2023 National Homeland Security Association
Hyatt Regency Chicago – 151 E Wacker Dr, Chicago IL 60601
Conference Agenda

Schedule at a Glance

Monday, July 24
- 0700-1700: Registration open
- 1200-1300: Lunch on your own
- Various times:
  - Conference Workshops & Sessions (requires registration)
  - General Local Tours (requires registration)

Tuesday, July 25
- 0800-1700: Registration open
- 0900-1045: Opening Ceremonies and Remarks
- 1100-1200: Session 1
- 1215-1315: Lunch provided
- 1330-1430: Session 2
- 1445-1545: Session 3
- 1600-1700: Session 4

Wednesday, July 26
- 0800-1630: Registration open
- 0830-1030: General Session Cybersecurity and Protecting Critical Infrastructure
- 1000-1700: Exhibition Hall open
- 1045-1145: Session 5
- 1200-1300: Lunch provided
- 1200-1500: Chicago Equipment Display
- 1315-1430: Chicago Urban Area Demonstration
- 1445-1545: Session 6
- 1600-1700: Session 7
- 1800-2100: Host Social at the Navy Pier (Navy Pier will have fireworks following the social)

Thursday, July 27
- 0830-1100: Registration open
- 0900-1045: In-depth Discussion – Combating Violent Extremism
- 1045-1100: Closing Ceremony
- 1000-1300: Exhibition Hall open
- 1115-1215: “Best of Show” presentations
- Lunch on your own (not provided)
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Welcome to Chicago!

On behalf of the National Homeland Security Association Board and myself, Jonathan Schultz, Board President, Welcome to Chicago!! We are so excited to be here in Chicago with you this week. I am glad you’re here with us as a part of what will be our best and most memorable and informative conference yet. We’ve packed this week with all kinds of trainings and activities and I know that this would not be successful without all the Chicago team’s hard-work, expertise and commitment to Homeland Security and providing a memorable experience for all.

Protecting the American way of life is a heavy lift, the experience you’ll be participating in this week will be a journey that, although may be busy at times, will be one that will be fulfilling and educational for you and all your fellow attendees. I promise, what you will be learning and participating in this week will make a difference in better preparing our great Country for not only now but the future. Not everyone will say thank you for what you do for our great nation, but what you do is appreciated by not only myself but the entire NHSA Board and the Chicago team. Thank you again for attending the National Homeland Security Conference here in Chicago and making all our communities a better place.

Thank You,

Jonathan Schultz, Board President
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<td><strong>TRAINING &amp; TESTING – AEM/CEM Certification Preparatory Course</strong> (Registration for this class is with IAEM directly at: <a href="https://www.iaem.org/certification/getting-started/prep-course-exam-dates">https://www.iaem.org/certification/getting-started/prep-course-exam-dates</a>, not NHSA <em>Note: registration closed.</em> Details on page 35</td>
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<td><strong>TOUR 7 – City of Chicago, Department of Water Management: Jardine Water Purification Plant</strong> <em>This tour is full.</em> Notes: Background checks will be conducted on ALL registered tour attendees. Photos or video will NOT be allowed during the tour. Details on page 27-28</td>
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<td><strong>TOUR 6 – Chicago Union Station Safety and Security Tour</strong> <em>This tour is full.</em> Notes: The facility is accessible but some portions of the tour may have limited ADA accessibility. Each tour expected to last one hour. Note: Meeting location is inside Union Station at the Burlington Room, which is within the Great Hall, northwest corner of Union Station. Details on page 26-27</td>
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<td><strong>LUNCH AND LEARN – PANEL DISCUSSION: “Developing an Ops Centers for Effective Intelligence Sharing”, with Dustin Bihlhouse, Haivison; Kristen Ziman, Chief of Police (Ret), City of Aurora, IL; Darin Hull, Captain, Cobb County, GA PD; Sean Arthur, Lieutenant (ret.), Collier County Sheriff’s Office, FL; and John Watson, Captain (ret.), West Lafayette, IN PD. Lunch provided by AVP Channel Partnerships &amp; Business Development, Public Safety. Note: Since lunch is provided based on the number of those registered, please be courteous and don’t be a “no show”.  This session is full.</strong></td>
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<td><strong>TOUR 4 – Cook County Department of Emergency Management and Regional Security (DEMRS), Oak Forest, IL</strong> <em>This tour is full.</em>  Notes: The facility is ADA accessible. Advance notice is required to arrange appropriate transportation. Cook County government has advised that only employees of government agencies, academic institutions, and nonprofits be allowed on this tour. Background checks will be conducted on attendees and names, DOB, and employer or organization name is required by them 14 days in advance for US citizens and 30 days in advance for foreign nationals. ID’s will be checked and verified before permission onto the facility grounds. Details on page 24-25</td>
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<td><strong>TOUR 3</strong> Tour of the City of Chicago Office of Emergency Management and Communications (OEMC) Center including the 911 Operations Center and the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) and the Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) Control Center <strong>This tour is full</strong> Notes: OEMC is 100% ADA compliant. Since OEMC and the CTA Control Center are secure government facilities, background checks will be conducted on ALL registered tour attendees. Names, DOB, and employer or organization name is required by them 14 days in advance for US citizens and 30 days in advance for foreign nationals. Details on page 23-24</td>
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<td><strong>PRESENTATION — Active Threat Response - The Importance of Effective Unified Command and Rapid Deployment of Rescue Task Force (RTF) Crews</strong>, presented by Michael Flaherty, Deputy Chief of Medical Operations – Arlington (Texas) Fire Department, Details on page 38</td>
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<td><strong>WORKSHOP — FEMA Published New NIMS Information and Communications Technology (ICT) Functional Guidance: What’s Next?,</strong> presented by Wes Rogers, Management &amp; Program Analyst for the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Cyber Security and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA), Emergency Communications Division (ECD) and Dan Wills, Department of Homeland Security’s Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) Details on page 38</td>
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#### CASE STUDY – Jason Muzzicato - New Mexico Tech.
This study examines the case of Jason Muzzicato, who used an Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS) or drone to harass his ex-girlfriend, her relatives, and the community. Details on page 41

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#### BENCHMARKING – Preparedness Grants Meet Up for State Administrative Agencies Representatives

**1500 – 1700**  
**BALLROOM B**

#### SEMINAR – A View of Human Trafficking from Both Sides of the Cell;
Looking at human trafficking from the eyes of the victim, the pimp, the arresting officer and the guards who look away; Alicia Tappan – Human Trafficking Survivor/Leader and Executive Director of The Secret Place, Krista Hoffman – Homeland Security Exercise Program Manager, and Tiffany Parker – Human Trafficking Survivor/Leader and Director of Emergency Management for the University of Texas at Dallas; Details on page 40

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**1900 – 2030**  
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*Note: Tour numbering based upon when the details of each became available*

