



2026 National Homeland Security Conference

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Schedule at a Glance

Monday, August 10

- 0700-1700: Registration open
- 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
- 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 12

- 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 – Churchill Downs

Thursday, August 13

- 0830-1100: Registration open
- 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!**
- 1330-1530: In-depth Discussions (concurrent offerings possible)

[See selected presentations in the “Presentations in Waiting” section](#)



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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

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



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MONDAY, AUGUST 10, 2026		
0700 – 1700	Registration Open	
0800 – 1030	<u>TESTING – IAEM AEM/CEM Exam</u>	L010-L014
0800 – 1200	SEMINAR – <u>Disaster Recovery: A Strategic Overview of the Public Assistance Process (MGT-481) – Texas A&M Engineering (TEEX)</u> . Please use this link to register: TBD	CONF. THEATER
0800 – 1200	SEMINAR – <u>Crisis Leadership (MGT-340) Texas A&M Engineering (TEEX)</u> , Please use this link to register: https://my.teex.org/TeexPortal/Default.aspx?MO=mCourseCatalog&D=FP&C=MGT340&S=293	BALLROOM B
0800 – 1300	TRAINING – <u>AEM/CEM Certification Preparatory Course</u> Registration for this class is with IAEM directly (not NHSA) at: TBD TBD	M105-M106
0800 – 1700	TRAINING – <u>Tactical Response to Suicide Bombing Incidents, Mobile (AWR-426) New Mexico Tech</u> <i>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.</i>	BALLROOM A
0800 – 1700	TRAINING – <u>Drone Assessment and Response Tactics, Mobile (AWR-407) New Mexico Tech</u>	BALLROOM C-E
0830 – 0930	<u>SESSION A – No need to preregister, eligible for “Best of Show” and “Sorry I Missed That!”</u>	
	• Active Shooter – “presentation” (#), with ; Moderator: Holly Hollingsworth	M108
	• Emerging Technologies – “presentation” (#), with ; Moderator:	M104
	• Cybersecurity – “presentation” (#), with ; Moderator: Adam Monsalvea	L005-L009
	• Fire Rescue/EMS – “presentation” (#), with ; Moderator: Robert Collins	M107
	• Mental Health – “presentation” (#), with ; Moderator: Irene Navis	M101-M102
	• Personnel, Policy, and Law – “presentation” (#), with ; Moderator: Holley Wade	M109-M110
• Public Health and Medical – “presentation” (#), with ; Moderator: Jay Rajyaguru	M111	
0900 – 1100	<u>Tour2</u> Louisville Emergency Operations Center / Real Time Crime Center, IT Cyber Maximum attendees: 50, Duration: 2-hours, Transportation: walk, Lyft, or Uber	
0900 – 1130	<u>Tour5</u> Louisville Metropolitan Police Department (LMPD) Wellness Center Maximum attendees: 30, Duration: 2 ½ hours, Transportation: walk, Lyft, or Uber	
0900 – 1200	<u>Tour1</u> Churchill Downs Maximum attendees: 30, Duration: 3-hours, Transportation: provided	
0900 – 1200	<u>Tour4</u> Louisville Zoo Maximum attendees: 30, Duration: 3-hours, Transportation: provided	
0900 – 1200	<u>Tour9</u> Metropolitan Sewer District (MSD) Flood Plan	



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	Maximum attendees: 40, Duration: 3-hours, Transportation: provided	
0900 – 1200	CLOSED MEETING: UASI POC Annual Meeting	M100
0900 – 1300	Tour10 Louisville Fire/LMPD Boat Tour <i>weather dependent</i> Maximum attendees: 30, Duration: 4-hours, Transportation: walk, Lyft, or Uber	
0900 – 1300	Tour11 Kentucky State Emergency Operations Center Maximum attendees: 30, Duration: 4-hours, Transportation: provided	
0900 – 1400	Tour3 Jim Beam Claremont and Booker Maximum attendees: 30, Duration: 5-hours, Transportation: provided	
	SESSION B – No need to preregister, eligible for “Best of Show” and “Sorry I Missed That!”	
0945 – 1045	• Active Shooter – “presentation” (#), with ; Moderator: Holly Hollingsworth	M108
	• Emerging Technologies – “presentation” (#), with ; Moderator:	M104
	• Cybersecurity – “presentation” (#), with ; Moderator: Adam Monsalvea	L005- L009
	• Fire Rescue/EMS – “presentation” (#), with ; Moderator: Robert Collins	M107
	• Mental Health – “presentation” (#), with ; Moderator: Irene Navis	M101- M102
	• Personnel, Policy, and Law – “presentation” (#), with ; Moderator: Holley Wade	M109- M110
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	SESSION C – No need to preregister, eligible for “Best of Show” and “Sorry I Missed That!”	
1100 – 1200	• Active Shooter – “presentation” (#), with ; Moderator: Holly Hollingsworth	M108
	• Emerging Technologies – “presentation” (#), with ; Moderator:	M104
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	• Fire Rescue/EMS – “presentation” (#), with ; Moderator: Robert Collins	M107
	• Grants and Program Management – “presentation” (#), with ; Moderator: Dawn Heartsong and Susan Dzbanko	M101- M102
	• Personnel, Policy, and Law – “presentation” (#), with ; Moderator: Holley Wade	M109- M110
	• Public Health and Medical – “presentation” (#), with ; Moderator: Jay Rajyaguru	M111
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 Maximum attendees: 50, Duration: 2-hours, Transportation: walk, Lyft, or Uber	
1300 – 1530	Tour5 Louisville Metropolitan Police Department (LMPD) Wellness Center Maximum attendees: 30, Duration: 2 ½ hours, Transportation: walk, Lyft, or Uber	
1300 – 1600	Tour4 Angels Envy Distillery Maximum attendees: 25, Duration: 3-hours, Transportation: walk, Lyft, or Uber	



