that time. Winners are expected to present their encore on Thursday at 11:15 AM.

Sorry I Missed That!

Definition:
This category addresses feedback that there are too many great sessions to choose from, allowing attendees to highlight sessions they were unable to attend due to scheduling conflicts.
Determination:
Throughout the sessions on Monday and Tuesday, and the morning session on Wednesday, attendees can use the app to select the presentation they missed while attending another function. The top five selections will give an encore presentation on Thursday at 11:15 AM. Wednesday afternoon sessions are excluded from consideration.
Notification: Winners will be posted on the NHSC website and emailed at 5:00 PM on Wednesday. Presenters must check the app at 5:00 PM and be prepared for the encore presentation on Thursday at 11:15 AM.

How to Participate in Best of Show or Sorry I Missed That!

Attendees can participate by using the app to build their schedules and completing the surveys when prompted.

Sessions:

Lettered Sessions: Occur on Monday

Numbered Sessions: Occur on Tuesday and Wednesday

Tracks:

Track: A series of presentations centered around the same subject matter.

Micro-track: Half the number sessions of a full track occurring Monday morning, or Monday afternoon.

Mini-track: Half the number of sessions as a full track occurring on either Tuesday or Wednesday.

Pop-up track: A presentation on a different subject occurring on one of the sessions of a named track.

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Let's Connect!

Find us on the exhibit floor toward the entrance of the convention center and let's discuss how we can help bridge the gap between your agency's needs and the ever-growing and evolving landscape of technological solutions.

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You're Invited!

Didn't get a chance to connect with us at the exhibit? We'd still love to meet you at our Happy Hour event!

Tuesday, August 11th
7:00 pm to 10:00 pm
The Last Refuge

For more information and to RSVP, scan the QR code!

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1500 – 1800	**Registration Open**	SOUTH PRE-FUNCTION, UPPER CONCOURSE
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	MONDAY, AUGUST 10, 2026	
0700 – 1700	**Registration Open**	SOUTH PRE-FUNCTION, UPPER CONCOURSE
0800 – 1030	**TESTING** – IAEM AEM/CEM Exam Registration for this testing is with IAEM directly (not NHSA) at: https://www.iaem.org/get-certified/course-exam-calendar/	M109-M110
0800 – 1200	**SEMINAR** – Disaster Recovery: A Strategic Overview of the Public Assistance Process (MGT-481) – Texas A&M Engineering (TEEX). Instructor: Mike Gavin. Please use this link to register: https://my.teex.org/TeexPortal/Default.aspx?MO=mCourseCatalog&D=EU&C=MGT481&S=60	M101-M102
0800 – 1200	**SEMINAR** – Crisis Leadership (MGT-340) Texas A&M Engineering (TEEX), Please use this link to register: https://my.teex.org/TeexPortal/Default.aspx?MO=mCourseCatalog&D=FP&C=MGT340&S=293	M108
0800 – 1700	**TRAINING** – Tactical Response to Suicide Bombing Incidents, Mobile (AWR-426) New Mexico Tech *Target audience: Tactical law enforcement and fire rescue, law enforcement supervisors and commanders who support tactical units, and crisis negotiators. We will have to cap the class at 30 participants.*	L010-L014
0800 – 1700	**TRAINING** – Drone Assessment and Response Tactics, Mobile (AWR-407) New Mexico Tech	L005-L009
0830 – 0930	**SESSION A** – *No need to preregister, eligible for "Best of Show" and "Sorry I Missed That!"* • **Active Shooter** *(micro-track)* – "Responding to an Actual Violent Crisis" (10), with Trent Lovett; Moderator: Holly Hollingsworth	M111
	• **Artificial Intelligence** – "Impact of AI Generated Media on Homeland Security" (15), with Brandon Amacher; Moderator: Susanna Taddei	CONF. THEATER
	• **Cybersecurity** – "From Risk to Resilience: Operationalizing Cybersecurity for Critical Infrastructure" (100), with Ollie Gagnon; Moderator: Dr. Adam Monsalve	M107
	• **Emerging Technologies** – "I Spy with My Little Pi: Inexpensive and Effective COTS Surveillance and Counter-surveillance" (209), with Jesse Yarbrough; Moderator: Matthew Ladniak	M104
	• **Public Health and Medical** – "Kaleida Health's Response and Recovery to the 2022 Blizzard" (27), with Ryan Hejmanowski and William Peterson; Moderator: Jay Rajyaguru	M105-M106

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0900 – 1100	**Tour2 Louisville Emergency Operations Center / Real Time Crime Center, IT Cyber *closed-met capacity*** Maximum attendees: 50, Duration: 2-hours, Transportation: 0.2-mile walk (approximately 5 minutes), Lyft, or Uber	
0900 – 1200	**Tour1 Churchill Downs *closed-met capacity*** Maximum attendees: 30, Duration: 3-hours, Transportation: provided	STAGE AT JEFFERSON ST SIDE
0900 – 1200	**Tour6 Louisville Zoo *closed-met capacity*** Maximum attendees: 30, Duration: 3-hours, Transportation: provided	STAGE AT THIRD ST SIDE
AVAILABLE 0900 – 1200	**Tour9 Metropolitan Sewer District (MSD) Flood Plan** Maximum attendees: 40, Duration: 3-hours, Transportation: provided	STAGE AT JEFFERSON ST SIDE
0900 - 1200	Tour13 **UTV Downtown Tour *closed-met capacity*** Maximum attendees: 25, Duration: 3-hours, Transportation: provided	STAGE AT FOURTH ST SIDE
0900 – 1200	**CLOSED MEETING:** UASI POC Annual Meeting	M100
0900 – 1300	**Tour10 Louisville Public Safety Riverboat Tour *weather dependent*, *closed-met capacity*** Maximum attendees: 30, Duration: 4-hours, Transportation: 1.8-mile walk; Lyft, or Uber	STAGE AT MARKET ST SIDE
0900 – 1300	**Tour11 Kentucky State Emergency Operations Center *closed-met capacity*** Maximum attendees: 30, Duration: 4-hours, Transportation: provided	STAGE AT JEFFERSON ST SIDE
0900 – 1400	**Tour3 Jim Beam Claremont and Booker *closed-met capacity*** Maximum attendees: 30, Duration: 5-hours, Transportation: provided	STAGE AT MARKET ST SIDE
0945 – 1045	**SESSION B –** *No need to preregister, eligible for "Best of Show" and "Sorry I Missed That!"* • **Active Shooter –** *(micro-track)* "Rethinking the Active Shooter Response" (88), with Tim Beeler, Eric Ballard, Aaron Hernandez, Harris Henbest, and Lori Maddox; Moderator: Holly Hollingsworth	M111
	• **Artificial Intelligence –** "The Use of AI in Anomaly Detection" (82), with Jeni Best and Amy Hatfield; Moderator: Susanna Taddei	CONF. THEATER
	• **Cybersecurity –** "The Power of Partnerships: Lessons from a Citywide Cyber Incident" (40), with Jaime Wascalus and Rick Schute; Moderator: Dr. Adam Monsalve	M107
	• **Emerging Technologies –** "Earthquake Wrangler: Leveraging IOS Technology for Earthquake Detection and Early Warning application to Enhance Public Safety." (122), with Luis Felipe Salome Simon; Moderator: Matthew Ladniak	M104
	• **Public Health and Medical –** "Reducing Violence, Risk, and Liability: A Leadership Framework for Safer Healthcare" (21), with Brian Uridge; Moderator: Jay Rajyaguru	M105-M106
1000 – 1200	**Tour5 Louisville Metropolitan Police Department (LMPD) Wellness Center *closed-met capacity*** Maximum attendees: 30, Duration: 2 ½ hours, Transportation: provided	STAGE AT THIRD ST SIDE

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1100 – 1200	**SESSION C** – *No need to preregister, eligible for "Best of Show" and "Sorry I Missed That!"* • **Active Shooter –** *(micro-track)* "Divided we fall, behavioral threat assessment and management in Kentucky" (215), with Shelby Sears; Moderator: Holly Hollingsworth	M111
	• **Artificial Intelligence** – "How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love the LLM: Practical AI Applications for Emergency Managers" (120), with Jamie Biglow and Gregor Goodman; Moderator: Susanna Taddei	CONF. THEATER
	• **Cybersecurity –** "Kansas Cyber Response Framework and Technology and Cyber Resilience Program" (7), with Erin McGinnis; Moderator: Dr. Adam Monsalve	M107
	• **Emerging Technologies –** "Emerging Frontiers in Homeland Security: Technology, Strategy, and Preparedness" (138), with Danny Davis, PhD, Thomas W. Haase, PhD, JD; Michael Reily MA, and Mitchell J. McCarthy, PhD; Moderator: Matthew Ladniak	M104
	• **Public Health and Medical –** "Equal Pillars of Readiness: Integrating Healthcare Surge and Decontamination for Complex Incidents" (74), with Franklin Riddle and Hunter Zager; Moderator: Jay Rajyaguru	M105-M106
1200 – 1330	**Lunch on your own**	
1200 – 1330	UASI POC Luncheon	M103
1300 – 1500	**Tour2 Louisville Emergency Operations Center / Real Time Crime Center, IT Cyber *closed-met capacity*** Maximum attendees: 50, Duration: 2-hours, Transportation: 0.2-mile walk, Lyft, or Uber	
1300 – 1500	**Tour5 Louisville Metropolitan Police Department (LMPD) Wellness Center *closed-met capacity*** Maximum attendees: 30, Duration: 2 ½ hours, Transportation: provided	STAGE AT THIRD ST SIDE
1300 – 1600	**Tour4 Angels Envy Distillery *closed-met capacity*** Maximum attendees: 25, Duration: 3-hours, Transportation: provided	STAGE AT THIRD ST SIDE
1300 – 1600	**Tour7 Louisville International Airport *closed-met capacity*** Maximum attendees: 30, Duration: 3-hours, Transportation: provided	STAGE AT MARKET STREET SIDE
1300 – 1600	**Tour8 Rubbertown** (*critical infrastructure*) ***closed-met capacity*** Maximum attendees: 40, Duration: 3-hours, Transportation: provided	STAGE AT JEFFERESON STREET SIDE
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AVAILABLE 1300 - 1600	Tour13 **UTV Downtown Tour** Maximum attendees: 25, Duration: 3-hours, Transportation: provided	STAGE AT FOURTH ST SIDE
1300 – 1700	**SEMINAR** – Strategic Overview of Disaster Management for Water and Wastewater Utilities (MGT–342) Texas A&M Engineering (TEEX). Please use this link to register: https://my.teex.org/TeexPortal/Default.aspx?MO=mCourseCatalog&D=EU&C=MGT342&S=317	M109-M110