The 2023 National Homeland Security Conference will be offering an opportunity to catch the “Best of Show”. Presentations will be ranked as “Best of Show” by you and your peers, using the NHSC app during the conference. You will have the opportunity to rate the presentations you attend. The top five, regardless of track, will be invited to return for an encore presentation on Thursday, July 27th, from 11:00 to 12:00. Final presentation selection is also subject to the presenter’s availability. Those presentations not available to present in “Best of Show” are shown in *italics*.  
*Note: Monday’s sessions will not be part of “Best of Show” since they tend to be of a longer duration than the sessions on Tuesday and Wednesday.*
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<td><strong>Opening Ceremonies</strong>&lt;br&gt;Color Guard&lt;br&gt;Opening Remarks – NHSA President Jonathan Schultz&lt;br&gt;Welcome Address – Chicago Mayor Brandon Johnson&lt;br&gt;Distinguished Guests Details on page 42</td>
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| 1100 – 1200 | **Session 1:** *Note* – “*Italics*” indicates they are not a “Best of Show” candidate<br><br>- **Best Practices and Lessons Learned** – “Atmospheric Rivers, Bomb Cyclone Storms, and Partnerships for Response”, with Corinne Bartshire, Kim Bowman, David Reid, Brian Garcia, and Michelle Durand; Moderator: Krista Ditoro<br>- **Combating Violent Extremism** – “Radicalization, Mobilization, and the Pathways to Extremist Violence Project”, with Kristy Campbell and Lauren Eason; Moderator: Larry Kraus<br>- **Community Preparedness and Resilience** – “Who’s the Help, Before Help Arrives?”, with Kaila M. Lariviere and Matthew Ladniak; Moderator: Elizabeth Dunn<br>- **Counterterrorism** – “Looking Back to See Ahead”, with Dr. Kirk Yeager; Moderator: Jason Stewart<br>- **Cybersecurity** – “Cybersecurity Threats to Public Safety Drone Programs”, with Adam Monsalve and Megan Knodell; Moderator: Dawn Thomas<br>- **Enhancing Information and Intelligence Sharing** – “Mass Transit, First Responders, and Fusion Center Partnerships for Enhancement of Information and Intelligence Sharing”, with Harlow Church, Yuki Cruz, and Amy Parish; Moderator: Holley Wade<br>- **Grants and Program Management** – “Common Concerns and Problems an SAA vs Subrecipient Perspective Colorado’s DHSEM/Tampa, FL UASI”, with Justine Willman, Deirdre Joseph, and TobieLeigh Gallegos; Moderators: Lin Bonesteel and Mark Silveira<br>- **Personnel, Policy, and Mental Health** – “Harnessing Perspectives in Heart-Brain Research to Drive Performance and Well Being among First Responders”, with Sam McGhee, James Miles, and Matt Kenny; Moderator: Michelle Carnahan<br>- **Planning** – “Strategic Response Theory: Moving Beyond Assumption-Based Planning for Critical Incident Preparedness and Response”, with Charles W. Chapman; Moderator: Jennifer Schaal<br>- **Protecting Critical Infrastructure and Communities** – “Preparing for Electric Grid Fragility - A Summit”, with Michael Lambert; Moderator: Jorge Torres | GRAND BALLROOM A<br>GRAND BALLROOM CDEF<br>GRAND HALL MN<br>GRAND HALL I<br>GRAND HALL L<br>GRAND HALL K<br>GRAND BALLROOM B<br>RANDOLPH 1AB<br>GRAND HALL GH<br>GRAND HALL J
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#### Public Health
- “The New York City Pediatric Disaster Coalition Pediatric Intensive-Care Response Team (PIRT)”, with John Jermyn; Moderator: Jay Rajyaguru

#### Training and Exercise
- “Preparing, Not Scaring, K-12 Schools”, with Roy Anderson; Moderator: Sheryl Jardine

#### Sponsored Solution Track
- Company: Drift Net Securities (Platinum Sponsor)  
- Presentation Speaker: James Dunleavy  
- Session Title: Preparing for a Crisis through Option Based Training  
- Session Description: In this presentation we will discuss the importance of training staff to respond during a crisis. Changing the way schools are currently training for a crisis. How to force staff to make decisions during drills and exercises. Discussing what actually occurs during a crisis and what that means for a training curriculum. The importance of a comprehensive safety plan and how that becomes part of a successful preparedness piece.

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<td><strong>Counterterrorism</strong> – “Coordinating the Homeland Security System with the Organizational Brain Model”, with Dr. Mustafa Ozguler; Moderator: Jason Stewart</td>
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<td><strong>Cybersecurity</strong> – “Emergency Management’s Role in Cybersecurity: How Charlotte-Mecklenburg has utilized a Cybersecurity Planner”, with Chelsea Helton, Robert Graham, and Hannah Brown; Moderator: Dawn Thomas</td>
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**Sponsored Solution Track**
Company: Interagency Modeling and Atmospheric Assessment Center (Exhibitor)
Presentation Speaker: Dugger Camp, IMAAC Program Manager, FEMA
Session Title: FREE CBRNE Preparedness and Response Support: Engaging the Interagency Modeling and Atmospheric Assessment Center (IMAAC)
Session Description: During this session, participants will learn about the basics of IMAAC - what it is, what its capabilities are, how it can be activated, and how users benefit from engaging IMAAC. In addition, recent updates on IMAAC will be provided, including the creation of an IMAAC portal in CBRNResponder and the release of several IMAAC videos on FEMA's YouTube channel. Following the presentation, participants will have a strong understanding of how IMAAC can be engaged to support planning, training, exercises, and real-world responses for HAZMAT and CBRNE incidents.
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- **Personnel, Policy, and Mental Health** – “The Use of Risk Assessment Models to Reduce the Threat of Officer Injury During Response”, with Dr. Brittany Cunningham, Dr. Vincent Bauer, Tom Woodmansee, and Ben Carleton; Moderator: Michelle Carnahan
- **Planning** – “Regional Terrorism Response Planning, Coordination, and Collaboration”, with Edward J Meiman III and Clay Pacheco; Moderator: Jennifer Schaal
- **Protecting Critical Infrastructure and Communities** – “Vulnerabilities to Food Security: Impacts on Military Readiness and National Security”, with Deanna C. Milonas; Moderator: Jorge Torres
- **Public Health** – “Increasing National Security by Advancing Our Nation’s Medical Surge System During a Large-scale Conflict or Disaster”, with Michelle Kimball; Moderator: Jay Rajyaguru
- **Training and Exercise** – “Texas Mass Casualty Attack Response Workshop Series: Concept and Lessons Learned”, with Brandon Gentry; Moderator: Sheryl Jardine

**Sponsored Solution Track**
Company: Qualtrics (Exhibitor)
Presentation Speakers: Kevin Maslyn and Sha’Reff Rashad
Session Title: The Impact of Frontline Feedback: How DHS leverages technology to capture, analyze, and act upon frontline feedback to improve Employee Resilience & Well-Being.
Session Description: There is no question that Employee Resilience, Well-Being, and Suicide Prevention sit firmly amongst DHS’s top priorities. However, department size, complex makeup, and existing stigmas around mental health and well-being are all hurdles that have proven difficult to overcome. In this session, we’ll detail how advancements in cloud-based employee listening solutions are revolutionizing organization’s abilities to listen to employee feedback at scale, automatically analyze the data to identify wellness drivers, and prioritize resources for action... all in real time! We’ll also provide details around Qualtrics’s current DHS footprint and how we’re already seeing results.
• **Combating Violent Extremism** – “Joint Counterterrorism Assessment Team (JCAT)”, with Phil Clark, Siobhan Carroll, Lauren Knapp, and Larry Kraus; Moderator: Larry Kraus

• **Community Preparedness and Resilience** – “CERT: The Secret Weapon To Community Resilience”, with Phillip Mason, Trish Billings, Richard Frizelis, and Dan Martin; Moderator: Elizabeth Dunn

• **Counterterrorism** – “Engaging Businesses, Infrastructure Partners, and Public Gathering Venues to Enhance Public Safety and Combat Terrorism In New York State”, with Thomas Utz; Moderator: Jason Stewart

• **Cybersecurity** – “Engaging with the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA)”, with Samuel Duchac, Michael McMasters, Tony Enriquez and Jim Stromberg; Moderator: Dawn Thomas