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1300 – 1600	Tour7 Louisville International Airport Maximum attendees: 30, Duration: 3-hours, Transportation: provided	
1300 – 1600	Tour8 Rubbertown (critical infrastructure) Maximum attendees: 40, Duration: 3-hours, Transportation: provided	
1300 – 1600	Tour10 Louisville Fire/LMPD Boat Tour <i>weather dependent</i> Maximum attendees: 30, Duration: 4-hours, Transportation: walk, Lyft, or Uber	
1300 – 1600	Tour1 Churchill Downs Maximum attendees: 30, Duration: 3-hours, Transportation: provided	
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TBD	TOUR # (place holder only) <i>more tours to be added!</i>	
1330 – 1430	<p><u>SESSION D – No need to preregister, eligible for “Best of Show” and “Sorry I Missed That!”</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Active Shooter – “presentation” (#), with ; Moderator: Holly Hollingsworth • Human Trafficking – “presentation” (#), with ; Moderator: • Cybersecurity – “presentation” (#), with ; Moderator: Adam Monsalvea • Fire Rescue/EMS – “presentation” (#), with ; Moderator: Robert Collins • Mental Health – “presentation” (#), with ; Moderator: Irene Navis • Personnel, Policy, and Law – “presentation” (#), with ; Moderator: Holley Wade • Public Health and Medical – “presentation” (#), with ; Moderator: Jay Rajyaguru 	M108 M104 L005-L009 M107 M101-M102 M109-M110 M111
1445 – 1545	<p><u>SESSION E – No need to preregister, eligible for “Best of Show” and “Sorry I Missed That!”</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Active Shooter – “presentation” (#), with ; Moderator: Holly Hollingsworth • Human Trafficking – “presentation” (#), with ; Moderator: • Cybersecurity – “presentation” (#), with ; Moderator: Adam Monsalvea • Fire Rescue/EMS – “presentation” (#), with ; Moderator: Robert Collins • Mental Health – “presentation” (#), with ; Moderator: Irene Navis • Personnel, Policy, and Law – “presentation” (#), with ; Moderator: Holley Wade • Public Health and Medical – “presentation” (#), with ; Moderator: Jay Rajyaguru 	M108 M104 L005-L009 M107 M101-M102 M109-M110 M111
1600 – 1700	<p><u>SESSION F – No need to preregister, eligible for “Best of Show” and “Sorry I Missed That!”</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Active Shooter – “presentation” (#), with ; Moderator: Holly Hollingsworth • Human Trafficking – “presentation” (#), with ; Moderator: • Cybersecurity – “presentation” (#), with ; Moderator: Adam Monsalvea 	M108 M104 L005-L009



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1600 – 1800	<p><u>Tour2</u> Louisville Emergency Operations Center / Real Time Crime Center, IT Cyber Maximum attendees: 50, Duration: 2-hours, Transportation: walk, Lyft, or Uber</p>	



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LOWER CONCOURSE



Room Capacities

Space	Dimensions	Sq. Ft.	Ceiling Ht.	60" Rounds	72" Rounds	Classroom	Theater	10x10 Booths	U Shape	Hollow Square	Combined
L001	26' X 28'	696	12'	32	30	36	68	na	20	24	
L002	27' X 27'	728	12'	32	30	32	60	na	20	24	
L003	26' X 30'	700	12'	32	30	36	68	na	20	24	
L004	20' X 59'	1,244	12'	80	60	88	120	na	44	48	
L005	30' X 42'	1,260	12'	64	60	80	123	na	28	32	2,326
L009	26' X 42'	1,056	12'	64	60	72	100	na	28	32	
L006	28' X 58'	1,682	12'	80	80	96	166	na	44	48	
L007	28' X 29'	783	12'	32	40	44	70	na	20	24	1,566
L008	28' X 28'	783	12'	32	40	44	70	na	20	24	
L010	30' X 42'	1,189	12'	64	60	79	123	na	28	32	2,281
L014	26' X 42'	1,092	12'	64	60	72	100	na	28	32	
L011	28' X 28'	783	12'	32	40	44	70	na	20	24	1,623
L012	28' X 29'	840	12'	32	40	44	70	na	20	24	
L013	28' X 58'	1,456	12'	80	80	96	166	na	44	48	
L015	30' X 42'	1,189	12'	64	60	79	123	na	28	32	1,943
L019	26' X 42'	754	12'	64	60	72	100	na	28	32	
L016	28' X 57'	1,540	12'	80	80	96	166	na	44	48	
L017	28' X 28'	784	12'	32	40	44	70	na	20	24	1,568
L018	28' X 28'	784	12'	32	40	44	70	na	20	24	
L020	27' X 40'	1,107	12'	64	60	80	114	na	28	32	
L021	13' X 24'	286	12'	16	20	16	24	na	12	16	572
L022	13' X 22'	286	12'	16	20	16	24	na	12	16	
L023	17' X 35'	595	12'	24	30	40	64	na	20	24	
L024	17' X 34'	595	12'	24	30	32	51	na	20	24	
L025	21' X 29'	609	12'	40	30	32	52	na	20	24	
L026	27' X 50'	1,300	12'	80	70	87	160	na	38	42	
L027	26' X 29'	754	12'	48	30	40	68	na	20	24	
L028	29' X 27'	702	12'	32	30	32	68	na	20	24	
L029	27' X 26'	648	12'	32	30	32	60	na	20	24	
L030	26' X 29'	728	12'	40	30	32	68	na	20	24	