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1300 – 1700	**SEMINAR** – Disaster Recovery: A Strategic Overview of the Public Assistance Process (MGT-481) – Texas A&M Engineering (TEEX). Instructor: Mike Gavin. Please use this link to register: https://my.teex.org/TeexPortal/Default.aspx?MO=mCourseCatalog&D=EU&C=MGT481&S=61	M101-M102
1330 – 1430	**SESSION D –** *No need to preregister, eligible for "Best of Show" and "Sorry I Missed That!"*	
	• **Artificial Intelligence –** "Next-Generation Preparedness: AI-Enabled Scenario Modeling for Complex Incident Response" (123), with Nicholas Cozzi and Juan Hernandez; Moderator: Susanna Taddei	CONF. THEATER
	• **Cybersecurity –** "Practical Security for Organizations that Need to Do More with Less." (127), with Donlen Ruffin; Moderator: Dr. Adam Monsalve	M107
	• **Emerging Technologies –** "Next-Gen Security and Emergency Management: Less Manpower, More Brainpower" (139), with Dr. Jarda Virgil; Moderator: Misty Richardson	M104
	• **Public Health and Medical –** "Project Up: Regional Medical Operations Coordination Implementation and LSCO Scalability" (170), with Kaitlin Rainwater Lovett; Moderator: Jay Rajyaguru	M105-M106
	• **Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) –** *(micro-track)* "Operating a Full-Service LE Drone Team" (135), with Sam Byrd and John Rautio; Moderator: Holly Hollingsworth	M111
1300 – 1600	**Tour1 Churchill Downs *closed-met capacity*** Maximum attendees: 30, Duration: 3-hours, Transportation: provided	STAGE AT JEFFERSON ST SIDE
1400 – 1700	**SAA BENCHMARKING** – Preparedness Grants Meet Up for State Administrative Agencies	1300 – 1700
1445 – 1545	**SESSION E –** *No need to preregister, eligible for "Best of Show" and "Sorry I Missed That!"*	
	• **Artificial Intelligence –** "Fighting Fire with Fire: How Election Officials Can Leverage AI to Increase Election Security" (128), with Jamie Biglow and Lauren Hagy; Moderator: Susanna Taddei	CONF THEATER
	• **Cybersecurity –** "Translating Cybersecurity for sUAS to IoT" (133), with Steven Habicht; Moderator: Dr. Adam Monsalve	M107
	• **Emerging Technologies –** "Vehicle-to-Everything (V2X) Communications at the Border" (158), with Benjamin Mangel; Moderator: Misty Richardson	M104
	• **Public Health and Medical –** "Coordination of Medical Care in Large Scale Incidents-Creating a More Secure Net" (180), with Stacey Kokaram, Angela Ling, Madeleine Nuebel, and Steve Ellen; Moderator: Jay Rajyaguru	M105-M106
	• **Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) –** *(micro-track)* "Leveraging Lessons Learned from Ukraine to Prepare the U.S. Homeland for UAS Threats" (145), with Dr. Josh "Bugsy" Segal, Ph.D.; Moderator: Holly Hollingsworth	M111
1600 – 1700	**SESSION F –** *No need to preregister, eligible for "Best of Show" and "Sorry I Missed That!"*	
	• **Artificial Intelligence –** "AI on the Soccer Pitch: How Artificial Intelligence Assisted Preparedness and Response for FIFA World Cup 2026" (187), with Jeremy Bersin, Travis Houston, and Rebecca Galvez; Moderator: Susanna Taddei	CONF. THEATER

	• **Cybersecurity –** "Cyber Resilience Together and Next Generation 911" (206), with Mark Grubb; Moderator: Dr. Adam Monsalve	M107
	• **Emerging Technologies –** "Operationalizing Emerging Tech for Security Missions" (192), with Emily Saulsgiver; Moderator: Misty Richardson	M104
	• **Public Health and Medical –** "Preventing Targeted Violence Through a Public Health-Informed Approach: Successes of Multi-Disciplinary Threat Assessment & Management (TAM) Teams in New York State" (48), with Paula Granger and Frazer Lonie; Moderator: Jay Rajyaguru	M105-M106
	• **Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) –** *(micro-track)* "A Universal Translator for Counter Unmanned Aerial System Operations" (185), with Claire Allen; Moderator: Holly Hollingsworth	M111
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1700 - 1730	**DHS Meet and Greet for POCs** (Closed Event)	SEE INVITE

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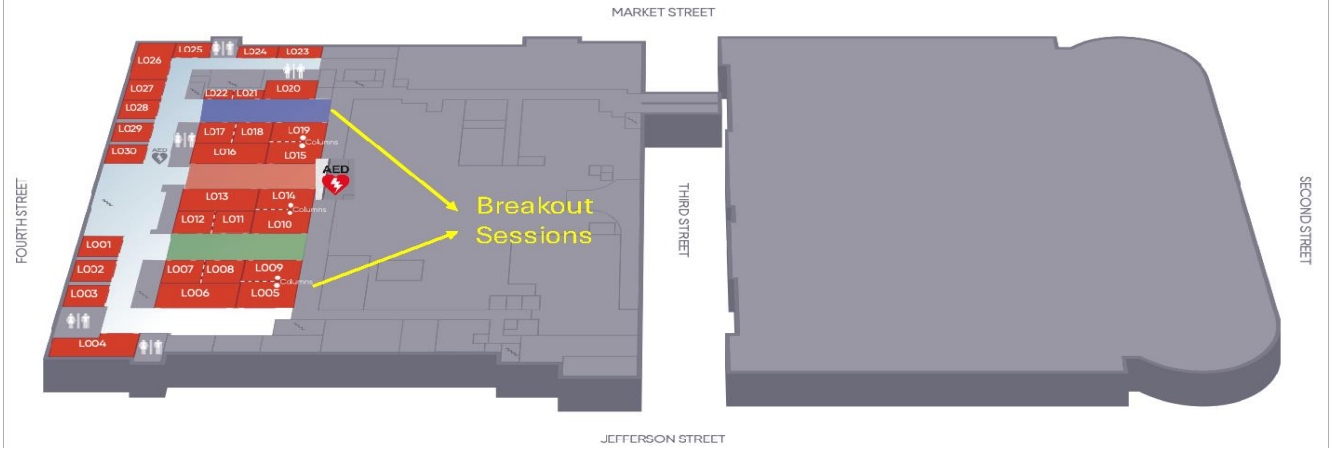
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0900 – 1900	**Exhibitor Hall Open**	Hall AB
0900 – 1045	**Opening Ceremonies** Master of Ceremonies: Terry Meiners, Radio and Broadcast Host, WHAS 840 Louisville • Welcome • Joint Presentation of Colors: Louisville Metro Police Department, Jefferson County Sheriff's Office, Louisville Metro Emergency Medical Services, Louisville Fire Department • Pledge of Allegiance • National Anthem: Lola Homrighausen • My Old Kentucky Home: Steve Buttleman, Churchill Downs Bugler **National Homeland Security Association** Natalie Gutierrez, President, National Homeland Security Association • Welcome • Introduction of the NHSA Board of Directors • Diamond Sponsor Overviews **Louisville, KY Public Safety Community** • Hon. Craig Greenberg, Mayor of Louisville • Russell Coleman, Kentucky Attorney General • Amy Hess, Kentucky Office of Homeland Security • David James, Jefferson County Sherriff • Edward (Jody) Meiman, Executive Director, Louisville Metro Emergency Services • *Changing the Culture in a Broken City* - Paul Humphrey, Louisville Metro Police Department Chief **United States Department of Homeland Security** • Cameron Hamilton, Senior Counselor to the Secretary • David Arnold, Associate Administrator, FEMA Office of Response and Recovery **Closing Remarks**	Ballroom C-E
1045 – 1100	**Break – Refreshments provided by Partner Forces**	Hall AB
1100 – 1200	**SESSION 1** – *Eligible for "Best of Show" and "Sorry I Missed That!"* • **Best Practices and Lessons Learned –** "CERT and Homeland Security: Strengthening Community Awareness and Preparedness" (125), with Michael Davis; Moderator: Blake Fisher	M111

	• **Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and Explosive (CBRNE) –** "Beyond Decontamination: A Trauma-Informed Approach to CBRN and Terrorism Preparedness" (6), with Travis Witt and Dr. Jennifer Katzenstein; Moderator: Jay Rajyaguru	M104
	• **Combating Violent Extremism –** "The Digital Pathway to Violence: From True Crime Obsession to Domestic Terrorism" (47), with Jeffrey Irwin; Moderator: Larry Kraus	Ballroom B
	• **Community Preparedness and Resilience –** "Community Profile Snapshot (CPS) Planning Tool: An Integrated, App-Driven Approach to Community Vulnerability and Resource Allocation" (126), with Darrell Small; Moderator: Dr. Elizabeth Dunn	M109-M110
	• **Counterterrorism –** "Tactical Innovation in Federally Designated Transnational Criminal Organizations" (153), with Ares Boira Lopez; Moderator: Dr. Austin Doctor	Ballroom A
	• **Emergency Management –** "Effective EOC Leadership and Management" (3), with Ted Halpin; Moderator: Madelyn Minner	M108
	• **Enhancing Information and Intelligence Sharing** – "JCAT: Enhancing the Information Sharing Enterprise" (117), with Stephan DiTullio; Siobhan Carroll, Larry Kraus, and Shawn Hall. Moderator: Siobhan Carroll	Conf. Theater
	• **Fire Rescue/EMS –** "Seconds from Chaos: Bomb Threat and Suspicious Package Response for First Responders" (50), with Adam McFadden; Moderator: Robert Collins	M107
	• **Grants and Program Management –** "What Are You Funding?" (148), with Susan Dzbanko; Moderator: Alison Belcher	M105-M106
	• **Mental Health** – "Transforming Trauma" (9), with Tiffany Parker; Moderator: Irene Navis	M103
	• **Planning –** "Managing the Aftermath of an Active Shooter Incident" (35), with JP Moore and Scott Gauvin; Moderator: Jennifer Schaal	L005-L009
	• **Protecting Soft Targets and Critical Infrastructure –** "Harbor Safety & Security Committees - A Case Study" (199), with Heberto Villarreal and Reyna Loosmore; Moderator: David St. Pierre	M100
	• **Training and Exercise –** "Soft Target Security: A Scalable, HSEEP -Aligned Micro-Exercise Kit with Generative AI Injects" (85), with Cihan Aydiner; Moderator: Sheryl Jardine	L010-L014
	Sponsored Solution Track **Company:** Strategic Communications **Presentation Speaker:** Chief Revenue Officer - Chris Mills with Rusty Byers as a moderator for partner panel: featuring Will Kane (Director of Federal Markets - Mark43) and Jeff Lawn (Chief Revenue Officer - PEAKE). **Session Title:** Optimize, Protect, Connect: Where Public Safety Technology Is Headed **Description:** Public safety agencies are under mounting pressure to do more with less: rising call volumes, staffing shortages, and an increasingly complex technology procurement landscape. This session brings together Strategic Communications leadership, a proven procurement and roadmap-planning program, and two leading industry technology partners to examine how agencies can meet this moment head-on. Chris Mills will open with a brief overview of Strategic Communications and how the company is helping public safety agencies navigate today's technology landscape through a multitude of trusted procurement pathways. Rusty Byers will then introduce JPS TRUST, a program built to ease the burden agencies face when procuring software and hardware. JPS TRUST vets	M101-M102