• **Enhancing Information and Intelligence Sharing** – “Hello from the Other Side – How to Make Big, Sustainable Changes, even during Crisis”, with Jerica Shackelford and Carolyn Mejia; Moderator: Holley Wade

• **Grants and Program Management** – “DHS Town Hall Meeting”, with Pamela Williams and Kerry Thomas; Moderators: Lin Bonesteel and Mark Silveira

• **Personnel, Policy, and Mental Health** – “A Comprehensive Approach to Suicide Prevention”, with Dr. Heather Wolters; Moderator: Michelle Carnahan

• **Planning** – “Leveraging Left and Right of Boom Grant Streams”, with Craig Dziedzic, Kristina Frierson, Bethany Hand, John Benedetti, and Matt Devine; Moderator: Jennifer Schaal

• **Protecting Critical Infrastructure and Communities** – "Important Security Considerations for Remote/Hybrid Work", with Daryle Hernandez, Scott Dunford, Shawn Fiebiger, and David Hess; Moderator: Jorge Torres

• **Public Health** – “COVID-19 Best Practices and Lessons Learned: Results from an AAR Meta-Analysis”, with Dr. M. Carrie Shelton and Heather Marshall; Moderator: Jay Rajyaguru

• **Training and Exercise** – “Whole Community Resilience through Curated Stakeholder Engagement”, with Matthew B. Ladniak, Jeannette Tandez Johnson and Kaila Lariviere; Moderator: Sheryl Jardine

• **Sponsored Solution Track**
  
  **Company**: Darley (Exhibitor)
  
  **Presentation Speakers**: Jeb Brown, Global Director of Unmanned Systems and Matt Dursa, Chief Legal Officer and Chief Compliance Officer
  
  **Session Title**: Integrating Multi-Domain Unmanned Systems (UxS) into Your Team Battle Rhythm
  
  **Session Description**: Ground, Air, Sea, Space and Cyber – Unmanned Systems are being added as critical team members across federal and state agencies. In this presentation, our experts will share real stories and tangible takeaways on 1) how the UxS are being
### Conference Agenda

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- **Planning** – “Maelstrom: Preparing for the Adaptation of the Information Sharing Environment to Ever-Evolving Threats”, with David Schuld and Michael Satter; Moderator: Jennifer Schaal
- **Protecting Critical Infrastructure and Communities** – “NISAC: Collaborative Research and Development of Operational Tools Developed by CISA to Address Critical Infrastructure Resiliency”, with Dr. Brent Daniel, Meredith Secor, Dr. Jason Reinhardt, and Dr. Xue (Michelle) Li, Wilhelm Thomas; Moderator: Jorge Torres
- **Training and Exercise** – “Florida Region 4/6 All Hazards Incident Management Team (AHIMT) Full Scale Exercise”, with Andrew R. Fossa, Krista Ditoro, and Clay Pacheco; Moderator: Krista Ditoro
- **Sponsored Solution Track**
  
  Company: Department of Homeland Security’s Science & Technology Directorate (Exhibitor)
  Presentation Speakers: Paul McDonagh, Portfolio Manager, First Responder and Disaster Resilience; Orly Amir, Acting Deputy Director, National Urban Security Technology Laboratory; and Norman Kaufmann, Program Manager, System Assessment and Validation for Emergency Responders (SAVER)
  Session Title: DHS Science and Technology Solutions for the First Responder Community
  Session Description: Join the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Science and Technology Directorate (S&T) to learn how S&T collaborates with local, tribal, territorial, state, and federal first responders, emergency management, public safety personnel, other government agencies and industry to develop solutions for critical technology and resource needs.

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**Best Practices and Lessons Learned** – “Local Law Enforcement Agency Role in Removal of Large Radioactive Sources”, with Cathleen Edmonds; Moderator: Krista Ditoro

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Presentation Speaker: Cory Hohs  
Session Title: “Enhancing Emergency Response with Digital Alerting and Asset Interoperability”  
Session Description: Digital alerting is rapidly emerging as a transformative tool for emergency response and fleet management in communities across the country, and even comes included as standard pre-installed technology on many new emergency and fleet vehicles. In this session, learn how federal, state, and local fleets and agencies are using digital alerting to enhance situational awareness, enable vehicle-to-vehicle mobility,” |

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TOUR #1: United States Federal Government, Department of Energy, Argonne National Laboratory (Darien, IL)

**Date:** Monday, July 24th, 2023  
**Maximum Attendees:** 50  
**Check-In Location:** Horse Statue outside Hyatt Regency Main Entrance (*Wacker Drive*)  
**Check-In Time:** 0745hrs

**DESCRIPTION**
Argonne National Laboratory is a multidisciplinary science and engineering research center, where talented scientists and engineers work together to answer the biggest questions facing humanity, from how to obtain affordable clean energy to protecting ourselves and our environment. Come and see us in action.

**SCHEDULE**
- 0745hrs: Check-in with Tour Volunteers at the Horse Statue  
- 0745-0800hrs: Board bus on Wacker Drive directly in front of Hyatt Regency Main Entrance  
- 0800hrs: Bus departs Hyatt Regency  
- 0900-1200hrs: Tour of Argonne National Laboratory  
- 1200hrs: Lunch available for purchase on site before returning to the Hyatt Regency  
- 1300hrs: Bus departs Argonne National Laboratory  
- 1400hrs: Bus arrives at Hyatt Regency

**SPECIAL NOTES**
- The bus will leave the hotel at 0800hrs sharp.  
- As Argonne National Laboratory is a secured federal government facility, **ALL** attendees must have a government-issued, **REAL ID-compliant**, identification document with them to access the facility.  
- No firearms or weapons will be allowed onto federal government property regardless of law enforcement title.  
- Argonne National Laboratory is ADA accessible but the bus to the Argonne National Laboratory is not.
2023 National Homeland Security Association
Hyatt Regency Chicago – 151 E Wacker Dr, Chicago IL 60601
Conference Agenda
TOUR #2: City of Chicago Critical Infrastructure Boat Tour aboard the Chicago Fire Department Air-Sea Rescue Marine Unit Engine 2 along the Chicago River

Date: Monday, July 24th, 2023  
Maximum Attendees: 20 per cruise  
Check-In Location: Horse Statue outside Hyatt Regency Main Entrance (Wacker Drive)  
Check-In Time: 30 minutes before scheduled cruise time (see details below)

DESCRIPTION
Join the City of Chicago Fire Department Air-Sea Rescue Marine Unit aboard their Fire Boat, the Christopher Wheatley, officially known as Engine 2, for a cruise down the Chicago River identifying the critical infrastructure within Chicago’s downtown. Hear firsthand from Chicago Firefighters, Rescue Swimmers, and Divers about the capabilities of the Marine Unit and their responses to water emergencies year-round.

Chicago Fire Department Engine 2 is a 90-foot, 2011 Hike Metals Fire Boat capable of pumping 14,000 gallons per minute (GPM). It is the frontline response apparatus for maritime incidents along Chicago’s 26 miles of Lake Michigan shoreline and on the Chicago River. Engine 2 is named and dedicated to the life of Chicago Firefighter Christopher Wheatley who died in the line of duty in August 2010. Engine 2 is staffed 24/7/365 with 5 crew members and is an Advanced Life Support (ALS) Engine Company with paramedics on board. Engine 2 also boasts ice-breaking capabilities for wintertime responses and can navigate tight downtown bridges with a radio mast that can be lowered while in transit.