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MAIN CONCOURSE



Room Capacities

Space	Dimensions	Sq. Ft.	Ceiling Ht.	60" Rounds	72" Rounds	Classroom	Theater	10x10 Booths	U Shape	Hollow Square	Combined
Ballroom – All	296' x 136'	39,690	30'	2592	2200	3,200	4,900	198	na	na	39,690
Ballroom A	68' x 85'	5,360	30'	280	300	384	663	na	na	na	
Ballroom B	68' x 85'	5,460	30'	328	300	360	630	na	na	na	
Ballroom C	135' x 136'	17,952	30'	1152	1000	1,248	2,376	88	na	na	
Ballroom D	68' x 85'	5,440	30'	280	300	384	663	na	na	na	
Ballroom E	68' x 85'	5,478	30'	328	300	360	630	na	na	na	
Boardroom A	40' x 58'	2,028	12'	na	na	na	na	na	na	32	
Boardroom B	25' x 26'	625	12'	32	30	32	50	na	20	24	
Boardroom C	26' x 27'	572	12'	32	30	32	50	na	20	24	
Boardroom B-C	26' x 53'	1,197	12'	64	60	80	110	na	36	40	
M100	44' X 57'	2,464	16'	160	120	156	299	na	48	56	5,040
M103	44'x57'	2,576	16'	160	120	156	299	na	48	56	
M101	30' X 26'	870	12'	48	40	52	98	na	20	24	1,740
M102	30' X 26'	870	12'	48	40	52	98	na	20	24	
M104	44' X 57'	2,576	16'	160	120	156	299	na	48	56	5,152
M107	44' X 57'	2,576	16'	160	120	156	299	na	48	56	
M105	30'x26'	870	12'	48	40	52	98	na	20	24	1,740
M106	30'x26'	870	12'	48	40	52	98	na	20	24	
M108	44' X 57'	2,465	16'	160	120	156	299	na	48	56	4,973
M111	44' X 57'	2,508	16'	160	120	156	299	na	48	56	
M109	30' X 26'	900	12'	48	40	52	98	na	20	24	1,800
M110	30' X 26'	900	12'	48	40	52	98	na	20	24	
MT12 Conference Theater	na	4,690	na	na	na	160	na	na	na	na	
M113	30' X 25'	754	12'	48	40	44	77	na	20	24	
M114	30' X 25'	754	12'	48	40	44	77	na	20	24	
M115	30' X 25'	841	12'	48	40	44	77	na	20	24	
M116	30' X 25'	841	12'	48	40	44	77	na	20	24	

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UPPER CONCOURSE



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Space	Dimensions	Sq. Ft.	Ceiling Ht.	60" Rounds	72" Rounds	Classroom	Theater	10x10 Booths	Combined
Exhibit Hall – All Halls	384' x 502'	204,169	32'	10792	10850	13,492	19,525	1039	204,169 (includes C & E)
Exhibit Hall A	132' x 180'	27,633	32'	1280	1260	1,584	2,573	121	
Exhibit Hall B*	177' x 363'	66,063	32'	3216	3650	4,352	6,330	342	
Exhibit Hall D*	210' x 376'	80,136	32'	4032	4220	4,864	7,826	406	
Exhibit Hall C**	210' X 165'	23,240	32'	1104	1304	1,308	2,298	113	30,337
Exhibit Hall E**	132' x 45'	7,097	32'	264	270	384	649	24	

* Exhibit Halls D and B each include an Overlook Suite.

** Exhibit Hall C and E cannot be booked individually. They must be used in conjunction with another space – i.e. C/E, A/C, D/E, A/C/E.