	available resources and helps departments plan their technology roadmap from start to finish. The session closes with a moderated partner panel featuring Mark43 and PEAKE, where industry experts will share real-world perspectives on the trends redefining the field: optimizing workloads and reducing administrative burden, keeping officers and communities safer, and improving situational awareness and connectivity across agencies and jurisdictions. **Panel Themes:** Moderated by Rusty Byers, the panel will draw on Mark43 and PEAKE's front-line experience deploying technology across public safety agencies nationwide. Discussion will center on: • Optimizing workloads: reducing administrative burden and manual data entry so personnel can focus on the mission. • Keeping people safe: technology's role in protecting both the public and public safety personnel in the field. • Situational awareness: giving responders and command staff a clearer, faster, more accurate picture of evolving incidents. • Connectivity: breaking down data silos between agencies, jurisdictions, and disciplines to enable coordinated response.	
1200 – 1215	**Break**	Hall AB
1215 – 1315	**Lunch (Provided)**	Hall AB
1315 – 1330	**Break**	Hall AB
1330 – 1430	**SESSION 2** – E*ligible for "Best of Show" and "Sorry I Missed That!"* • **Best Practices and Lessons Learned –** "Bomb Runs in Bourbon Country" (213), with Anthony Roberts, Dean Harley, and Clinton Brake; Moderator: Blake Fisher	M111
	• **Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and Explosive (CBRNE) –** "Joint Hazard Assessment Teams - From Coordination to Command at Special Events" (36), with Kevin W Johnson; Moderator: Jay Rajyaguru	M104
	• **Combating Violent Extremism –** "Threat Management -The Palm Beach County Task Force Model" (17), with Randy Foley; Moderator: Garry Lisiewski	Ballroom B
	• **Community Preparedness and Resilience –** "Partnerships: Do We Really Need Them?" (77), with Jodi Carl; Moderator: Dr. Elizabeth Dunn	M109-M110
	• **Counterterrorism –** "Next-Generation Terrorism: Understanding Agentic AI Systems and Potential for Malign Use" (154), with Ares Boira Lopez; Moderator: Dr. Austin Doctor	Ballroom A
	• **Emergency Management –** "Creating a Shared Operational Picture: Kentucky's Model for Multi-Agency Incident Coordination" (186), with Doug Eades and Jeff Sopel; Moderator: Madelyn Minner	M108
	• **Enhancing Information and Intelligence Sharing** – "From Vigilance to Innovation: Advancing Suspicious Activity Reporting 25 Years After 9/11 (194), with Ray Guidetti, Jolene Philips, James Sheehan, and Dr. Erin Kearns; Moderator: Siobhan Carroll	Conf. Theater

	• **Fire Rescue/EMS –** "Tesla Terrorism: Responding to Intentionally Set Fires Involving Electric Vehicles and Lithium-Ion Batteries" (51), with Adam McFadden; Moderator: Robert Collins	M107
	• **Grants and Program Management –** "Bridging the Grants - Connecting Homeland Security with Cybersecurity" (89), with Ian Alexander; Moderator: Susan Dzbanko	M105-M106
	• **Mental Health –** "Trauma Recovery, Resilience, and Wellness" (11), with Dan Willis; Moderator: Irene Navis	M103
	• **Planning –** "The Independence Mandate: Emergency Management Adaptation to a Changing Threat Landscape" (29), with Meredith Albert; Moderator: Jennifer Schaal	L005-L009
	• **Protecting Soft Targets and Critical Infrastructure –** "When Ships Can't Go Anywhere: Ports of Refuge, National Security, and the All-Hazards Maritime Crisis" (178), with William Burket and Brett Johnson; Moderator: David St. Pierre	M100
	• **Training and Exercise** – "Preparing for an Unknown Future: Confronting Emerging Threats through Innovative Exercise Design" (166), with Andrew Bohnert and Saroja Schwager; Moderator: Sheryl Jardine	L010-L014
	Sponsored Solution Track **Company:** Dataminr **Presentation Speaker:** Dan Pearce **Session Title:** Lessons from the World Stage: What Major Sporting Events Are Teaching Us About the Future of Public Safety Description: The FIFA World Cup. The Super Bowl. The Olympic Games. These events don't just test the limits of public safety operations — they redefine them. Spanning dozens of venues, millions of attendees, and thousands of jurisdictions, mega-events have become the most demanding proving ground for modern security doctrine, and the lessons learned on the world stage are increasingly shaping how agencies prepare for threats at every scale. In this session, Dan Pearce — a veteran of some of the world's most complex security operations, including the 2012 London Olympics during his tenure leading analysis and OSINT teams with the Metropolitan Police Service — offers a practitioner's perspective on what it truly takes to secure events of this magnitude. Having spent his career at the intersection of open-source research, emerging technology, and real-world operational response, Dan now works with Dataminr to help public safety agencies apply those same disciplines where it counts. Drawing on firsthand experience and direct involvement in security operations supporting the 2026 FIFA World Cup, Dan will explore how public safety risks at major events have evolved, where traditional planning frameworks fall short, and what the next generation of public safety operations must look like. That complexity doesn't just strain personnel and logistics — it generates an overwhelming volume of information that no traditional process can analyze quickly enough to matter. That's where AI has become indispensable. The agencies that succeed are those that can detect what matters faster — cutting through noise to act on early warning before situations escalate. Dan will examine how AI fundamentally changes the speed and scope of situational awareness at scale, and what that means for how agencies plan, train, and coordinate.	M101-M102

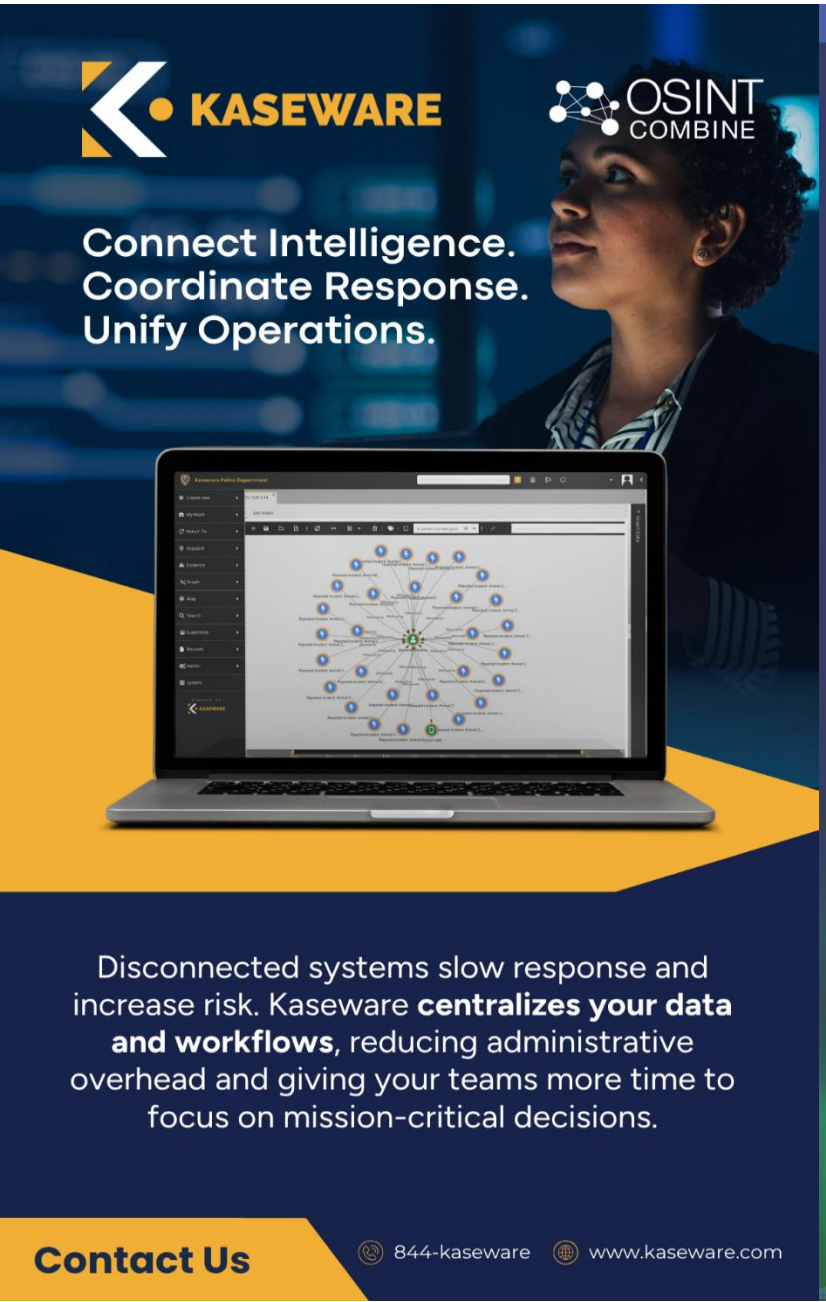
	Attendees will leave with a clearer picture of what works, what doesn't, and what they need to build now.	
1430 – 1445	**Break – Refreshments provided by Peregrine**	Hall AB
1445 – 1545	**SESSION 3** – E*ligible for "Best of Show" and "Sorry I Missed That!"* • **Best Practices and Lessons Learned –** "Risk Analysis Technique Integration for Responsive Decision Makers" (191), with Cyrus Jian Bonyadi and Danielle Jacobs; Moderator: Blake Fisher	M111
	• **Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and Explosive (CBRNE) –** "Standing Up a PRND Program: Building Radiological Detection Capability in Your Community" (66), with Brandon W. Graham; Moderator: Jay Rajyaguru	M104
	• **Combating Violent Extremism –** "The New York State, "See Something, Say Something" Campaign: Red Team Exercises as a driver to Suspicious Activity Reporting" (179), with Dan Albert and John Ferrara; Moderator: Larry Kraus	Ballroom B
	• **Community Preparedness and Resilience –** "Building Resilience in Houston: Geospatial Coordination Across a Complex Regional Footprint" (84), with David Conley, Silas Devine Jr, Lars Hanson, and Jake Nelson; Moderator: Dr. Elizabeth Dunn	M109-M110
	• **Counterterrorism –** "Behavioral Threat Assessment: A Framework to Prevent Targeted Violence" (217), with David Gabbard and Celia Torres; Moderator: Dr. Austin Doctor	Ballroom A
	• **Emergency Management –** "Access and Functional Needs Data: Because "Guessing" Isn't an Emergency Plan" (58), with Sadie Martinez; Moderator: Madelyn Minner	M108
	• **Enhancing Information and Intelligence Sharing** – "From Campus to Crisis: Strengthening Digital Literacy in the Homeland Security Workforce Pipeline" (157), with Zoe Atkins; Moderator: Siobhan Carroll	Conf. Theater
	• **Fire Rescue/EMS –** "When Every Minute Counts: Prehospital Whole Blood Transfusion as a Life-Saving Capability for Soft Target Mass Casualty Incidents" (73), with David Long; Moderator: Robert Collins	M107
	• **Grants and Program Management –** "Emergency Performance Grant Program (EMPG) Grant Administration Town Hall" (155), with Bob Evans and Eric Abramson; Moderator: Susan Dzbanko	M105-M106
	• **Mental Health –** "Preventing the Pathway to Harm: Addressing Root Causes to Foster Mental Health" (160), with Benjamin Mangel; Moderator: Irene Navis	M103
	• **Planning –** "The Missing Piece in Soft Target Security: Pediatric Preparedness for Crowded Places" (93), with Abby Bailey; Moderator: Jennifer Schaal	L005-L009
	• **Protecting Soft Targets and Critical Infrastructure –** "Critical Infrastructure as the Frontline Defense for National Security" (168), with Kelly Murray, Erika Dinnie, and Jennifer Flandermeyer; Moderator: David St. Pierre	M100
	• **Training and Exercise –** "'Designing and Exercise Notification, Reception, and Reunification Operators: Lessons from St Louis" (114), with David Schuld and Kara Rosenkranz; Moderator: Sheryl Jardine	L010-L014
	Sponsored Solution Track **Company:** Kaseware	M101-M102