SCHEDULE

1100hrs Cruise
- 1030hrs: Check-in with Tour Volunteers at the Horse Statue
- 1045hrs: Depart Hyatt Regency with a Tour Escort. We will walk to the northeast corner of Wacker/Columbus and take the public staircase down two levels to the Chicago Riverwalk.
- 1100hrs: Board CFD Engine 2 from the Chicago Riverwalk at Columbus Bridge.
- 1145hrs: Disembark CFD Engine 2. The Tour Escort will lead the group up the staircase and back to the Hyatt Regency.

1300hrs Cruise
- 1230hrs: Check-in with Tour Volunteers at the Horse Statue
- 1245hrs: Depart Hyatt Regency with a Tour Escort. We will walk to the northeast corner of Wacker/Columbus and take the public staircase down two levels to the Chicago Riverwalk.
- 1300hrs: Board CFD Engine 2 from the Chicago Riverwalk at Columbus Bridge.
- 1345hrs: Disembark CFD Engine 2. The Tour Escort will lead the group up the staircase and back to the Hyatt Regency.

2023 National Homeland Security Association  
Hyatt Regency Chicago – 151 E Wacker Dr, Chicago IL 60601  
Conference Agenda
1500hrs Cruise

- 1430hrs: Check-in with Tour Volunteers at the Horse Statue
- 1445hrs: Depart Hyatt Regency with a Tour Escort. We will Walk to northeast corner of Wacker/Columbus and take the public staircase down two levels to the Chicago Riverwalk.
- 1500hrs: Board CFD Engine 2 from Chicago Riverwalk at Columbus Bridge.
- 1545hrs: Disembark CFD Engine 2. The Tour Escort will lead the group up the staircase and back to the Hyatt Regency.

SPECIAL NOTES

- All cruises will last 45 minutes and will leave sharply at their scheduled departure time.
- Since Engine 2 is the city’s frontline Fire Boat, it will remain in service during all tours. If Engine 2 is dispatched on a water incident response, all attendees will be dropped off at the nearest safe location before proceeding on the call. Attendees should be prepared for this possibility on all tours.
- All attendees are encouraged to wear close-toed shoes. This tour is not ADA compliant due to the design of Engine 2’s deck.
TOUR #3: City of Chicago Office of Emergency Management and Communications (OEMC) & Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) Control Center

Date: Monday, July 24th, 2023
Maximum Attendees: 30
Check-In Location: Horse Statue outside Hyatt Regency Main Entrance (Wacker Drive)
Check-In Time: 1300hrs

DESCRIPTION
The City of Chicago’s Office of Emergency Management and Communications (OEMC) is the city’s Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) for nearly 3 million residents. In addition to the dispatch of all police, fire and emergency medical services and non-emergency services, OEMC is also home to the city’s Emergency Management personnel, Emergency Operations Center (EOC), a 24/7/365 Operations Center, and the City Incident Center (CIC), a Public Works Dispatch Center which also serves as Snow Command during the winter.

From OEMC, call takers and dispatchers can view and access street cameras, License Plate Readers (LPR), display emergency messages on digital billboards on Chicago’s expressways, and activate the city’s Tornado Sirens. OEMC also manages all radio frequencies for the Chicago Police and Fire Departments and the City’s Public Safety Camera network.

The CTA Control Center monitors every inch of rail and route of the 2nd largest transit system in the US.

SCHEDULE
- 1300hrs: Check-in with Tour Volunteers at the Horse Statue
- 1300-1315hrs: Board bus on Wacker Drive directly in front of Hyatt Regency Main Entrance
• 1315hrs: Bus departs Hyatt Regency
• 1330hrs: Arrive at OEMC
• 1445hrs: Arrive at CTA Control Center
• 1600hrs: Bus arrives at Hyatt Regency

SPECIAL NOTES
• OEMC and the CTA Control Center are secure government facilities and require background checks for ALL registered tour attendees. Names, dates of birth, and employer or organization name is required 14 days in advance for US citizens and 30 days in advance for foreign nationals.
• OEMC is 100% ADA compliant.

TOUR #4: Cook County Department of Emergency Management and Regional Security (DEMRS) (Oak Forest, IL)

Date: Monday, July 24th, 2023
Maximum Attendees: 50
Check-In Location: Horse Statue outside Hyatt Regency Main Entrance (Wacker Drive)
Check-In Time: 1215hrs

DESCRIPTION
Disasters – both human-caused and natural – can strike at any time. This tour will provide insight into the Cook County Department of Emergency Management and Regional Security (EMRS) concept of operations and Cook County’s Emergency Operations Center (EOC). The tour will explore how Cook County EMRS meets the emergency management needs of 135 municipalities and 30 townships within the nation’s second largest County. The EOC, located in Oak Forest and positioned approximately 25 miles from Chicago’s central business district, opened in 2015 to serve as the County’s central response and coordination center during escalating or evolving events that impact multiple jurisdictions. The facility can host approximately 350 personnel when fully operational. It uses flexible workspace, information-sharing technology and offers training space to serve the needs of public safety, public works and non-profit or private sector partners. In addition to the EOC, the facility is home to the EMRS Emergency Readiness Center with over 1000 deployable assets and dozens of special purpose response vehicles made available as mutual aid resources throughout the County and beyond.

SCHEDULE
• 1215hrs: Check-in with Tour Volunteers at the Horse Statue
• 1215-1230hrs: Board bus on Wacker Drive directly in front of Hyatt Regency Main Entrance
• 1230hrs: Bus departs Hyatt Regency
• 1330hrs: Arrive at Cook County DEMRS
• 1600hrs: Depart Cook County DEMRS
2023 National Homeland Security Association
Hyatt Regency Chicago – 151 E Wacker Dr, Chicago IL 60601
Conference Agenda

- 1700hrs: Bus arrives at Hyatt Regency

SPECIAL NOTES
- Cook County government has advised that only employees of government agencies, academic institutions, and non-profits be allowed on this tour.
- Background checks will be conducted on attendees and names, DOB, and employer or organization name is required by them 14 days in advance for US citizens and 30 days in advance for foreign nationals.
- ID’s will be checked and verified before permission onto the facility grounds.
- ADA Access: The facility is accessible. Advance notice is required to arrange appropriate transportation.

TOUR #5: A Walk in The Park, Guided by Millennium Park Security & Titan Security Group

Date: Monday, July 24th, 2023
Maximum Attendees: 20 per tour
Check-In Location: Hyatt Regency Main Lobby near Concierge Desk
Check-In Time: 15 minutes before scheduled departure time (see details below)

DESCRIPTION
Opened in 2004, the Park receives approximately 25 million visitors each year. The tour will visit the top attractions of the park, including Cloud Gate (The Bean), Crown Fountain, Pritzker Pavilion, and the adjacent Maggie Daley Park. Attendees will learn how the City of Chicago and their private sector partners maintain a safe park environment during both daily operations and special events.

Titan Security Group’s Tom Henkey (Director of Emergency Management), Mike Pigott (Senior Director of Law Enforcement Liaison and Response), and Todd Sheetz (Director of Operations) will be sharing their knowledge and expertise during a walking tour of the Midwest’s top tourist destination: Millennium Park.

SCHEDULE

1230hrs Tour
- 1215hrs: Check-in with Tour Volunteers in Main Lobby near Concierge Desk
- 1230hrs: Depart Hyatt Regency with a Tour Escort.
- 1330hrs: Return to Hyatt Regency

1430hrs Tour
- 1415hrs: Check-in with Tour Volunteers in Main Lobby near Concierge Desk
- 1430hrs: Depart Hyatt Regency with a Tour Escort.
• 1530hrs: Return to Hyatt Regency

SPECIAL NOTES
• Each tour is expected to last 60 minutes and the total walking distance is approximately 1.5 miles.
• ADA Access: The tour is 100% ADA compliant.