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TUESDAY, AUGUST 11, 2026		
0800 – 1700	Registration Open	
0900 – 1900	Exhibitor Hall Open	
0900 – 1045	Opening Ceremonies: Introduction Master of Ceremonies – Presentation of Colors: Pledge of Allegiance National Anthem: Invocation: Welcome Addresses: National Homeland Security Association National Homeland Security Association President Natalie Gutierrez Closing Remarks (Master of Ceremonies)	Ballroom C-E
1045 – 1100	Break – Refreshments provided by Partner Forces	Exhibit Hall
1100 – 1200	SESSION 1 – Eligible for “Best of Show” and “Sorry I Missed That!” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Best Practices and Lessons Learned – “presentation” (#), with ; Moderator: Blake Fisher • Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and Explosive (CBRNE) – “presentation” (#), with ; Moderator: Jay Rajyaguru and Robert Collins • Combating Violent Extremism – “presentation” (#), with ; Moderator: Larry Kraus • Community Preparedness and Resilience – “presentation” (#), with ; Moderator: Elizabeth Dunn • Counterterrorism – “presentation” (#), with ; Moderators: Dr. Gina Ligon and Dr. Austin Doctor • Emergency Management – “presentation” (#), with ; Moderator: Madelyn Minner • Artificial Intelligence – “presentation” (#), with ; Moderator: Susanna Taddei • Enhancing Information and Intelligence Sharing – “presentation” (#), with ; Moderator: Siobhan Carroll • Grants and Program Management – “presentation” (#), with ; Moderator: Dawn Heartsong and Susan Dzbanko • Planning – “presentation” (#), with ; Moderator: Jennifer Schaal • Protecting Soft Targets and Critical Infrastructure – “presentation” (#), with ; Moderator: David St. Pierre • Training and Exercise – “presentation” (#), with ; Moderator: Sheryl Jardine • Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) – “presentation” (#), with ; Moderator: Dawn Heartsong and Susan Dzbanko 	M111 M104 M109- M110 M103 Ballroom B M108 M107 Conf. Theater M105- M106 L005- L009 M100 L010- L014 Ballroom A



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	<p>Sponsored Solution Track Company: Strategic Communications Presentation Speaker: Moderator: Session Title: Description:</p>	M101- M102
1200 – 1215	Break	Exhibit Hall A
1215 – 1315	Lunch (Provided)	Exhibit Hall A
1315 – 1330	Break	Exhibit Hall A
1330 – 1430	<p>SESSION 2 – Eligible for “Best of Show” and “Sorry I Missed That!”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Best Practices and Lessons Learned – “presentation” (#), with ; Moderator: Blake Fisher • Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and Explosive (CBRNE) – “presentation” (#), with ; Moderator: Jay Rajyaguru and Robert Collins • Combating Violent Extremism – “presentation” (#), with ; Moderator: Larry Kraus • Community Preparedness and Resilience – “presentation” (#), with ; Moderator: Elizabeth Dunn • Counterterrorism – “presentation” (#), with ; Moderators: Dr. Gina Ligon and Dr. Austin Doctor • Emergency Management – “presentation” (#), with ; Moderator: Madelyn Minner • Artificial Intelligence – “presentation” (#), with ; Moderator: Susanna Taddei • Enhancing Information and Intelligence Sharing – “presentation” (#), with ; Moderator: Siobhan Carroll • Grants and Program Management – “presentation” (#), with ; Moderator: Dawn Heartsong and Susan Dzbanko • Planning – “presentation” (#), with ; Moderator: Jennifer Schaal • Protecting Soft Targets and Critical Infrastructure – “presentation” (#), with ; Moderator: David St. Pierre • Training and Exercise – “presentation” (#), with ; Moderator: Sheryl Jardine • Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) – “presentation” (#), with ; Moderator: Dawn Heartsong and Susan Dzbanko <p>Sponsored Solution Track Company: Dataminr Presentation Speaker: Moderator: Session Title:</p>	<p>M111 M104 M109- M110 M103 Ballroom B M108 M107 Conf. Theater M105- M106 L005- L009 M100 L010- L014 Ballroom A M101- M102</p>



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1430 – 1445	Break – Refreshments provided by	Exhibit Hall
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1700 – 1900	Exhibitor Social	Exhibit Hall



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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12, 2026		
0800 – 1600	Registration Open	
0900 – 1500	Exhibitor Hall Open	Exhibit Hall
0900 – 1030	General Session 0900 Welcome and Opening Remarks	Ballroom C-E
1030 – 1045	Break – Refreshments provided by	Exhibit Hall
1045 – 1145	<u>SESSION 5 – Eligible for “Best of Show” and “Sorry I Missed That!”</u>	
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	• Community Preparedness and Resilience – “presentation” (#), with ; Moderator: Elizabeth Dunn	M103
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	• Grants and Program Management – “presentation” (#), with ; Moderator: Dawn Heartsong and Susan Dzbanko	M105-M106
	• Planning – “presentation” (#), with ; Moderator: Jennifer Schaal	L005-L009
	• Protecting Soft Targets and Critical Infrastructure – “presentation” (#), with ; Moderator: David St. Pierre	M100
	• Training and Exercise – “presentation” (#), with ; Moderator: Sheryl Jardine	L010-L014
	• Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) – “presentation” (#), with ; Moderator: Dawn Heartsong and Susan Dzbanko	Ballroom A
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1145 – 1200	Break	
1200 – 1300	Lunch (provided)	Exhibit Hall
1300 – 1315	Break	
1315 – 1415	SESSION 6 – <i>Not Eligible</i> for “Best of Show” and “Sorry I Missed That!”	
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1415 – 1430	Break – Refreshments provided by	Exhibit Hall
1430 – 1530	SESSION 7 – <i>Not Eligible</i> for “Best of Show” and “Sorry I Missed That!”	
	• Best Practices and Lessons Learned – “presentation” (#), with ; Moderator: Blake Fisher	M111