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Presentation Speaker: Steven Delp
Session Title: AI as a Force Multiplier: Accelerating Intelligence and Investigations
Description: Homeland security organizations face expanding mission requirements, broader operational scope, fragmented systems, and growing volumes of information. At the same time, staffing levels have not kept pace with increasing demands on analysts and investigators. This session explores how artificial intelligence can serve as a force multiplier by accelerating analysis, prioritizing critical information, connecting disparate data sources, and reducing manual workloads. Through practical demonstrations, attendees will see how AI-enabled workflows help transform information into actionable intelligence while keeping human expertise and decision-making at the center of the mission.





1545 – 1600	**Break**	Hall AB
1600 – 1700	**SESSION 4** – *Eligible for "Best of Show" and "Sorry I Missed That!"* • **Best Practices and Lessons Learned –** "Enhancing After-Action Assessments using ArcGIS StoryMaps and Interactive 3D Visualizations: A Case Study of the 2014 Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department Ambush Incident" (80), with Andrew Eiswerth and Dr. James "Chip" Coldren; Moderator: Blake Fisher	M111
	• **Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and Explosive (CBRNE) –** "From Plans to Readiness: Case Studies from Transit Security and Regional Response in Crowded Places" (65), with Brandon W. Graham; Moderator: Jay Rajyaguru	M104
	• **Combating Violent Extremism – "**Into the Abyss: Digital Ecosystems of Exploitation, Extremism, and Harm" (131), with Lauren Hagy; Moderator: Larry Kraus	Ballroom B
	• **Community Preparedness and Resilience –** "From Chaos to Coordination: Building Victim-Centered Response Systems Before Mass Violence Occurs" (216), with Cassidee Carlson; Moderator: Dr. Elizabeth Dunn	M109-M110
	• **Counterterrorism –** "Threats at Event Venues: Comparing and Contrasting Completed versus Failed or Foiled Plots" (150), with Tin Nguyen; Moderator: Dr. Austin Doctor	Ballroom A
	• **Emergency Management –** "Unified Command Under Fire" (198), with Casey Archey and Kevin Vogelpohl; Moderator: Madelyn Minner	M108
	• **Enhancing Information and Intelligence Sharing** – "Investigating North Korean Remote Information Technology (IT) Schemes: How States Can Help Prevent and Detect State Impacts" (121), with Maddie Dickman; Moderator: Siobhan Carroll	Conf. Theater
	• **Fire Rescue/EMS –** "The Calls We Carry" (76), with Jonathan Schultz, Miranda Hayes, and Jennifer Schultz; Moderator: Robert Collins	M107
	• **Grants and Program Management –** "Grant Monitoring - Tools for Success" (161), with Kevin Jeffries, Beth Loflin, Michael Haney, and Justine Willman; Moderator: Susan Dzbanko	M105-M106
	• **Planning –** "This is not your grandmother's CIVIL DEFENSE" (43), with Dawn H Thomas; Moderator: Jennifer Schaal	L005-L009
	• **Pop-Up Track: Drone Incursions** – "All Hazards, Multi-Agency Response to Drone Incursions" (208), with David Laub; Moderator: Irene Navis	M103
	• **Protecting Soft Targets and Critical Infrastructure –** "Risk, Resources, and Reality: Protecting Soft Targets at Major Events" (167), with Kristina Frierson; Moderator: David St. Pierre	M100
	• **Training and Exercise –** "The Texas Critical Infrastructure Security Workshop Series: Exercising Public-Private Coordination" (149), with Clint Ladd and Brandon Gentry; Moderator: Sheryl Jardine	L010-L014
	Sponsored Solution Track **Company:** EDS **Presentation Speaker:** Matt Daley **Session Title:** Trusted Vendors, Trusted Outcomes: Delivering Reliable Mission-Ready Support	M101-M102

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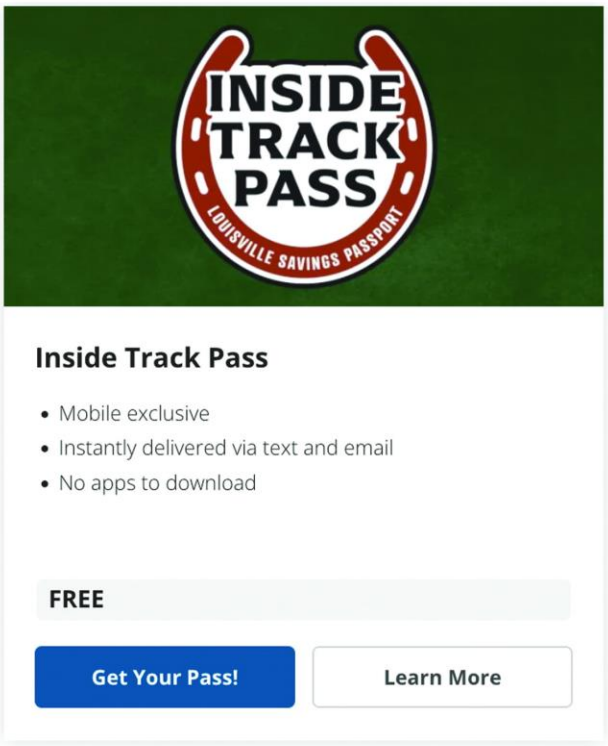
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	Learning Objectives: 1. What should agencies expect from a private-sector partner? This session will discuss the role of trust, communication, and adaptability in building successful partnerships and how EDS works with customers to navigate changing operational environments and emerging mission needs. 2. Examine how strong private-sector partnerships support mission success during complex and evolving challenges. Drawing on lessons from COVID-19, natural disaster response, and unhoused support initiatives, this session will highlight the importance of communication, adaptability, and aligned expectations in delivering reliable outcomes. **3.** Learn what to look for in a private-sector partner and how strong communication, clear expectations, and operational flexibility lead to successful mission outcomes. This session will explore how EDS and its customers plan, adapt, and respond together in rapidly changing environments.	
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0800 – 1600	**Registration Open**	SOUTH PRE-FUNCTION, UPPER CONCOURSE
0900 – 1500	Exhibitor Hall Open	Hall AB
0900 – 1030	**General Session** Master of Ceremonies: Terry Meiners, Radio and Broadcast Host, WHAS 840 Louisville • Welcome **Flipping the Script – Civil Support to Defense Operations Welcome** This panel will provide conference attendees with a baseline understanding of the re-emerging concept of civil support to defense operations. Our panel brings three different perspectives to give the audience a broad, entry-level understanding of the concept and impacts to their organizations. • Frank J. Pace, Administrator/Homeland Security Advisor, Office of Homeland Security, Hawaii Department of Law Enforcement • Dawn H. Thomas, M.A., Managing Director, CNA's Institute for Public Research • Shawn G. Talmadge, CEM, Founder, Culper Continuum **From Planning Assumptions to Operational Reality: A 23-Day World Cup Fan Fest Case Study** This presentation examines the City of Miami's public safety and emergency management posture during a 23-day World Cup Fan Fest activation, focusing on the gap between planning assumptions and operational reality. Rather than serving as an After-Action Report, this case study offers a comparative analysis of anticipated versus encountered conditions across multiple operational domains. • Robert Hevia, Fire Chief, City of Miami Department of Fire-Rescue • Alejandro Fernandez, Assistant Director, Miami-Dade County Department of Emergency Management **Closing Remarks**	Ballroom C-E
1000 - 1500	**StaticVehicleDisplay**	3rd Street
1030 – 1045	**Break – Refreshments provided by FirstNet; Built with ATT**	Hall AB
1045 – 1145	**SESSION 5** – *Eligible for "Best of Show" and "Sorry I Missed That!"*	M111

