2027 National Homeland Security Conference

Baltimore, Maryland

Call for Presentations - Instructions

The National Homeland Security Association (NHSA) is accepting presentation proposals for the 2027 National Homeland Security Conference (NHSC) to be held in Baltimore, MD, July 26th – 29th. Suggestions for industry topics include: Cybersecurity, Fusion Centers, Law Enforcement, Homeland Security, Findings from After-Action Reports, Case Studies, Active Shooter, Emergency Management, Fire Rescue and Emergency Response, Mental Health, Personnel Recruitment and Retainment, Policy and Law; Best Practices and Lessons Learned, Counterterrorism, Grants and Program Management, Planning, Protecting Critical Infrastructure and Communities, Public Health, Training and Exercise, Human Trafficking, Emerging Technologies such as AI, Drones, and Counter Drone Activities; Whole Community Engagement, Port and Transit Security, Protecting Schools and Faith-based Organizations, Intelligence and Information Sharing, and Countering Violent Extremism.

Length of Session

Sessions are for **one** (1) hour and may be on Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday, with the possibility of an encore presentation on Thursday (see "Best of Show" and "Sorry I Missed That!" below**)**. Please be sure to state this request in your proposal. Unless otherwise noted, your presentation will be considered for a one-hour session.

Selection Process

NHSA will review all submissions and determine eligibility as well as topic relevance, timeliness of content, and instructor qualifications. Eligible presentation proposals will be given a primary, secondary, and tertiary track placement and the track leads will make the final selection. Proposals that do not align with any one track but offer a valuable contribution to our attendees, may be offered an opportunity to present as a "Pop-up Track" presentation to fill last-minute voids in the program. Proposals that would interest the majority of conference attendees may be considered for one of the General Sessions. Preference will be given to one proposal per track from the host urban area, but all submission requirements and deadlines must still be met.

Room Setup and Equipment

Each room will be set up theatre style and will consist of a laptop, podium, projector, and screen. ***Internet access/Wi-Fi will not be available***; therefore, it is important that candidates bring a flash/thumb drive loaded with their presentation as a backup.

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Benefits of Presenting

Presenters will be able to offer their presentations to hundreds of attendees comprised of local, state, and federal agencies and partners.

Non-Commercial Nature of Sessions Policy

The breakout sessions are designed for peer-to-peer learning and development. Under no circumstances are presentations to be used as a place for direct promotion of a speaker's product(s) or service(s). Commercial presentations opportunities are available, see Sponsored Solutions Track, below.

Submission Instructions

The Proposal form can be found at https://www.nationalhomelandsecurity.org/events/2027-presentation as well as instructions to upload your draft PowerPoint presentation. ***A draft PowerPoint Presentation must accompany your proposal to be considered.***

Submission of the proposal does not guarantee selection for the 2027 National Homeland Security Conference, nor if selected, does it guarantee an audience. Up to twelve sessions will be presenting at one time, it is up to the presenter to make their presentation topic, title, and synopsis interesting to attract the largest audience. You may also want to find creative ways to market your presentation.

All presenters are individually responsible for their own travel, registration, transportation, parking, lodging and meal costs (lunch is included for the single day or full registration on Tuesday or Wednesday).

Sponsored Solutions Track

If a private sector organization is interested in promoting their product or service, we do offer a limited number of Sponsored Solutions Track sessions. The Sponsored Solutions Track lets the attendee know up front that they will be attending an "infomercial" rather than a peer-to-peer presentation.

If your company would like to purchase a session on the Sponsored Solutions Track, please contact Carol Tagliagerri directly by email at carol@asmii.net. Please do not use the "Call for Presentations" submission form on our website. Submissions from private sector organizations will be rejected, unless they include co-presenters from a public or non-profit organization.

Selection

Presenters will be selected in a phased approach. Beginning February 15th, all proposals along with the accompanying PowerPoint, bios, and optional head shot(s) will be reviewed by the National Homeland Security Association Vice-President. The Vice-President will determine the tracks and on which day or days they will be offered. The peer-to-peer proposals drive the tracks offered for the conference. Qualified proposals will be divided into primary, secondary, and tertiary tracks by March 15th, and given to the respective track leaders to make their preliminary selection and notification by May 15th. Once a presenter and all co-presenters are registered and they have turned in their final PowerPoint, they may select an open session from the ones remaining. If all sessions have been filled by the time one completes these tasks, they will be considered as an alternate. ***Due to the nature of our professions, on average one presenter per track declines after being selected; therefore, do not be discouraged if you are initially considered as an alternate.***

Registration

Candidates must be registered for the conference within two weeks of notification of selection, or by, Tuesday, June 1sr whichever is sooner. Candidates are encouraged to do so as early as possible since registration is a prerequisite to final selection.

Timeline

Time is of the essence. Many of our peers cannot register for the conference until a presentation schedule is available. Therefore, please be sure you can adhere to the following timeline before committing to present.

November 10th, 2026 – February 14th, 2027 11:59 PM Eastern Standard Time (EST) - Call for Presentations – to include ***all*** presenter's bios ***and a draft PowerPoint presentation. Proposals that are late or incomplete will not be accepted.*** *Candidate photos are optional, but if presenter(s) wants to provide, it is also due at time of submission.* ***Submission tip: Don't sit home alone on Valentines night completing your submission. Get it done early!***

April 15th – May 15th, 2027 – Candidates for presentation are notified

> *Notification of candidacy to present does not guarantee a session – sessions are selected once a candidate's final PowerPoint presentation is approved, and they have registered on or before July 1st.*

June 1st, 2027 – Final day for candidates to register for the conference.

June 15th , 2027 – Final day for candidates to submit final presentation.