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1430 - 1630	DHS/FEMA Town Hall (proposed)	
1530 – 1545	Break – Refreshments provided by	Exhibit Hall
1545 – 1645	<p>SESSION 8 – <i>Not Eligible</i> for “Best of Show” and “Sorry I Missed That!”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Best Practices and Lessons Learned – “presentation” (#), with ; Moderator: Blake Fisher • Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and Explosive (CBRNE) – “presentation” (#), with ; Moderator: Jay Rajyaguru and Robert Collins • Combating Violent Extremism – “presentation” (#), with ; Moderator: Larry Kraus • Community Preparedness and Resilience – “presentation” (#), with ; Moderator: Elizabeth Dunn 	M111 M104 M109-M110 M103



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	<p>Sponsored Solution Track Company: FirstNet, Built with AT&T Presentation Speakers: Matt Barstow, Don Denning, and Rich Fiske Moderator: 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.</p>	M101-M102
1830 – 2130	Host Social – Churchill Downs – buses provided	

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	THURSDAY, AUGUST 13, 2026	
0830 – 1100	Registration Open	



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0900 – 1100	General Session 0900 Welcome and Opening Remarks Closing Ceremonies Introduction to In-depth Discussion	
1100 – 1115	Break	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) <i>“Best of Show” and “Sorry I Missed That!” winners will be posted on the app after Session 8 and announced at the Host Social</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Best of Show” presentation #1 TBD, Moderator: TBD • “Best of Show” presentation #2 TBD, Moderator: TBD • “Best of Show” presentation #3 TBD, Moderator: TBD • “Best of Show” presentation #4 TBD, Moderator: TBD • “Best of Show” presentation #5 TBD, Moderator: TBD • “Sorry I Missed That!” presentation #1 TBD, Moderator: TBD • “Sorry I Missed That!” presentation #2 TBD, Moderator: TBD • “Sorry I Missed That!” presentation #3 TBD, Moderator: TBD • “Sorry I Missed That!” presentation #4 TBD, Moderator: TBD • “Sorry I Missed That!” presentation #5 TBD, Moderator: TBD 	146 A 146 C 143 AB 145 A 147 B 146 B 144 AB 145 B 147 A 149 AB
1215 – 1330	Lunch on your own (not provided)	
1300 – 1500	Tour2 Louisville Emergency Operations Center / Real Time Crime Center, IT Cyber Maximum attendees: 50, Duration: 2-hours, Transportation: walk, Lyft, or Uber	
1300 – 1530	Tour5 Louisville Metropolitan Police Department (LMPD) Wellness Center Maximum attendees: 30, Duration: 2 ½ hours, Transportation: walk, Lyft, or Uber	
1300 – 1600	Tour1 Churchill Downs Maximum attendees: 30, Duration: 3-hours, Transportation: provided	
1330 – 1530	In-depth Discussion: UPS Plane Crash	
TBD	TOUR # (place holder only) More tours to be added!	



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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 – *This is just the beginning, more tours to be added soon!*

Tour #1: Churchill Downs



Maximum Attendees: 30 per tour

Check-In Location: **TBD**

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.