	• **Best Practices and Lessons Learned –** "Coordinating Chaos: Louisville Metro's Unified Response to the November UPS Plane Crash" (176), with Monica Harkins; Moderator: Blake Fisher	
	• **Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and Explosive (CBRNE) – "**How to Successfully Develop and Manage a Joint Hazardous Assessment Team (JHAT)" (175), with Michael Hammett; Moderator: Jay Rajyaguru	M104
	• **Combating Violent Extremism –** "From Engagement to Intelligence: Integrating Community Policing, CPTED, and Fusion Centers to Prevent Targeted Violence" (134), with Alex Saragusa; Moderator: Larry Kraus	Ballroom B
	• **Community Preparedness and Resilience –** "Engagement When It Matters Most - Before, During, and After a Crisis" (188), with Michelle Gutt; Moderator: Dr. Elizabeth Dunn	M109-M110
	• **Counterterrorism –** "Target Violence Events with Focus on Behavioral Analysis and Intel Gained from Years of Research Gathered After Critical Incidents of Mass Shootings" (210), with J. Cody Bennett; Moderator: Dr. Austin Doctor	Ballroom A
	• **Emergency Management –** "Emergency Operations Center Data Collection and Reporting" (69), with Christen Swayer and Doug Potter; Moderator: Madelyn Minner	M108
	• **Enhancing Information and Intelligence Sharing** – "The Critical Infrastructure, Intelligence Initiative, Best Practices for Coordinated Bidirectional Intelligence and Information Sharing to Critical Infrastructure at the State and Local Level" (207), with Frank Hackett and Dr. Ashley Pennington; Moderator: Siobhan Carroll	Conf. Theater
	• **Fire Rescue/EMS –** "From THIRA to Deployment: Aligning ESF-9 Capabilities with National Resource Typing, Coordination Systems, and Interstate Readiness" (95), with Kevin Lyne; Moderator: Robert Collins	M107
	• **Grants and Program Management –** "Operation Stonegarden Summit 2026" (112), with Susan Dzbanko and Robert Cottle; Moderator: TBD	M105-M106
	• **Mental Health –** "Leadership through Scar Tissue" (25), with Todd K. Baxter; Moderator: Irene Navis	M103
	• **Planning –** "From Chaos to Connection: Designing Your Reunification Response Before the Boom" (165), with Kim Gathers, Andrea Glass, and Michelle Seitz; Moderator: Jennifer Schaal	L005-L009
	• **Protecting Soft Targets and Critical Infrastructure –** "A Bomb Technician, a Canine Handler, and a Tactical Operator Walk into a Training Event... How NYS Brings Specialty Teams Together to Protect Mass Gathering Events" (108), with Katie Joel and Meghan Dudley; Moderator: David St. Pierre	M100
	• **Training and Exercise –** "The Gap Between Training and Action: Why People Fail in the First 60 Seconds of an Active Threat" (91), with Ryan Kress; Moderator: Sheryl Jardine	L010-L014
	Sponsored Solution Track **Company:** Peregrine **Presentation Speaker:** Dr. Peder Humlen (Deputy Chief, Ret.), Ada County Paramedics Public Safety Executive, Peregrine	M101-M102

	Session Title: The Hidden Toll: Turning Operational Data into Actionable First Responder Wellness **Description:** First responders are routinely exposed to trauma, crisis, and loss as a routine part of their work, yet the long-term toll on their own health often remains unseen. From 911 operators managing traumatic calls for service to firefighters facing repeated exposure to threatening environments, burnout, post-traumatic stress, and chronic health conditions are persistent challenges across public safety disciplines. Additionally - as call volumes grow and data streams multiply, first responder agencies have more information than ever—but not always the tools, training, or integration needed to turn that data into meaningful action. In this session we'll walk through the strategies used in Ada County, Idaho, where fire-rescue and EMS leaders are using Peregrine to turn fragmented operational data into a unified picture of first responder health and wellness. Peregrine brings together real-time and historical data across incidents, shifts, and careers—tracking firefighters' exposure to harmful chemicals, paramedics' repeated exposure to traumatic events, and related safety and wellness indicators. By translating complex data into clear, actionable insights, public safety leaders can identify cumulative risk earlier, spot emerging wellness trends, evenly balance workloads, identify early indicators of strain, and make evidence-based decisions that strengthen prevention strategies. The result is greater visibility, more proactive protection, and a stronger ability to advocate for the long-term health of the people who protect their communities. This talk explores how proactive engagement combined with powerful data integration tooling can help agencies move beyond reactive wellness efforts and confidently support their people with a complete wellness strategy.	
1145 – 1200	**Break**	
1200 – 1300	**Lunch (provided)**	Hall AB
1300 – 1315	**Break**	
1315 – 1415	**SESSION 6** – ***Not Eligible*** *for "Best of Show" and "Sorry I Missed That!"* • **Best Practices and Lessons Learned –** "Lessons from the Frontlines of Two Local Tragedies: The Essential Role of Victim Services in Mass Critical Incidents—The Old National Bank and Flight 2976 Experiences" (212), with Paul Humphrey, Nicole Carroll and Emily McKinley; Moderator: Blake Fisher	M111
	• **Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and Explosive (CBRNE) –** "The First 48 Hours: Strategic National Stockpile Operations Following an Anthrax Attack on a Mass Gathering" (196), with Lisa Dillard and Stephanie Bialek; Moderator: Jay Rajyaguru	M104
	• **Combating Violent Extremism –** "Nihilistic Violent Extremism and State Sponsored Disruptive Activity: Maniacs Murder Cult (MKU)7" (70), with Dr. Simon Purdue; Moderator: Larry Kraus	Ballroom B
	• **Community Preparedness and Resilience –** "Prepare Today, Ready Tomorrow: Enhancing Community Resilience in North Central Texas" (60), with Justin Cox and Taylor Conti; Moderator: Dr. Elizabeth Dunn	M109-M110

	• **Counterterrorism –** "Single Use Assets: Iran, Islamic State - Khorasan, and Russia TTPs in the West" (102), with Dr. Peter Forster; Moderator: Dr. Austin Doctor	Ballroom A
	• **Emergency Management –** "Language as Lifeline: Advancing Whole-Community Emergency Management Through Technology, Outreach, and Funding Innovation" (55), Christophe Arnold; Moderator: Madelyn Minner	M108
	• **Enhancing Information and Intelligence Sharing** – "Correctional Facilities and Untapped Resources for Homeland Security" (111), with Dr. Kurt M. Caminske Sr.; Moderator: Siobhan Carroll	Conf. Theater
	• **Fire Rescue/EMS –** "Wildfire Initiated Community Conflagrations Are National Security Threats" (44), with Garry Briese; Moderator: Robert Collins	M107
	• **Grants and Program Management –** "Preparing for the Counter-Unmanned Aerial Systems (C-UAS) Grant Program" (105), with Robert Cottle; Moderator: Susan Dzbanko	M105-M106
	• **Mental Health –** "Mission Ready: Why Employee Wellness is Mission Critical for Public Safety Agencies" (136), with Terry Hastings; Moderator: Irene Navis	M103
	• **Planning –**"CCTA Incident, How Do We Respond with Whole Community" (46), with Clay Pacheco; Moderator: Jennifer Schaal	L005-L009
	• **Protecting Soft Targets and Critical Infrastructure –** "Enhancing the Protection of Soft Targets/Crowded Places (Securing Public Gathering Places)" (24), with Chris Swinson; Moderator: David St. Pierre	M100
	• **Training and Exercise –** "National Guard's Presidio Endeavor Wargame: The Role for State and Local Players" (67), with Dawn Thomas and Jon Dotterer; Moderator: Dawn H. Thomas	L010-L014
	Sponsored Solution Track **Company:** FirstNet, Built with AT&T **Presentation Speakers:** Matt Barstow, Don Denning, and Rich Fiske **Session Title:** 30 Days in the Cradle of Liberty: Futbol to Fireworks **Learning Objectives:** Attendees will gain actionable insights into the end-to-end process of multi-agency communications planning and execution for large-scale, high-profile events Attendees will leave with an understanding of the step-by-step and the process we used for developing and implementing a multi-agency communications plan for large-scale events, including initial assessment, interoperability solutions, and the establishment of a Unified Command Center. Attendees will leave with insights into how they might be able to evaluate their own organization's current emergency communications protocols and recommend improvements based on lessons learned from managing multiple, concurrent events with overlapping timelines and varying communications infrastructures.	M101-M102
1415 – 1430	**Break – Refreshments provided by Kaseware**	Hall AB
1430 – 1530	**SESSION 7** – ***Not Eligible*** *for "Best of Show" and "Sorry I Missed That!"* • **Best Practices and Lessons Learned –** "The Commercial Data Economy and the Threat to Homeland Security Personnel" (201), with Trace Lasley; Moderator: Blake Fisher	M111

	• **Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and Explosive (CBRNE) –** "Legacy Nuclear Sites, Lasting Responsibility: The DOE Office of Legacy Management's Role in Emergency Preparedness and Environmental Stewardship" (63), with Essi Ellis; Moderator: Jay Rajyaguru	M104
	• **Combating Violent Extremism –** "Drawing the Line: Preserving the First Amendment While Deterring Protest-Driven Crime" (45), with Ryan Dwyer; Moderator: Larry Kraus	Ballroom B
	• **Community Preparedness and Resilience –** "Compound Interest: Investing in Communities Reaps Dividends" (164), with Jill Cornell; Moderator: Dr. Elizabeth Dunn	M109-M110
	• **Counterterrorism – "**INNOVATION IN VIOLENCE PREVENTION: Designing and Deploying Technology for Threat Identification and Reporting" (144), with Erin M. Kearns; Moderator: Dr. Austin Doctor	Ballroom A
	• **Emergency Management –** "EM's helping EM's: The Free and Formal Way" (23), with Lauren Sanchez, Elliott Reep, and Donna Insixiengmay; Moderator: Madelyn Minner	M108
	• **Enhancing Information and Intelligence Sharing** – "Assessing Planned Protests: Indicators of Mass Participation and Civil Disobedience" (156), with Thomas Berube; Moderator: Siobhan Carroll	Conf. Theater
	• **Fire Rescue/EMS –** "When Bridges Burn: Managing High-Impact Transportation Infrastructure Fires" (94), with Matthew Flagler; Moderator: Robert Collins	M107
	• **Mental Health –** "The Second Death: Memorialization and Sustainable Recovery" (83), with Adam Ziegler; Moderator: Irene Navis	M103
	• **Planning – "**Integrating Fusion Centers Across the Emergency Management Enterprise: From Intelligence to Operations" (152), with Todd Livingston; Moderator: Jennifer Schaal	L005-L009
	• **Protecting Soft Targets and Critical Infrastructure –** "From Coordination to a Common Operating Picture: ARC's Regional Evacuation Strategy and GIS Dashboard for Metro Atlanta" (99), with Gil Osmer, Krista Houk, Mandy Gardner, and Shelby Rushing; Moderator: David St. Pierre	M100
	• **Training and Exercise –** "Pack the House! - Using Volunteers to Maximize Simulation for Full Scale Exercises" (1), with Ashton Anderson; Moderator: Sheryl Jardine	L010-L014
	Sponsored Solution Track **Company:** ESRI **Presentation Speakers:** Carl Walter and Patrick O'Brien **Session Title:** Location Intelligence for Modern Security Operations **Description:** Security organizations are expected to manage increasingly complex missions across special events, critical incidents, and the protection of critical infrastructure and key resources (CIKR). This session explores how Geographic Information System (GIS) technology provides a common operating environment that integrates data from multiple sources to improve situational awareness, support operational coordination, and accelerate decision-making. Through real-world examples, attendees will see how GIS supports event security, critical incident management, intelligence operations, and infrastructure protection by connecting people, information, and operations through location. The session will also	M101-M102