TOUR #6: Chicago Union Station Safety & Security Tour

Date: Monday, July 24th, 2023
Maximum Attendees: 25
Check-In Location: Horse Statue outside Hyatt Regency Main Entrance (Wacker Drive)
Check-In Time: 0915hrs

DESCRIPTION
Chicago Union Station opened in May 1925 after ten years of construction at a cost of $75 million ($1 billion in today’s dollars). Owned by Amtrak, it is the nation’s 4th-busiest station overall, and the busiest station outside of the Northeast. On average, 300 trains carrying over 104,000 passengers pass through the station each day. That equates to more than 3 million Amtrak customers and 35 million Metra passengers annually.
Union Station is currently experiencing a renaissance. Recent projects have restored and re-utilized many spaces surrounding (and including) the historic Great Hall. Current plans call for developing the real estate in and around the station, as well as increasing station capacity, accessibility, and safety to prepare it for the next 100 years.

The Amtrak Police Department (APD), the carrier’s national police force, operates out of Union Station where it has 43 uniformed police officers along with 7 K9s (6 bomb and 1 narcotic detection). APD has more than 450 officers and employees nationwide.

Tour participants will have the opportunity to tour segments of Amtrak operations including exploring an Amtrak trainset, touring the operations command center, viewing a K9 demonstration of bomb detection with bomb scents and experience an Amtrak train simulator.

SCHEDULE
- 0915hrs: Check-in with Tour Volunteers at the Horse Statue
- 0915-0930hrs: Board bus on Wacker Drive directly in front of Hyatt Regency Main Entrance
- 0930hrs: Bus departs Hyatt Regency
- 0945hrs: Arrive at Union Station
- 1000hrs: Tour begins Burlington Room (located in the northwest corner of the Great Hall)
- 1200hrs: Bus departs Union Station
- 1215hrs: Bus arrives at Hyatt Regency

SPECIAL NOTES
- ADA Access: While the facility is accessible, some portions of the tour may have limitations to ADA accessibility.

TOUR #7: City of Chicago, Department of Water Management: Jardine Water Purification Plant

Date: Monday, July 24th, 2023
Maximum Attendees: 30
Check-In Location: Horse Statue outside Hyatt Regency Main Entrance (Wacker Drive)
Check-In Time: 0845hrs

DESCRIPTION
The Jardine Water Purification Plant pulls water in from Lake Michigan, purifies and distributes it throughout the entire City of Chicago and over 120 local suburbs. The Jardine Water Purification Plant is one of the most critical pieces of infrastructure for the City of Chicago and surrounding area. The entire City of Chicago water system consists of 2 offshore “Crib” water-intake structures in Lake Michigan, 2 of the largest water plants in the world, 12 pumping stations, 4,300 miles of water mains and 4,450 miles of sewer mains ranging in diameter from 8” to 21’.

**SCHEDULE**

- 0845hrs: Check-in with Tour Volunteers at the Horse Statue
- 0845-0900hrs: Board bus on Wacker Drive directly in front of Hyatt Regency Main Entrance
- 0900hrs: Bus departs Hyatt Regency
- 0915hrs: Arrive at Jardine Water Purification Plant
- 1100hrs: Bus departs Jardine Water Purification Plant
- 1115hrs: Bus arrives at Hyatt Regency

**SPECIAL NOTES**

- The Jardine Water Purification Plant is a secure government critical facility and requires background checks for **ALL** registered tour attendees.
- All visitors must also have a photo ID to be checked into the facility.
- Upon arrival at facility, visitors will be checked-in by Chicago Police Officers and escorted to the Jardine Water Purification Plant’s main entrance/lobby.
- A brief overview of the Chicago Department of Water Management will be given before the tour begins. The tour itself will last approximately one and a half hours. It is advised to wear comfortable flat shoes and casual dress clothes as there is plenty of walking and stairs.
- An abbreviated tour will be provided for those who may not want or be able to do the full tour.
- Photos or video will **NOT** be allowed during the tour.
TOUR #8: Wendella Lake Michigan and Chicago River Architecture Tour Cruise

Date: Monday, July 24th, 2023
Maximum Attendees: 150 per cruise
Check-In Location: Wendella West Docks (Docks 3 & 4)
- The West Docks are located at the intersection of Rush Street & Kinzie Street along the river between the Wrigley Building (400 N Michigan Ave) and Trump Tower (401 N Wabash Ave).
- See the map and walking directions below.
Check-In Time: 30 minutes before scheduled cruise time

DESCRIPTION
As Chicago’s original architecture boat tour, Wendella has been dedicated to serving Chicago’s families, visitors, students, guests, and commuters for over 75 years. Family owned and operated for three generations, our mission is to provide you and your family with a safe, comfortable, and affordable fun day on the waterways. Our experienced staff and expert tour guides, trained by Wendella’s in-house Education Department, work hard to ensure that you capture the true essence of Chicago’s past, present and future every time you step on board one of our vessels. On board this 90-minute cruise, riders will experience breathtaking views of Chicago’s famous architecture down the Chicago River. Once lakeside, guests can see all the stunning views of Lake Michigan and all the Chicago skyline has to offer.

SCHEDULE

1200hrs Cruise
- 1130hrs: Check-in with Tour Volunteers at the Wendella West Docks (Conference Badge REQUIRED).
- 1130-1200hrs: Board the tour boat when allowed by Wendella staff.
- 1200hrs: Tour boat departs.
- 1330hrs: Tour boat returns to Wendella West Docks. Tour Volunteers will be on hand to lead you back to the Hyatt.

1900hrs Cruise
- 1830hrs: Check-in with Tour Volunteers at the Wendella West Docks (Conference Badge REQUIRED).
- 1830-1900hrs: Board the tour boat when allowed by Wendella staff.
- 1900hrs: Tour boat departs.
2030hrs: Tour boat returns to Wendella West Docks. Tour Volunteers will be on hand to lead you back to the Hyatt.

SPECIAL NOTES
- You **MUST** bring your Conference Badge with you. Volunteers will be scanning badges as part of the check-in process.
- All bags are subject to inspection.
- Prohibited Items: Outside Alcohol, Weapons of any kind (Firearms, Knives, etc.), Flammables, Explosives.
- ADA Access: The dock and boarding area are accessible, but due to USCG regulations the construction on the vessel isn’t 100% ADA. However, a lift is available.
- A full-service bar with wine, local beer, and craft cocktails, as well as an assortment of snacks, will be available on-board.
- Each tour boat has restrooms and a climate-controlled lounge.

WALKING DIRECTIONS
1) Exit from the Hyatt Regency Main Entrance on Wacker Drive
2) Walk westbound on Wacker Drive towards Stetson Avenue and continue across Michigan Avenue.
3) Once across Michigan, turn right (north), cross Wacker Drive, and head across the Michigan Avenue Bridge.
4) Once you reach the north side of the river, take a soft left turn and head toward the Wrigley Building on your left (*look for the white clock tower*).
5) As you approach the building, you will see an archway with three flags above it (*Illinois, US, Chicago*).
6) Walk under the archway and continue until you see a staircase and elevator on your left. Take the staircase down two flights until you reach river level.
7) The Wendella West Docks will be on your right.
TOUR #9: Navy Pier

Date: Monday, July 24th, 2023
Maximum Attendees: 30
Check-In Location: Horse Statue outside Hyatt Regency Main Entrance (Wacker Drive)
Check-In Time: 1015hrs

DESCRIPTION
Navy Pier opened in 1916 as a mixed-use commercial port and recreational facility, but has served as a naval training facility, university campus, and festival venue since then. Today, Navy Pier is one of the top-25 tourist destinations in the world and welcomes more than 9 million guests annually. 70+ businesses operate on the Pier and together these employ
more than 3,000 people. 24 tour boats embark from Navy Pier and their combined 1.6 million annual passengers make it one of the busiest leisure cruise terminals in the world. Navy Pier, Inc. (NPI), the 501(c)(3) nonprofit established in 2011 to revitalize the landmark as an open access facility, secures this ST-CP in accordance with the MTSA of 2002. NPI ensures guest safety through interdependent security strategies like robust and cutting-edge surveillance, high-visibility security and law-enforcement personnel patrols, constant collaboration with external agencies and departments, and various facility-hardening features.