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



Maximum Attendees: 50 per tour

Check-In Location: **TBD**

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



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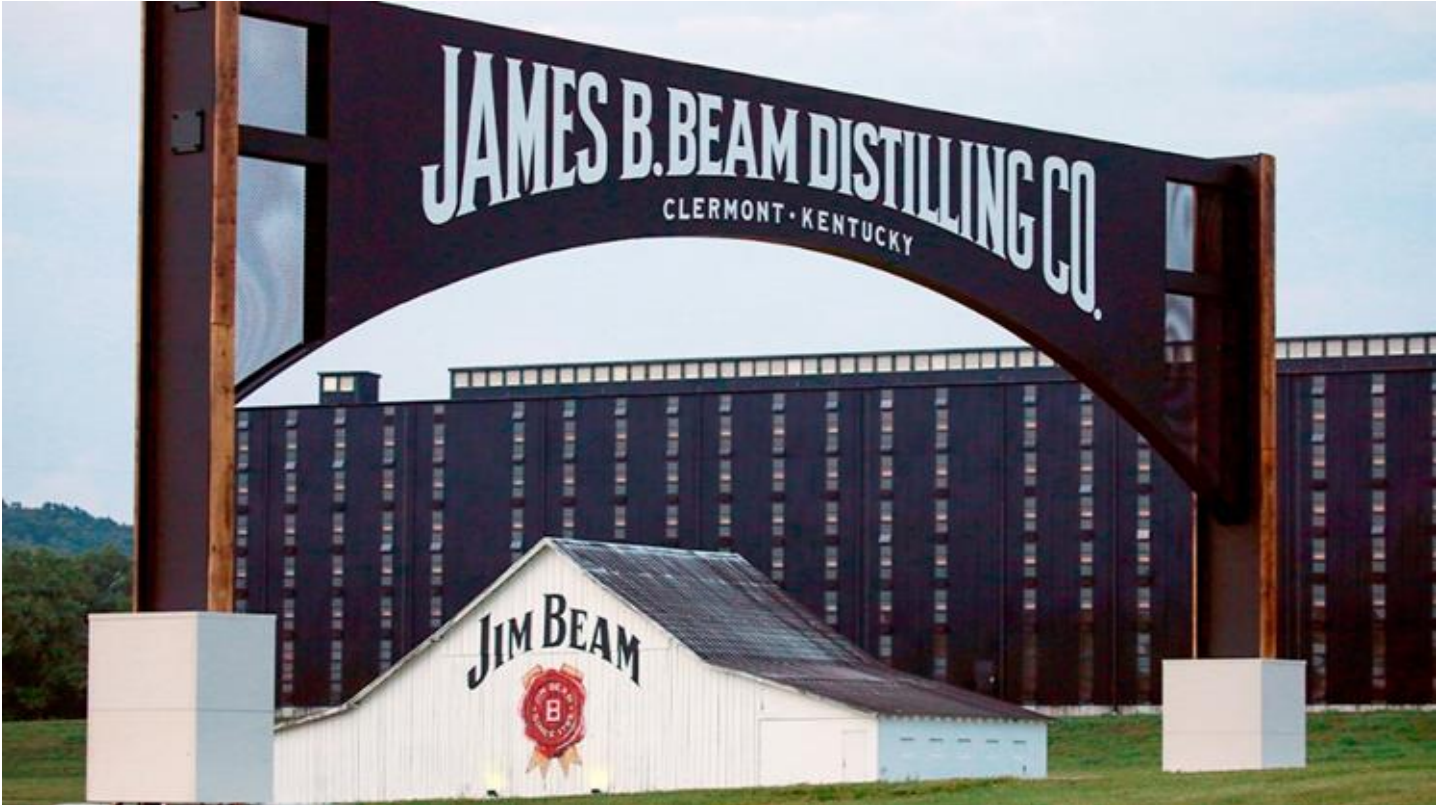
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Tour #3: Jim Beam Claremont and Booker



Maximum Attendees: 30 (one tour)

Check-In Location: TBD

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.



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Tour #4: Angels Envy Distillery



Maximum Attendees: 25 (one tour)

Check-In Location: **TBD**

Start Time: Monday 9:00 AM

Duration: 3 hours (including walking time)

Transportation Provided: No, the location is within walking distance from the Convention Center (**0.0** miles away)

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.



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



Maximum Attendees: 30 per tour

Check-In Location: **TBD**

Start Times: Monday 9:00 AM and 1:30 PM; Thursday: 1:00 PM

Duration: 2 ½ hours (including walking time)

Transportation Provided: No, the location is within walking distance from the Convention Center (**0.0** miles away)

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.



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Tour #6: Louisville Zoo



Maximum Attendees: 30 per tour (one tour Monday, one *tentative* tour Thursday)

Check-In Location: **TBD**

Departure Time(s): Monday 9:00 AM, *Thursday (tentative)*

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.



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Tour #7: Louisville International Airport



Maximum Attendees: 30 people (one tour)

Check-In Location: **TBD**

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.



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Tour #8: Rubbertown (critical infrastructure)



Maximum Attendees: 40 (one tour)

Check-In Location: **TBD**

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.



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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: **TBD**

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.

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Tour #10: Louisville Fire/LMPD Boat Tour



Maximum Attendees: 30 per tour

Check-In Location: **TBD**

Start Time(s): Monday 9:00 AM and 1:00 PM: **Thursday 1:00 PM tentative**

Duration: 3 hours (including walking time)

Transportation Provided: No, the location is within walking distance from the Convention Center (**0.0** miles away)

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

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Tour #11: Kentucky State Emergency Operations Center



Maximum Attendees: 30

Check-In Location: TBD

Departure Time: Monday: 9:00 AM

Duration: 4 hours (including transit time)

Transportation Provided: Yes, one-hour drive to and from

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.



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MONDAY'S TRAININGS AND SEMINARS

TRAINING & 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 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 :TBD; to finalize their registration. The 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 discussions 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.



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

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



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SEMINAR – CRISIS LEADERSHIP (MGT-340) TEE X

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



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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



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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, identify, 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 Aircraft Systems (UAS) activity.
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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).

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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 – 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

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- 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 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.



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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)



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PRESENTATIONS IN WAITING –

Note: Presentations in **green** have been accepted and will be moved to a session soon! The Host City has the option to present on each track, hence the placeholder for Louisville on each track. Presentations in **orange** have been selected as alternate presentations.