	highlight practical strategies for building a scalable, enterprise approach to modern security operations.	
1430 - 1630	**DHS/FEMA Town Hall** • **Victoria Barton,** Associate Administrator, Office of External Affairs • **Cynthia Spishak,** Senior Official Performing the Duties of the Deputy Administrator for Resilience • **Rebecca Carroll**, Senior Advisor, Resilience, FEMA • **Maggie Wilson**, Senior Advisor, Grants Program Directorate, Resilience, FEMA Moderators: Susan Dzbanko and Alison Belcher	Ballroom C-E
1530 – 1545	**Break**	Hall AB
1545 – 1645	**SESSION 8** – ***Not Eligible*** *for "Best of Show" and "Sorry I Missed That!"* • **Best Practices and Lessons Learned –** "Work Smarter Not Harder: How Incorporating GIS into Operations Can Augment Local Emergency Management Through all Phases" (116), with Elliott Reep; Moderator: Blake Fisher	M111
	• **Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and Explosive (CBRNE) –** "CBRNE Chemical Weapons Prevention and Response." (##), with Captain Blake Culver; Moderator: Jay Rajyaguru	M104
	• **Combating Violent Extremism –** "Juvenile Radicalization, Soft Target Threats, and Legal Gaps: A Multi-State Counterterrorism Case Study" (64), with Lauren Laielli, Michael Podolak, Brian Cunningham, and Shawn McDonough; Moderator: Larry Kraus	Ballroom B
	• **Community Preparedness and Resilience –** "Workforce: A Critical Infrastructure Threat" (182), with Reyna Loosmore and Heberto Villarreal; Moderator: Dr. Elizabeth Dunn	M109-M110
	• **Counterterrorism –** "Understanding 764: Pathways, Online Coercion, and Escalating Harm - Implications for Counterterrorism" (195), with Bettina Rottweiler; Moderator: Dr. Austin Doctor	Ballroom A
	• **Emergency Management –** "Fusion Center Integration into EOC's: A Review of the NIMS Intelligence/Investigations Function Guidance and Field Operations Guide" (39), with Jeff Keck; Moderator: Madelyn Minner	M108
	• **Enhancing Information and Intelligence Sharing** – "Intelligence and Investigations for the 21st Century" (107), with Dr. Edward C. Wolff and Gilbert (Gil) A. Osmer; Moderator: Siobhan Carroll	Conf. Theater
	• **Fire Rescue/EMS –** "Fire and EMS Critical Infrastructure Response and Awareness" (129), with Kevin Ramdayal; Moderator: Robert Collins	M107
	• **Mental Health –** "Stress First Aid for First Responders" (119), with Kristina Knight and Rachel Thomas; Moderator: Irene Navis	M103
	• **Planning –** "PACE'ing your Continuity Plans for More Resilient Operations" (92), with Nicole Cantrell and Morgan Haskett; Moderator: Jennifer Schaal	L005-L009

	• **Protecting Soft Targets and Critical Infrastructure –** "Securing Public Spaces in a Cyber-Physical World: Protecting Crowded Places Beyond the Perimeter" (205), with Josh Modlin; Moderator: David St. Pierre	M100
	• **Training and Exercise –** "MetroX: Full-Scale Exercise for Large-Scale Regional Events" (61), with Justin Cox and Michael Hernandez, Jr.; Moderator: Sheryl Jardine	L010-L014
	Sponsored Solution Track **Company:** Nearmap **Presentation Speakers:** Regan Bushnell **Session Title:** Disaster Response from Sky to Site: How Aerial Imagery is Redefining	M101-M102
1800 – 2130	**Host Social – Churchill Downs – buses provided *staging begins at 1730 at Convention Center on Market Street***	

TIME	EVENT	ROOM
	THURSDAY, AUGUST 13, 2026	
0830 – 1100	**Registration Open**	SOUTH PRE-FUNCTION, UPPER CONCOURSE
0900 – 1100	**General Session** 0900 Welcome and Opening Remarks **Closing Ceremonies and Introduction to 2027 Host City Baltimore, MD** **UPS Crash Response** Insert description of the UPS crash presentation • Edward (Jody) Meiman, Executive Director, Louisville Metro Emergency Services	Ballroom C-E
1100 – 1115	**Break provided by Nearmap**	Meeting Room Concourse
1115 – 1215	**Session 9: –** Highlighting the "Best of Show" and "Sorry I Missed That!" presentations (the five presentations that scored the highest) *"Best of Show" and "Sorry I Missed That!" winners will be posted on the app after Session 8 and announced at the Host Social*	
	• "Best of Show" presentation #1 TBD, Moderator: TBD	Conf. Theater
	• "Best of Show" presentation #2 TBD, Moderator: TBD	M100

	• "Best of Show" presentation #3 TBD, Moderator: TBD	M101-M102
	• "Best of Show" presentation #4 TBD, Moderator: TBD	M103
	• "Best of Show" presentation #5 TBD, Moderator: TBD	M105-M106
	• "Sorry I Missed That!" presentation #1 TBD, Moderator: TBD	M104
	• "Sorry I Missed That!" presentation #2 TBD, Moderator: TBD	L010-L014
	• "Sorry I Missed That!" presentation #3 TBD, Moderator: TBD	M107
	• "Sorry I Missed That!" presentation #4 TBD, Moderator: TBD	L005-L009
	• "Sorry I Missed That!" presentation #5 TBD, Moderator: TBD	M108
1215 – 1330	**Lunch on your own (not provided)**	
1300 – 1500	**Tour2 Louisville Emergency Operations Center / Real Time Crime Center**, IT Cyber ***closed-met capacity*** Maximum attendees: 50, Duration: 2-hours, Transportation: 0.2-mile walk, Lyft, or Uber	
1300 – 1530	**Tour5 Louisville Metropolitan Police Department (LMPD) Wellness Center** Maximum attendees: 30, Duration: 2 ½ hours, Transportation: provided	
1300 – 1600	**Tour1 Churchill Downs** ***closed-met capacity*** Maximum attendees: 30, Duration: 3-hours, Transportation: provided	STAGE AT JEFFERSON ST SIDE
1300 – 1600	**Tour4 Angel's Envy Distillery** ***closed-met capacity*** Maximum attendees: 25, Duration: 3-hours, Transportation: provided	STAGE AT MARKET ST SIDE
1300 – 1600	Tour13 **UTV Downtown Tour** ***closed-met capacity*** Maximum attendees: 25, Duration: 3-hours, Transportation: provided	STAGE AT FOURTH ST SIDE
1300 – 1600	**Tour12 Kentucky Peerless Distilling Company,** ***closed-met capacity*** Maximum attendees: 25, Duration: 3-hours, Transportation: 0.8-mile walk, Lyft, or Uber (*note actual tour starts at 1:30 PM*).	



DOWNTOWN HOTELS & ATTRACTIONS

HOTELS

1. 21c Museum Hotel (91 RMS)
2. AC Hotel Louisville Downtown (156 RMS)
3. Aloft Hotel (175 RMS)
4. Canopy by Hilton Louisville Downtown (168 RMS)
5. Cambria Hotel Louisville Downtown (128 RMS)
6. Courtyard by Marriott Downtown (140 RMS)
7. Econo Lodge Downtown (97 RMS)
8. Embassy Suites Downtown (304 RMS)
9. Fairfield Inn & Suites Downtown (135 RMS)
10. Galt House Hotel & Suites (1,310 RMS)
11. Hampton Inn Downtown (173 RMS)
12. Hilton Garden Inn Downtown (162 RMS)
13. Holiday Inn Express (145 RMS)
14. Holiday Inn Louisville Downtown (91 RMS)
15. Home2 Suites by Hilton Louisville Downtown NuLu (100 RMS)
16. Homewood Suites (133 RMS)
17. Hotel Distil (205 RMS)
18. Hotel Genevieve (122 RMS)
19. Hyatt Regency Louisville (393 RMS)
20. Louisville Marriott Downtown (616 RMS)
21. Moxy (105 RMS)
22. Omni Hotel (612 RMS)
23. Residence Inn by Marriott (140 RMS)
24. Springhill Suites (198 RMS)
25. Tempo by Hilton Louisville Downtown NuLu (130 RMS)
26. The Brown Hotel (293 RMS)
27. The Grady Hotel (51 RMS)
28. The Seelbach Hilton (308 RMS)
29. TownePlace Suites Louisville Downtown (120 RMS)

ATTRACTIONS

A. Actors Theatre of Louisville
B. Angel's Envy
C. Bardstown Bourbon Company
D. Belle of Louisville
E. Brown Theatre
F. Buzzard's Roost Distillery
G. Derby City Gaming Downtown
H. Evan Williams Bourbon Experience
I. Flame Run Glass Studio
J. Fourth Street Live!
K. Frazier History Museum
L. Kentucky Center for the Performing Arts
M. Kentucky Peerless Distillery
N. Kentucky Science Center
O. KFC Yum! Center
P. KMAC Contemporary Art Museum
Q. Louisville Comedy Club
R. Louisville Slugger Field
S. Louisville Slugger Museum & Factory
T. Michter's Fort Nelson Distillery
U. Muhammad Ali Center
V. Museum Row
W. NuLu
X. Old Forester Distilling Company
Y. Riverfront Plaza/Belvedere
Z. Roots 101 African American Museum
AA. The Louisville Palace
AB. Water Front Park (access to Big Four Pedestrian Bridge)
AC. Whiskey Row

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TOUR DESCRIPTIONS

Tour #1: Churchill Downs



Maximum Attendees: 30 per tour
Check-In Location: Convention Center on the Jefferson Street Side
Departure Times: Monday 9:00 AM and 1:30 PM; Thursday: 1:00 PM
Duration: 3 hours (including transit time)
Transportation Provided: Yes

DESCRIPTION

Churchill Downs is an iconic thoroughbred racetrack and large-scale event venue that hosts hundreds of thousands of visitors annually, including global audiences during the Kentucky Derby. The facility integrates advanced crowd management, access control, and emergency response planning to safely support mass gatherings. Touring Churchill Downs provides insight into how private venues coordinate with public safety agencies during major special events. This tour highlights best practices in mass-event security, threat mitigation, and public-private collaboration.