**SCHEDULE**

- 1015hrs: Check-in with Tour Volunteers at the Horse Statue
- 1015-1030hrs: Board bus on Wacker Drive directly in front of Hyatt Regency Main Entrance
- 1030hrs: Bus departs Hyatt Regency
- 1100-1200: Tour of Navy Pier
- 1200hrs: Lunch available for purchase on site before returning to the Hyatt Regency
- 1300hrs: Bus departs Navy Pier
- 1315hrs: Bus arrives at Hyatt Regency

**SPECIAL NOTES**

- ADA Access: Navy Pier is ADA accessible but the bus providing transport of the tour will be conducted on, is not.
- Firearms are **NOT** allowed on Navy Pier, except for Sworn Law Enforcement Officers
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:
- 4 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 www.teex.org/estieexecprograms@teex.tamu.edu

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 of security

Class Size:
• Approximately 30 participants

DISASTER RECOVERY: A STRATEGIC OVERVIEW OF THE PUBLIC ASSISTANCE PROCESS (MGT-481)
The Disaster Recovery for Senior Officials course provides a strategic overview of the FEMA Public Assistance Process that is essential to disaster recovery for local communities. The FEMA Public Assistance Process provides funding for local governments and eligible Private Non-Profit organizations to conduct effective long-term recovery. Unfortunately, many jurisdictions do not have a good understanding of this process and thereby fail to obtain, and retain, all the recovery revenue the community is eligible for. This course will provide senior leaders and staff planners with the key elements, milestones, and pitfalls to avoid when guiding a local jurisdictions recovery plans and operations. MGT481 - 4.00 HOURS

Prerequisites:
• There are no prerequisites for this course

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

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

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

Continuing Education And Professional Credits 0.4 CEUs

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

TRAINING: PREVENTION OF BOMBING INCIDENTS New Mexico Tech – 1.5-hour case study
The Prevention of Bombing Incidents course series provides emergency personnel with knowledge and skills to identify bombing attack interdiction and mitigation opportunities. This course presents information on bombing attack motivations and ideologies, including recent religious and political terrorism trends. Participants discuss and examine the Nine Phases of a Bombing Attack (Identification, Recruitment, Training, Target Selection and Reconnaissance, Procurement of Materials, Construction of Device, Final Preparation, Movement to Target, and Detonation) and the interdiction possibilities associated with each phase. In addition, participants in this course study homemade explosive and Improvised Explosive Device (IED) manufacturing indicators to build their recognition skills intended to bolster interdiction opportunities during the early stages of a bombing attack.

TRAINING: HISTORY OF TERRORISM New Mexico Tech – 1.5-hour case study
Terrorism is not a new concept and has been around as early as the first century. Many past terrorist attacks have also included suicide bombing. Learning about the past history of terrorism will provide some insight into how terrorism has progressed since the beginning. High profile terrorists are discussed, along with the execution of methods used, that continues into modern terrorism. This case study will illustrate how terrorism is both of domestic and international concern.
WORKSHOP: APPLYING A CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT APPROACH TO COVID-19 OPERATIONS, HOW TO INSTITUTIONALIZE LEARNING – CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM | NPA | NA&I | NPD | RESILIENCE

Summary:
FEMA’s Continuous Improvement Technical Assistance Program is hosting a workshop session with a panel of SLTT partners to discuss the approaches used by emergency management professionals that developed, or are developing, COVID-19 after-action review products. The COVID-19 pandemic will serve as a shared case study for discussing lessons learned throughout the four phases of continuous improvement: Discovery, Validation, Resolution, and Evaluation. Workshop participants will have the opportunity to discuss the methods they used to develop after-action review products, focusing on successes and issues during the process. Key topics will include focused discussions on data collection methods, data analysis methods, obstacles to the development process, where organizations are currently in the continuous improvement process, and broader challenges to continuous improvement activities.

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 COVID-19 as a broad, national-level case study.
- 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.

BUSINESS MEETING - UASI POC ANNUAL MEETING
Annual business meeting for the official Points of Contact (POC’s) only

TRAINING: LAW ENFORCEMENT (LE) USE OF UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEM (UAS) DETECTION TECHNOLOGY New Mexico Tech – 1.5-hour case study
This study presents information on the Law Enforcement (LE) use of Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) detection technology. Participants learn about LE UAS detection programs established across the country and the factors which make them successful and sustainable. These factors include the detection technology utilized, related public relations campaigns (public, media, and court systems), and training. In addition, this study provides insight into several cases where agencies deployed personnel and detection assets to conduct UAS detection and mitigation operations during recent large-scale public events.

SEMINAR – MARSHALL (COLORADO) FIRE
The Story of the 2021 Marshall Fire, the most destructive wildland urban interface fire in Colorado’s history; Narrated from the perspectives of a responder and the 911 dispatch center, this presentation will describe the great actions of public safety personnel, tribulations, and lessons learned in the aftermath. The multimedia presentation will include a comprehensive explanation of the weather conditions, initial response from over 75 agencies, incident command
challenges, alert & warning, evacuation of over 35,000 people in 2-3 hours, dispatching obstacles, and the impact from thousands of incoming 911 calls. presented by Steve Silbermann – Communications Director – Boulder County Sheriff, and Sterling Folden – Deputy Chief – Mountain View Fire Protection District

LUNCH AND LEARN – PANEL DISCUSSION: “DEVELOPING AN OPS CENTERS FOR EFFECTIVE INTELLIGENCE SHARING”
An ever-increasing number of technologies are being implemented across law enforcement departments to increase their level of situational awareness. In doing so departments are faced with the challenge of monitoring multiple disparate systems during active and non-active events alike. Throughout North America law enforcement departments have implemented intelligent operation centers as an overlay that integrates the majority of personnel’s applications/resources into one dashboard. Prior to these operation centers, personnel had to log on to multiple websites/interfaces to access necessary information and then toggle between the various applications while conducting searches or accessing hundreds of cameras. This constant transition through varied programs and platforms caused delays in real-time response and also required a large number of active computer screens functioning simultaneously. Through years of experience in the development & deployment of operation centers, Haivision MCS will share best practices that have helped establish success for LEO departments. Our extensive law enforcement network will help round out the panel to provide first-hand accounts on how to succeed in the 21st century.

Learning Objectives:
• Improving multi-jurisdictional and multi-agency communications
• OODA (Observe Orient Decide Act) Decision Making in Real Time
• Creating the Common Operating Picture from Disparate Resources

TRAINING: RESPONSE TO BOMBING INCIDENTS New Mexico Tech – 1.5-hour case study
The Response to Bombing Incidents course series provides emergency personnel with the knowledge and skills necessary to respond to criminal and terrorist bombings in the United States. This course presents information on common explosives and their composition, explosive blast effects, Improvised Explosive Device (IEDs) components and recognition, bombing hazards and protective actions, bomb threat assessment and response, unattended items and suspicious item indicators, pre-blast and post-detonation response actions and considerations.