Active Shooter – “presentation” (placeholder for Louisville), with ; Moderator: Holly Hollingsworth

Active Shooter – “Responding to an Actual Violent Crisis” (10), with Trent Lovett; Moderator: Holly Hollingsworth

Active Shooter – “The Missing Conversation: Disability Inclusion in Active Shooter Preparedness and Response” (19), with Kelly Boyd and Adrienne Robertiello; Moderator: Holly Hollingsworth

Active Shooter – “Rethinking the Active Shooter Response” (88), with Tim Beeler, Eric Ballard, Aaron Hernandez, and Harris Henbest; Moderator: Holly Hollingsworth

Active Shooter – “presentation” (#), with ; Moderator: Holly Hollingsworth

Active Shooter – “presentation” (#), with ; Moderator: Holly Hollingsworth

Artificial Intelligence – “presentation” (placeholder for Louisville), with ; Moderator: Susanna Taddei

Artificial Intelligence – “The Use of AI in Anomaly Detection” (82), with Jeni Best and Amy Hatfield; Moderator: Susanna Taddei

Artificial Intelligence – “Impact of AI Generated Media on Homeland Security” (15), with Brandon Amacher; Moderator: Susanna Taddei

Artificial Intelligence – “presentation” (#), with ; Moderator: Susanna Taddei

Artificial Intelligence – “presentation” (#), with ; Moderator: Susanna Taddei

Artificial Intelligence – “presentation” (#), with ; Moderator: Susanna Taddei

Best Practices and Lessons Learned – “presentation” (placeholder for Louisville), with ; Moderator: Blake Fisher

Best Practices and Lessons Learned – “Crisis Leadership and Building Resiliency” (72), with Rob Reardon; Moderator: Blake Fisher

Best Practices and Lessons Learned – “presentation” (#), with ; Moderator: Blake Fisher

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Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and Explosive (CBRNE) – “presentation” (Louisville), with ; Moderator: Jay Rajyaguru or Robert Collins

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 or Robert Collins

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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 or Robert Collins

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 or Robert Collins

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 or Robert Collins *Note: This may be moved to the Public Health and Medical Track*

Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and Explosive (CBRNE) – “presentation” (#), with ; Moderator: Jay Rajyaguru or Robert Collins

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Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and Explosive (CBRNE) – “presentation” (#), with ; Moderator: Jay Rajyaguru or Robert Collins

Combating Violent Extremism – “presentation” (placeholder for Louisville), with ; Moderator: Larry Kraus

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

Combating Violent Extremism – “The Digital Pathway to Violence: From True Crime Obsession to Domestic Terrorism” (47), with Jeffrey Irwin; Moderator: Larry Kraus

Combating Violent Extremism – “Threat Management -The Palm Beach County Task Force Model” (17), with Randy Foley; Moderator: Larry Kraus

Combating Violent Extremism – “presentation” (#), with ; Moderator: Larry Kraus

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Community Preparedness and Resilience – “presentation” (placeholder for Louisville), with ; Moderator: Elizabeth Dunn

Community Preparedness and Resilience – “Prepare Today, Ready Tomorrow: Enhancing Community Resilience in North Central Texas” (60), with Justin Cox and Taylor Conti; Moderator: Elizabeth Dunn

Community Preparedness and Resilience – “Partnerships: Do We Really Need Them?” (77), with Jodi Carl; Moderator: Elizabeth Dunn

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: Elizabeth Dunn

Community Preparedness and Resilience – “presentation” (#), with ; Moderator: Elizabeth Dunn

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Counterterrorism – “presentation” (placeholder for Louisville), with ; Moderators: Dr. Gina Ligon and Dr. Austin Doctor

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Cybersecurity – “presentation” (placeholder for Louisville), with ; Moderator: Adam Monsalvea

Cybersecurity – “The Power of Partnerships: Lessons from a Citywide Cyber Incident” (40), with Jaime Wascalus and Rick Schute; Moderator: Adam Monsalvea

Cybersecurity – “Kansas Cyber Response Framework and Technology and Cyber Resilience Program” (7), with Eric Tolbert; Moderator: Adam Monsalvea

Cybersecurity – “presentation” (#), with ; Moderator: Adam Monsalvea

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Emergency Management – “presentation” (placeholder for Louisville), with ; Moderator: Madelyn Minner

Emergency Management – “Language as Lifeline: Advancing Whole-Community Emergency Management Through Technology, Outreach, and Funding Innovation” (55), with Christophe Arnold; Moderator: Madelyn Minner

Emergency Management – “Emergency Operations Center Data Collection and Reporting” (69), with Christen Swayer and Doug Potter; Moderator: Madelyn Minner

Emergency Management – “Access and Functional Needs Data: Because "Guessing" Isn't an Emergency Plan” (58), with Sadie Martinez; Moderator: Madelyn Minner

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

Emergency Management – “EM's helping EM's: The Free and Formal Way” (23), with Lauren Sanchez, Elliott Reep, and Donna Insixiengmay; Moderator: Madelyn Minner

Emergency Management – “Effective EOC Leadership and Management” (3), with Ted Halpin; Moderator: Madelyn Minner