Tour #2: Louisville Emergency Operations Center / Real Time Crime Center, IT Cyber

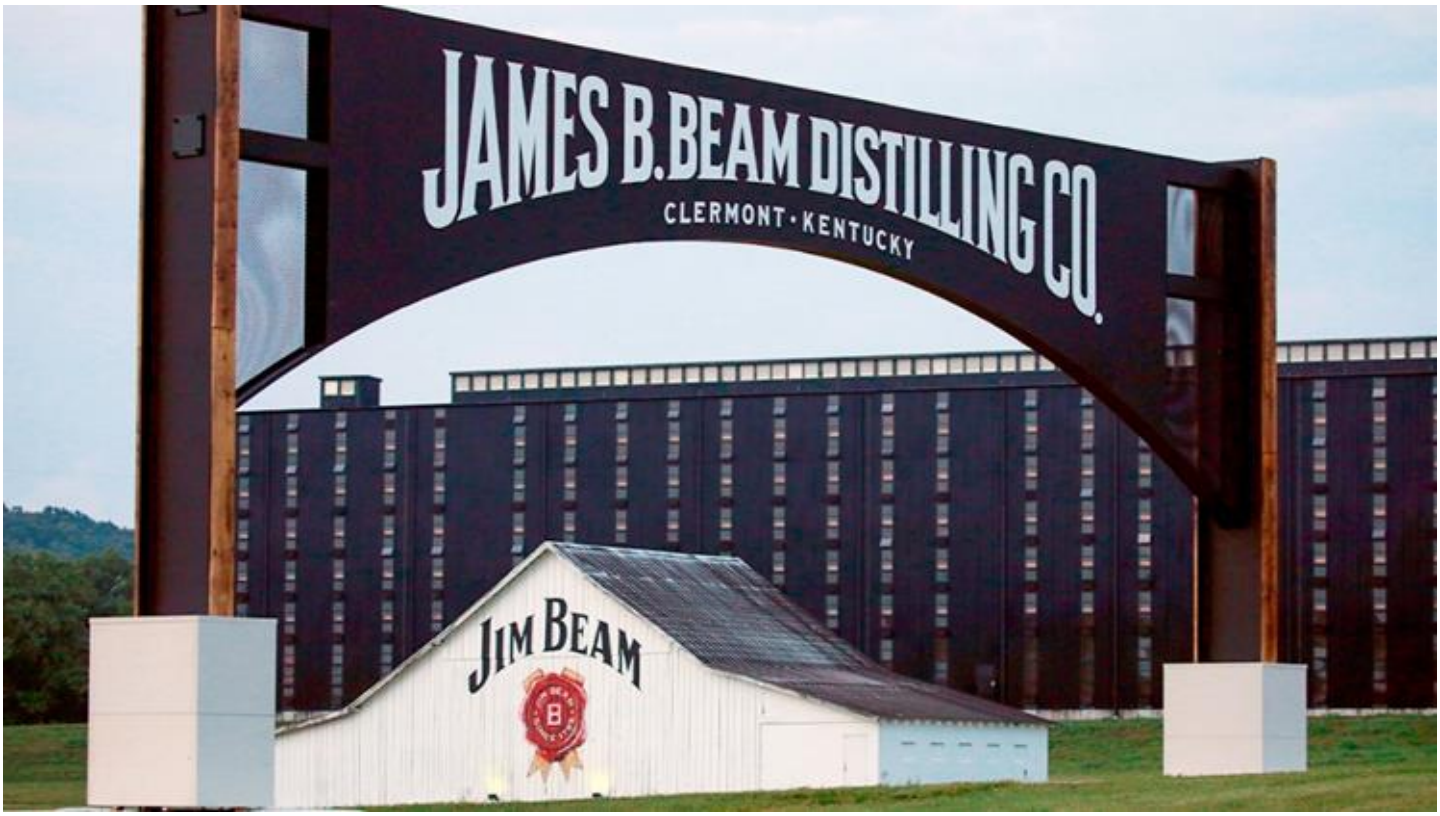


Maximum Attendees: 50 per tour
Check-In Location: 410 S 5th St, Louisville, KY 40202
Start Times: Monday 9:00 AM, 1:00 PM, and 4:00 PM; Thursday: 1:00 PM
Duration: 2 hours (including walking time)
Transportation Provided: No, the location is within walking distance from the Convention Center (**0.0** miles away)

DESCRIPTION

The Louisville Emergency Operations Center (EOC) serves as the city's central hub for coordinating response to emergencies, disasters, and large-scale incidents. Its Real-Time Crime Center and cybersecurity operations integrate live data, analytics, and surveillance feeds to enhance situational awareness. Visitors can observe how technology and information sharing enable rapid decision-making across agencies. This tour demonstrates modern command-and-control operations, cyber resilience, and fusion of intelligence for threat prevention

Tour #3: Jim Beam Claremont and Booker



Maximum Attendees: 30 (one tour)
Check-In Location: Convention Center on the Market Street Side
Departure Time: Monday: 9:00 AM
Duration: 5 hours (including transit time)
Transportation Provided: Yes, 45-minute drive to and from

DESCRIPTION

The Jim Beam Distillery is a globally recognized spirits production facility and major economic driver, combining manufacturing, warehousing, and tourism operations. The site relies on strict safety, fire prevention, and supply-chain security protocols due to its large volumes of flammable materials. A tour showcases how industrial facilities manage risk while remaining open to the public. Homeland Security audiences gain insight into protecting critical manufacturing infrastructure and safeguarding supply chains from disruption.

Tour #4: Angels Envy Distillery



Maximum Attendees: 25 (one tour)
Check-In Location: Convention Center on the Market Street Side
Start Time: Monday 1:00 PM and Thursday 1:00 PM
Duration: 3 hours (including transit time)
Transportation Provided: Yes

DESCRIPTION

Angel's Envy is an urban distillery located along Louisville's downtown waterfront, blending tourism with active spirits production. The facility operates at the intersection of public access, commercial activity, and industrial processes. The tour highlights how urban facilities balance visitor experience with safety, compliance, and emergency preparedness. This site illustrates challenges related to urban critical infrastructure and public-facing industrial security.

Tour #5: Louisville Metropolitan Police Department (LMPD) Wellness Center



Maximum Attendees: 30 per tour
Check-In Location: Convention Center on the Third Street Side
Start Times: Monday 9:00 AM and 1:30 PM; Thursday: 1:00 PM
Duration: 2 ½ hours (including walking time)
Transportation Provided: Yes

DESCRIPTION

The LMPD Wellness Center focuses on physical, mental, and operational readiness for law enforcement personnel. It supports resilience, stress management, and long-term workforce sustainability for first responders. Touring the facility provides a look into modern approaches to officer wellness and performance. Homeland Security visitors benefit by learning how wellness programs directly support mission readiness, continuity of operations, and personnel retention during sustained incidents.

Tour #6: Louisville Zoo



Maximum Attendees: 30 per tour (one tour Monday, one ***tentative*** tour Thursday)
Check-In Location: Convention Center on the Third Street Side
Departure Time(s): Monday 9:00 AM
Duration: 3 hours (including transit time)
Transportation Provided: Yes

DESCRIPTION

The Louisville Zoo is a major public attraction hosting large crowds, special events, and educational programming year-round. It encompasses unique safety considerations including animal containment, perimeter security, and emergency evacuation planning. The tour demonstrates how non-traditional venues integrate emergency response plans and interagency coordination. The zoo provides a case study in securing family-oriented public spaces and managing unconventional risk environments.

Tour #7: Louisville International Airport



Maximum Attendees: 30 people (one tour)
Check-In Location: Convention Center on the Market Street Side
Departure Time: Monday 1:00 PM
Duration: 3 hours (including transit time)
Transportation Provided: Yes

DESCRIPTION

Louisville International Airport is a critical transportation and logistics hub supporting both passenger travel and global cargo operations. The airport integrates federal, state, and local agencies to ensure aviation security and continuity of operations. Visitors gain insight into screening, perimeter security, and emergency response coordination. This tour directly aligns with aviation security, border protection, and infrastructure protection mission areas.

Tour #8: Rubbertown (critical infrastructure)



Maximum Attendees: 40 (one tour)
Check-In Location: Convention Center on the Jefferson Street Side
Departure Time: Monday 1:00 PM
Duration: 3 hours (including transit time)
Transportation Provided: Yes

DESCRIPTION

Rubbertown is a concentrated industrial corridor housing multiple chemical and manufacturing facilities essential to regional and national supply chains. The area presents complex challenges related to hazardous materials, environmental safety, and industrial security. Touring Rubbertown highlights coordinated planning among industry, emergency responders, and regulators. Tour attendees gain exposure to chemical infrastructure protection and risk mitigation in high-consequence industrial zones.

Tour #9: Metropolitan Sewer District (MSD) Flood Plan (includes tour of basins, new tunnel, and pump stations)



Maximum Attendees: 40 (one tour)
Check-In Location: Convention Center on the Jefferson Street Side
Departure Time: Monday 9:00 AM
Duration: 3 hours (including transit time)
Transportation Provided: Yes

DESCRIPTION

The Metropolitan Sewer District's flood protection system includes massive underground tunnels, basins, and pump stations designed to manage extreme weather events. These systems protect communities, critical facilities, and economic assets from catastrophic flooding. The tour demonstrates large-scale infrastructure resilience and long-term mitigation planning. This tour illustrates climate resilience, infrastructure hardening, and continuity planning for essential services.

Tour #10: Louisville Public Safety Riverboat Tour





Maximum Attendees: 30 per tour
Check-In Location: Convention Center on the Market Street Side
Start Time(s): Monday 9:00 AM and 1:00 PM
Duration: 3 hours (including transit time)
Transportation Provided: Yes

DESCRIPTION

Louisville Fire and LMPD boat operations provide emergency response, rescue, and security along the Ohio River. These units support incidents involving maritime traffic, flooding, and waterfront events. The tour shows joint operations between fire and law enforcement in a waterborne environment. Those joining the tour will observe maritime security, interagency coordination, and response to water-based threats.