WORKSHOP – FEMA PUBLIC ASSISTANCE: PREPARING FOR COVID-19 CLOSEOUT, PRESENTED BY GOLD SPONSOR ERNST & YOUNG
One of the longest disaster declaration in FEMA’s history is coming to a close on May 11. Three years after the start of the COVID-19 pandemic and billions of federal funds supporting states and localities responding and recovering from the effects of the pandemic, FEMA is entering the closeout phase. This workshop will outline leading practices to prepare for COVID closeout, including responses to common and unusual RFIs from FEMA.

Learning Objectives:
• Share leading practices on preparing for COVID-19 closeout
• Prepare attendees for potential RFIs they may receive from their received FEMA Public Assistance funds for COVID-19 costs
• Prepare attendees with proactive measures to reduce the impact of RFIs on their organization’s operations
2023 THIRA/SPR METHODOLOGY UPDATE WORKSHOP
The FEMA National Preparedness Assessment Division will provide a presentation that maps the journey of a community data point throughout the national preparedness system. Facilitators from different FEMA National Preparedness components will identify steps communities can take after they identify their risks and capabilities in the Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment and Stakeholder Preparedness Review (THIRA/SPR). During this workshop, attendees will be able to ask questions about the THIRA/SPR process and discuss how grantees can use the results to develop Investment Justifications (IJs) and support other preparedness efforts, including planning, training, and exercises.

PRESENTATION – ACTIVE THREAT RESPONSE – THE IMPORTANCE OF EFFECTIVE UNIFIED COMMAND AND RAPID DEPLOYMENT OF RESCUE TASK FORCE (RTF) CREWS
This presentation describes the importance of positive collaboration between Police and Fire in Active Threat Response. Stress is placed on the significance of an effective Unified Command team being quickly established. Potential pitfalls of this step being overlooked or inadequately addressed are shared. The relevance of continued multi-agency training is discussed with focus given to some best practices uncovered by the Arlington Fire and Police Departments. Attention is brought to ‘time’ being a critical factor in Active Threat Response in terms of its relationship to successful outcomes. Examples of common recurring procedural steps that negatively impact a timely response are discussed in detail. Much attention is given to the transition of the Active Threat Response from Police only to Police and Fire. This transition and what its practical application entails is explored to offer insight on best practices. Stress is further placed on each agency knowing their counterparts’ responsibilities as well as their own. This awareness enhances the likelihood of critical sound decision making. Lastly attention is raised to the absolute necessity of rapid Rescue Task Force deployment and how this implementation is central to successful outcomes.

Intended Audience:
- Emergency Management
- First Responders: (Fire Rescue, Paramedics, and Law Enforcement)
- with proactive measures to reduce the impact of RFIs on their organization’s operations

Learning Objectives:
- Understand the importance of effective communication and dissemination of information within Unified Command.
- Understand that Time is the ‘Critical Factor’ in an Active Threat Response.
- Understand the transition of response impetus from Police to Fire and the importance of rapid deployment of Rescue Task Force Crews.

WORKSHOP – FEMA PUBLISHED NEW NIMS INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY (ICT) FUNCTIONAL GUIDANCE: WHAT’S NEXT?
Summary:
In March 2023, FEMA published the National Incident Management System (NIMS) Information and Communications Technology (ICT) Functional Guidance. The Guidance provides insight on integrating ICT and cybersecurity functions into the Incident Command System structure while adhering to the concepts and principles of the NIMS doctrine. Please join us for an overview of the document and a discussion on implementation. This presentation should be of particular interest to incident commanders, command and general staff, logisticians, and communications unit personnel.
WORKSHOP: WHAT PIOs NEED TO KNOW ABOUT MISINFORMATION DURING AN EMERGENCY RESPONSE

Summary:
The Chicago Office of Emergency Management and crisis simulation and social media consultants, Social Simulator, will provide a 90 minute, lively and interactive session on managing misinformation during a crisis response. The session will open with remarks from Professor V.S. Subrahmanian of Northwestern University, a leading expert in AI, predictive analytics, and forecasting in social media, counterterrorism, and cybersecurity. With the rise of social media and AI, misinformation has become an everyday struggle that can quickly and fatally derail a communications response. In this session, participants will learn how to spot misinformation before it takes hold and the key tactics to monitor, manage, and respond. Participants will leave the session with the fundamental tools to understand and manage misinformation in their communications response.

Learning Objectives:
- Participants will learn the best practices of utilizing social media to manage misinformation during a crisis
- Participants will learn to identify the various types of misinformation
- Participants will increase their knowledge of social media communications during a crisis

Targeted Audience:
- Homeland security and emergency management planners and practitioners
- Public agency communicators
- Social media managers
- Private sector communicators

CASE STUDY: JASON MUZZICATO New Mexico Tech – 1.5-hour case study
This study examines the case of Jason Muzzicato, who used an Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS) or drone to harass his ex-girlfriend, her relatives, and the community. Muzzicato’s crimes were the first of their kind on record and caused the local police department to request assistance from multiple agencies - including the FBI, Bethlehem, PA Fire Department, and the DOJ, among others. Participants are presented with information on the methods law enforcement used to discover the UAS operator and the laws and agencies which coordinated searches and the prosecution of the Muzzicato’ s crimes. In addition, this study provides information on the use of UAS to discover essential evidence that helped break the case.

BENCHMARKING: PREPAREDNESS GRANTS MEET UP FOR STATE ADMINISTRATIVE AGENCIES REPRESENTATIVES
The presentation will actually be a discussion among representatives of the FEMA Preparedness Grants State Administrative Agencies (SAA’s). FEMA hosts a town hall each year at the NHSC to discuss topics and provide information from the federal government perspective related to the FEMA Preparedness Grant Programs. The meeting request that is being submitted today would be for representatives from SAA’s to have a discussion among their fellow SAA colleagues in order to meet, discuss best practices, and form a working group that will facilitate further colleague discussion, and assist new colleagues. The basic format is to identify an experienced colleague for each of the FEMA Preparedness Grant Programs as a subject matter expert, which could facilitate discussion, or answer questions for their program of expertise. The request for this session should take place hopefully prior to the FEMA Town Hall so that SAA’s can assist other colleagues with items related to state administration that don’t involve matters related to FEMA. Hopefully this session will allow the FEMA town hall to be more focused on those strictly federal government to SAA related matters.
Objectives:
- Meet fellow colleagues throughout the states and territories who administer FEMA Preparedness Grants at State Administrative Agencies.
- Discuss issues and best practices by other states and territories for administering FEMA Preparedness Grants across programs.
- Develop a working group among states and territories colleagues in order to assist new SAA employees in the future, and facilitate further discussion related to how SAA’s administer FEMA Preparedness Grants programs.

SEMINAR: A VIEW ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING FROM BOTH SIDES OF THE CELL
Summary:
This presentation will take you through the entire process of human trafficking from the early stages of grooming and the ties to domestic violence, through incarceration and extremism, to rehabilitation and trauma informed care. Our subject matter experts have backgrounds in counterterrorism, anti-human trafficking and homeland security.

Takeaways:
- How to recognize human trafficking in US prisons, jails and juvenile corrections
- How to handle the trafficker vs the victim while incarcerated
- Trauma informed care for both the victim and the arresting officers
- Online grooming and recruitment for both children and adults

Outline:
- **Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC)**
  - Online grooming
  - Child grooming
  - Labor grooming
- **Male side**
  - Male runaways - what drives them from home
  - Trans kids
  - Adult prisons, who is being targeted in there
  - Transition to the offenders and what they’re made up of (Arian, etc.)
  - Financial piece of extremists inside and outside of the prison
- **Female side**
  - Generation piece, cyclical behavior
  - Trauma informed care for inmates
- **Law enforcement**
  - What are you looking for and how to address it
  - Trauma informed care for law enforcement
  - What if I am wrong?
  - Federal resources
  - Toolkits
CLOSED MEETING: FIFA WORLD CUP 2026 HOST CITIES

FIFA World Cup 2026 Host Cities

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

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

- Canada
  - Toronto (East Region)
  - Vancouver (West Region)

- Mexico
  - Guadalajara (West Region)
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  - Monterrey (Central Region)

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TUESDAY’S OPENING CEREMONIES
WEDNESDAY’S GENERAL SESSION – PROTECTING CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE

DR. ZACHARY TUDOR, ASSOCIATE LABORATORY DIRECTOR NATIONAL AND HOMELAND SECURITY – IDAHO NATIONAL LABORATORY

In this presentation, Tudor will discuss how the U.S. Department of Energy’s 17 national laboratories work across government, academia, and the private sector to protect the nation’s critical energy infrastructure from cyberthreats. He will also discuss how Idaho National Laboratory supports the U.S. Department of Homeland Security by leading major technical programs, developing cutting-edge technology, and providing immersive training. His presentation will conclude by highlighting cybersecurity and resilience technology that has been licensed by industry for commercial use.

DEPUTY DIRECTOR NITIN NATARAJAN, CYBERSECURITY AND INFRASTRUCTURE SECURITY AGENCY (CISA)

EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR DR. DAVID MUSSINGTON, INFRASTRUCTURE SECURITY AT THE CYBERSECURITY AND INFRASTRUCTURE SECURITY AGENCY (CISA)

In his plenary speech, Executive Assistant Director for Infrastructure Security (EAD) Dr. Mussington provides an overview of the current threat landscape organized around the Infrastructure Security Division’s three priorities: 1) Terrorism and Targeted Violence; 2) Heightened Nation-State Threats to Critical Infrastructure and National Security; and 3) Infrastructure Resilience to Catastrophic Natural Hazards and Climate Change. In addressing each priority, Dr. Mussington outlines how CISA engages with state, local, tribal, and territorial partners, emphasizing the importance of such relationships in homeland security. He also highlights the tremendous opportunity afforded by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, the Inflation Reduction Act, and the CHIPS and Science Act to make our infrastructure secure and resilient for the future. While the threat landscape is wide-ranging, Dr. Mussington concludes that we can develop strategies and solutions that will defend our critical infrastructure, maintain our economic security, and protect life through partnerships and collaboration.

U.S. FIRE ADMINISTRATOR DR. LORI MOORE-MERRELL

“FIRE AS A THREAT TO HOMELAND SECURITY”

As our nation’s leadership is appropriately focused on the climate change driven wildfire challenges across the country, there are other fire threats to the security of the Homeland that must be considered. These threats involve the ongoing incidence of structure fires that threaten lives, infrastructure, cause housing insecurity, and impact the economy. Additionally, technology innovation with electric vehicles and energy transition offers both exciting opportunities for advancing culture, but also bring unanticipated consequences of fire risks that are currently unregulated and unchecked. This trifecta of fire threats along with the potential and demonstrated use of fire as a weapon have the potential to exacerbate vulnerabilities that collectively lead to unacceptable loss of life and property and affect the nation.
DR. DIMITRI KUSNEZOV, UNDERSECRETARY FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY PRESENTS “PREPARING FOR CHANGE: THE IMPACTS OF EMERGING TECH ON EMERGENCY RESPONSE OPERATIONS”

Learning Objective: This moderated discussion will focus on preparedness and how S&T is investing in research to identify new options for mitigating risks and preparing for the future. Pre-set questions will reflect current events, including how climate and technology and capability requirements. This will be an interactive conversation; the audience and DHS colleagues will share perspectives and help guide the discussion, highlighting current projects to enhance community resilience and response.

Format: Fire-side chat with moderated questions

Audience: UASI – Urban Area Security Initiative Emergency Planners, Chief Technology Officers, state/local grant writers, emergency managers and first responders (working on training/exercises and procurement of tools/capabilities)

Attire: Business

Advanced Registration Required: Modify your registration in CVENT to include this presentation and submit a question
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THURSDAY’S GENERAL SESSION – THE THREATS OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND VIOLENT EXTREMISM

KEYNOTE: DR. DIMITRI KUSNEZOV, UNDERSECRETARY FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
“THE THREAT OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND DOMESTIC SECURITY”
This is a transformative period for artificial intelligence (AI) and society. Learn how there are no simple solutions for the complex challenges that arise when weighing AI’s potential dangers and benefits. Hear how emerging technologies and changes to our climate inform how DHS S&T prepares for the future and builds partnerships to identify new ways of enhancing security and resilience.

HIGHLAND PARK, IL – INDEPENDENCE DAY DOMESTIC TERRORISM
Highland Park City Manager Ghida Nuekirch and Lake County Emergency Manager Dan Eder will present a short summary of some the response and recovery activities that took place last 4th of July in Highland Park. The primary focus of the presentation will discuss all the recovery activities that have taken place over the course of the last year, as well as highlighting all the collaborative planning effort that took place for this year’s 4th of July event in Highland Park.

On the morning of July 4, 2022, the City of Highland Park was gearing up to celebrate together Independence Day as a community for the first time in two years. A mass shooting took place at 10:14 AM, 14 minutes after the parade started. The gunman, positioned on top of a roof, fired over 70 shots from an assault style weapon into the crowd below. Seven people were killed, 48 others were wounded by bullets or shrapnel, and thousands are forever impacted. The City of Highland Park, working alongside federal, state, county and other local enforcement agencies and responded swiftly and effectively. While the community was searching for meaning, the professionals working behind the scenes, worked tirelessly to best serve the public which continues today.

EMMA JOUIENNE – DIRECTOR, PROGRAMS AND RESEARCH; PARENTS FOR PEACE
“INTERVENTIONS TO EXIT EXTREMISM – THE PARENTS FOR PEACE MODEL”
Radicalization into extremism is often misunderstood by the people surrounding the individual going through it. Intimate bystanders (such as family, friends, partners, mentors, and community members, …) surrounding the individual of concern play a central role in prevention of radicalization but often fail to identify signs of radicalization and act upon them. Parents for Peace (P4P) was founded to fill this critical gap. By setting up its helpline in 2017, it aimed to serve as a guiding light for anyone concerned about a loved one falling into extremism. Our team of professionals designed interventions divided into five critical phases to both, 1) provide support to family and any other support networks in identifying, limiting and resolving risk factors to extremism and 2) provide direct interventions to individuals on the path to/being radicalized to exit their beliefs and/or groups. This presentation aims to introduce P4P’s methodology for interventions with a spotlight on the radicalization of the Buffalo shooter, using our unique methodology and the shooter’s own writings.
HIGHLAND PARK, AN IN-DEPTH DISCUSSION

Ghida Neukirch, Highland Park City Manager, and Dan Eder, Lake County Emergency Manager, will provide a more in-depth discussion on some of the actions that took place during the initial response, the improvement and resiliency actions that have taken place over the last year, and the planning and preparation that took place for this year’s 4th of July event. Moderated by Ted Berger, Executive Director of Cook County EMRS, Ghida and Dan will answer questions regarding many of these topics and will also give audience members the opportunity to ask whatever specific questions they may have.