Emergency Management – “presentation” (#), with ; Moderator: Madelyn Minner



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Emergency Management – “From Chaos to Clarity - Crisis Management at a State Agency” (31), with Michelle Lakso; Moderator: Madelyn Minner

Emerging Technologies – “presentation” (placeholder for Louisville), with ; Moderator:

Emerging Technologies – “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:

Emerging Technologies – “presentation” (#), with ; Moderator:

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Enhancing Information and Intelligence Sharing – “presentation” (placeholder for Louisville), with ; Moderator: Siobhan Carroll

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Fire Rescue/EMS – “presentation” (placeholder for Louisville), with ; Moderator: Robert Collins

Fire Rescue/EMS – “Seconds from Chaos: Bomb Threat and Suspicious Package Response for First Responders” (50), with Adam McFadden and ; Moderator: Robert Collins

Fire Rescue/EMS – “Tesla Terrorism: Responding to Intentionally Set Fires Involving Electric Vehicles and Lithium-Ion Batteries” (51), with Adam McFadden and ; Moderator: Robert Collins

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

Fire Rescue/EMS – “The Calls We Carry” (76), with Jonathan Schultz, Miranda Hayes, and Jennifer Schultz; Moderator: Robert Collins

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

Grants and Program Management – “presentation” (placeholder for Louisville), with ; Moderators: Dawn Heartsong and Susan Dzbanko

Grants and Program Management – “Bridging the Grants - Connecting Homeland Security with Cybersecurity” (89), with Ian Alexander; Moderators: Dawn Heartsong and Susan Dzbanko



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Human Trafficking – “presentation” (placeholder for Louisville), with ; Moderator: TBD

Human Trafficking – “Intelligence, Enforcement, Prevention: A Unified Approach to Combatting Human Trafficking” (9), with Tiffany Parker; Moderator: TBD

Human Trafficking – “Honoring Nada Fronk: A Native Fathers Experience with his Missing and Murdered Indigenous Daughter” (81), with Monte Awan Fronk; Moderator: TBD

Human Trafficking – “presentation”, with ; Moderator: TBD

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Mental Health – “presentation” (placeholder for Louisville), with ; Moderator: Irene Navis

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Personnel, Policy, and Law – “presentation” (placeholder for Louisville), with ; Moderator: Holley Wade

Personnel, Policy, and Law – “Leadership through Scar Tissue” (25), with Todd K. Baxter and Kim Butler; Moderator: Holley Wade

Personnel, Policy, and Law – “Building the Next Generation of Police Leadership: A Case Study from Metropolitan Nashville” (79), with Sam McGhee, Jennifer Wilmoth, Halim Genus, and Josh Blaisdell; Moderator: Holley Wade

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Planning – “The Missing Piece in Soft Target Security: Pediatric Preparedness for Crowded Places” (93), with Abby Bailey; Moderator: Jennifer Schaal

Planning – “The Independence Mandate: Emergency Management Adaptation to a Changing Threat Landscape” (29), with Meredith Albert; Moderator: Jennifer Schaal



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Planning – “Managing the Aftermath of an Active Shooter Incident” (35), with JP Moore and Scott Gauvin; Moderator: Jennifer Schaal

Planning – “Drawing the Line: Preserving the First Amendment While Deterring Protest-Driven Crime” (46), with Ryan Dwyer; Moderator: Jennifer Schaal

Planning – “From Planning Assumptions to Operational Reality: A 23-Day World Cup Fan Fest Case Study. A Comparative Analysis of Threat Models, Staffing Assumptions, and Operational Tempo Versus Actual Conditions Encountered” (41), with Robert Hevia and Alejandro R. Fernandez; Moderator: Jennifer Schaal

Planning – “presentation” (5), with ; Moderator: Jennifer Schaal

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Planning – “presentation” (#), with ; Moderator: Jennifer Schaal

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Protecting Soft Targets and Critical Infrastructure – “presentation” (placeholder for Louisville), with ; Moderator: David St. Pierre

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Public Health and Medical – “presentation” (placeholder for Louisville), with ; Moderator: Jay Rajyaguru

Public Health and Medical – “Kaleida Health's Response and Recovery to the 2022 Blizzard” (27), with Ryan Hejmanowski and William Peterson; Moderator: Jay Rajyaguru

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

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Training and Exercise – “presentation” (placeholder for Louisville), with ; Moderator: Sheryl Jardine

Training and Exercise – “Pack the House! - Using Volunteers to Maximize Simulation for Full Scale Exercises” (1), with Ashton Anderson; Moderator: Sheryl Jardine

Training and Exercise – “From Blue Guns to Extended Reality: Leveraging Partnerships and Technology to Transform New York City Subway Active Threat Training” (57), with Jonathan Bobin, Tsz (Patrick) Kwan, Michelle Gorman, and Vladimir Boguslavskiy; Moderator: Sheryl Jardine *This presentation is restricted to Law Enforcement personnel only*



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Training and Exercise – “Soft Target Security: A Scalable, HSEEP -Aligned Micro-Exercise Kit with Generative AI Injects” (85), with Cihan Aydiner and Raymond Mejia; Moderator: Sheryl Jardine

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