SPECIAL NOTES

Weather dependent

Tour #11: Kentucky State Emergency Operations Center



Maximum Attendees: 30
Check-In Location: Convention Center on the Jefferson Street Side
Departure Time: Monday: 9:00 AM
Duration: 4 hours (including transit time)
Transportation Provided: Yes

DESCRIPTION

The Kentucky State Emergency Operations Center coordinates statewide disaster response and resource allocation across agencies. It serves as the command hub during natural disasters, public health emergencies, and major incidents. Visitors learn how state and local partners integrate information and decision-making processes. This tour reinforces lessons in multi-jurisdictional coordination, federal-state integration, and large-scale emergency management.

Tour #12: Kentucky Peerless Distilling Company



Maximum Attendees: 25
Check-In Location: 120 N 10th St, Louisville, KY 40202
Start Time: Thursday: 1:30 PM
Duration: 3 hours
Transportation Provided: No, walk, Lyft, or Uber to location

DESCRIPTION

Kentucky Peerless Distilling Co. is a fifth-generation family-owned grain to bottle bourbon distillery in downtown Louisville, operating in a restored historic warehouse with an equally rich family history. The tour will showcase its certified kosher production, along with the distillery's strong emphasis on safety and security, from controlled access areas to careful handling of equipment and ingredients, giving visitors a close look at how Peerless protects both product integrity and guest experience.

Tour #13: UTV Downtown Tour (Old National Bank and Jefferson Square Park)





Maximum Attendees: 25 per tour
Check-In Location: 4th Street Side of Convention Center
Departure Time: Monday (2-tours at 0900 and 1300) Thursday (1 tour at 1300)
Duration: Three hours
Transportation Provided: Yes, via UTV

DESCRIPTION

The Jefferson County Sheriff's office is offering a UTV tour (2-3 tours on Monday and 2 tours on Thursday afternoon). The tour will consist of a tour through downtown Louisville discussing infrastructure protection with two stops. The first will be at the Old National Bank building where in April 2023 a mass shooting took place. While there, the moderator will discuss the dynamics of the response which included 9 workers being shot (5 fatally) and 2 officers. The second stop will be in Jefferson Square Park where 9 months of protests and riots took place in 2020.

MONDAY'S TRAININGS AND SEMINARS

TESTING - AEM/CEM CERTIFICATON PREPARTORY COURSE

The International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM) will be offering the AEM/CEM preparatory exam course from 0800 to 1300 and the AEM/CEM Exam from 0830 to 1000. The cost of the preparatory exam fee is NOT included with your registration fee. Registrants who indicate they would like to take the exam will also need to register directly with IAEM, Onsite registration is not available.

Summary:

A key component of earning the Associate Emergency Manager (AEM) or Certified Emergency Manager (CEM) designation is the successful completion of the certification examination. IAEM will offer the exam online using devices provided by the host site; paper exams will not be available. Participants will have 2.5 hours to complete the examination and should arrive 30 minutes prior to the start time for check-in and photo ID verification. Exam scores are reported using a scaled scoring system, with a passing score of 500 on a scale of 200 to 800. Results will be provided within 14 business days following the exam.

Intended Audience:

Emergency managers interested in completing the exam requirement for their AEM/CEM.

SEMINAR - DISASTER RECOVERY: A STATEGIC OVERVIEW OF THE PUBLIC ASSISTANCE PROCESS (MGT-481) TEEX

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.

Recommendation:

- 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

SEMINAR – CRISIS LEADERSHIP (MGT-340) TEEX

The Crisis Leadership seminar is an executive-level presentation for the nation's senior officials at the city, county, region, territory, tribal, and state levels. Seminar participants will discuss strategic- and executive-level issues and challenges related to preparing for, responding to, and recovering from a catastrophic incident. The venue provides an excellent opportunity to share proven strategies and practices and apply lessons-learned from past natural, technological, and human-caused disasters.

The seminar is a facilitated, free-flowing discussion of the stresses of crisis leadership and decision-making gained from an examination of a selected case study of a catastrophic event. The seminar uses the case study to frame the discussion on ways to overcome leadership challenges before, during and after an incident. The outcome of the seminar is the development of individual and/or jurisdictional action plans to guide improvement of emergency preparedness, response and recovery actions.

Prerequisites:

- There are no prerequisites for this course.

Course Agenda:

Module 1 – Class Introduction and Administration/Pre Test – 20 minutes
Module 2 – Introduction to the Disaster – 30 minutes (Mandalay Bay Active Shooter Event) Pre-disaster recovery planning
Module 3 – Leadership – 40 minutes Best practices for local jurisdictions and partners
Module 4 – Planning – 40 Minutes
Module 5 – Crisis Communications – 40 minutes
Module 6 – Develop an Action Plan – 50 minutes
Module 7 - End of Course Summary and Post Test – 20 minutes

Class Size:

Maximum 50 students

TRAINING – TACTICAL RESPONSE TO SUICIDE BOMBING INCIDENTS, MOBILE (AWR-426) NEW MEXICO TECH

Tactical Response to Suicide Bombing Incidents (TRSBI), Mobile is a course that provides law enforcement tactical officers with knowledge to prevent and respond to suicide bombing incidents. Through lectures, discussions, case studies, and exercises, law enforcement tactical officers are presented with information on preventing, deterring, and mitigating the effects of a suicide bomber. In addition, course participants learn how to implement response strategies for active suicide bombers and post-blast incidents. The course culminates with a tabletop exercise where course participants can apply the knowledge they have gained throughout the course by practicing life-saving tactics, techniques, and procedures during a notional suicide bombing scenario.

Terminal Learning Objectives (TLOs)

- Recognize the suicide bombing threat and the variety of emerging tactics terrorists use to accomplish their objective.
- Recognize explosive characteristics, blast effects, and common military, commercial, and homemade explosives.
- Identify Suicide Bombing Improvised Explosive Devices (SBIEDs), their components, and their delivery methods.
- Apply appearance and behavioral indicators to determine reasonable suspicion and probable cause in a suicide bombing attack.
- Evaluate strategies to respond to person-borne or vehicle-borne improvised explosive device attacks.
- Identify response strategies needed to safely and effectively respond to post-blast events.
- Discuss the initial considerations of tactical officers during a suicide bombing incident and the implementation of non-linear tactics to defeat a suicide bomber.
- Demonstrate non-linear tactics during a tactical response to an active shooter/aggression suicide bomber tabletop exercise.

Target Audience

- Tactical Law Enforcement
- Fire Rescue
- Law Enforcement Supervisors and Commanders who support tactical units
- Crisis Negotiators

Prerequisites

- U.S. Citizenship

Class Size:

Maximum 30 students

TRAINING – DRONE ASSESSMENT AND RESPONSE TACTICS, MOBILE (AWR-407) NEW MEXICO TECH

The Drone Assessment and Response Tactics (DART), Mobile course is an in-person and virtual-training format course hosted at any qualifying emergency personnel agency or organization in the US by New Mexico Tech (NMT) Energetic Materials Research and Testing Center (EMRTC) instructors.

The DART Mobile course provides emergency personnel with the knowledge and skills necessary to detect, track, assess, respond, and report Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) activity. Participants are presented with information on the current UAS criminal and terrorist threat, analog and electronic UAS detection techniques, and response tactics to address this threat. This course includes

discussion prompts related to the emergency personnel response to unsafe UAS activity at various national events in recent years

Terminal Learning Objectives (TLOs)

- Recognize Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) uses and components
- Recognize the threat posed by criminal and terrorist use of commercially available Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) technology.
- Recall Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) regulations and the counter-UAS tactics associated
- with first responder operations.
- Discuss C-UAS Tactics, Techniques, and Procedures (TTPs) used throughout a case study.
- Recall audio and visual detection techniques utilized when detecting potentially hazardous UAS
- activity.
- Recall tracking techniques and assessment methodology utilized when encountering Unmanned
- Aircraft Systems (UAS) activity.
- Recall response and reporting options when encountering suspicious or unsafe Unmanned
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Target Audience

Emergency first responders.

Prerequisites

- N/A

CLOSED MEETING - UASI POC ANNUAL MEETING

Annual business meeting for the official Points of Contact (POC's) only.

UASI POC Luncheon

Meeting and lunch sponsored by Partner Forces (Silver Sponsor).

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 requested 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 – link to be provided

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
- 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

BENCHMARKING: PREPAREDNESS GRANTS MEET UP FOR STATE ADMINISTRATIVE AGENCIES (SAA) 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 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.

SEMINAR – STRATEGIC OVERVIEW OF DISASTER MANAGEMENT FOR WATER AND WASTEWATER UTILITIES (MGT-342) TEEX

This course was designed to provide an overview of disaster management for water and wastewater professionals who only require a general or introductory level of disaster management training. This course will present information regarding preparing for, responding to, and recovering from natural or human-caused disasters that threaten water and wastewater facilities and systems.

Prerequisites:

- There are no prerequisites for this course.

Recommendation:

Disaster Awareness for Water and Wastewater Utilities, An Introduction (AWR419) Online Course (2 hours)

Topics:

- Recognize the importance of disaster preparedness and pre-incident mitigation.
- Explain the importance of responding and managing incidents that affect water or wastewater systems and facilities.
- Implement post-incident recovery planning strategies.

Participants

- Emergency Management
- Public Works Management
- Utility Management
- Power Providers
- Healthcare and Hospital Management
- Water Authorities
- City and County Elected Officials
- City and County Emergency Managers
- Senior Emergency Response Personnel
- Water and Wastewater Utility Board Members, Operators, and Field Personnel
- Lab Personnel, Inspectors, and Engineers
- Senior Regulatory Officials
- Tribal Council Members

Continuing Education and Professional Credits

- 0.4 IACET CEUs
- 4.00 hours – Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ)
- International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM)

STATIC VEHICLE DISPLAY

Explore a static vehicle display featuring some of the region's elite specialty equipment and advanced response vehicles. There will be heavy rescue apparatus, specialized emergency units, and state-of-the-art support vehicles, like Louisville Emergency Management's new Mobile Emergency Operations Center. You won't want to miss it. Just walk out of the convention center on 3rd street between Market and Jefferson... you can also ask a volunteer to point you in the right direction.

Location:

- 3rd Street – between Market and Jefferson

Time:

- 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM