Schedule at a Glance

Monday, July 22
- 0700-1700: Registration open
- 1200-1300: Lunch on your own
- Various times:
  - Conference Workshops & Sessions (requires registration)
  - General Local Tours (requires registration)

Tuesday, July 23
- 0800-1700: Registration open
- 0900-1045: Opening Ceremonies and Remarks
- 1100-1200: Session 1
- 1200-1900: 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, July 24
- 0800-1600: Registration open
- 0900-1045: General Session
- 1000-1500: Exhibition Hall open
- 1100-1200: Session 5
- 1200-1300: Lunch provided.
- 1315-1415: Session 6
- 1430-1530: Session 7
- 1530-1715: Break
- 1645-1730: Stage at Miami Beach Convention Center (MBCC) for Bus Departure to Demo/Host Social
- 1730-1815: Depart MBCC for Miami-Ft. Lauderdale UASI Demonstration at Port Miami
- 1815-1915: Miami-Ft. Lauderdale UASI Demonstration
- 1835: Last pickup from MBCC to Host Social
- 1915-1930: Buses depart from Demonstration directly to Host Social at Frost Museum
- 1930-2130: Bus loop from Frost Museum to MBCC. Last departure 22:30

Thursday, July 25
- 0830-1100: Registration open
- 0900-1045: General Session
- 1045-1100: Closing Ceremony
- 1000-1200: Exhibition Hall open
- 1115-1215: “Best of Show”
- Lunch on your own (not provided)
- 1330-1530: In-depth Discussions (concurrent offerings)
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Welcome Letter from NHSA President Natalie Gutierrez

Welcome to Miami!

On behalf of the National Homeland Security Association Board, as Board President I would like to welcome you to the 17th annual National Homeland Security Conference. We would like to thank our hosts, Miami Beach, the City of Miami, and the entire Miami Urban Area - we are looking forward to the wonderful week ahead of us. This conference continues to grow each year, a testament to the ongoing work you all do in the name of homeland security, and proof there is a nation of colleagues that will stand beside you through any adversity or threats we may face. We have packed the days with engaging trainings, educational opportunities, exciting and informative general and break-out sessions, and the chance to make connections, build partnerships, and share best practices with amazing people from all over this country. We understand how difficult it can be to take time away to travel for a conference while still tending to your daily responsibilities back at home. We appreciate you and are so glad you are here with us in Miami to experience this opportunity.

This conference was founded on a desire by the nation’s homeland security partners to create a more effective information sharing platform. Over the years it has expanded greatly, showcasing how various disciplines of every size dedicate themselves day after day to keeping our nation safe from threats old and new. This week is an opportunity to step away from the virtual meetings space and be engaged - see firsthand the latest technologies that will make our mission easier and safer, learn from one another’s experiences, and immerse yourself in the preparedness and response discussions, working and learning together to be more prepared as a nation.

The National Homeland Security Association Board is proud of the program we prepared for you this year. As your peers in this mission, we take great pride in cultivating an experience that is beneficial to all. Finally, this conference would not be possible without the participation of our great exhibitors and the generosity of our sponsors. Please take time to visit all the booths and engage in conversation, they are a critical component of this homeland security enterprise.

Welcome to Miami, hydrate, stay cool, and have a great time this week!

Sincerely,

Natalie Gutierrez
NHSA Board President
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Miami Beach Convention Center – 1901 Convention Center Dr, Miami Beach, FL 33139

Conference Agenda

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*Note prerequisite:* Must have completed ARW-140-W: Introduction to Radiological/Nuclear WMD Operations. New users’ registration is available on [https://ctos.acadisonline.com/AcadisViewer/Logic.aspx](https://ctos.acadisonline.com/AcadisViewer/Logic.aspx) | Ocean Drive Ballroom C      |
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The 2024 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 25\textsuperscript{th}, 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 \textit{italics}.

\textbf{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.}

\textbf{New} - This year we are offering “Pop-up Tracks”, specialized one-off topics throughout the conference. These are usually offered in our smaller meeting rooms, so get there early to ensure you get a seat!

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## Mayor of Miami Beach
Honorable Mayor Steven Meiner

## Mayor of Miami
Honorable Mayor Francis Suarez

## Mayor of Miami-Dade County
Honorable Mayor Daniella Levine Cava

## Florida Division of Emergency Management
Executive Director Kevin Guthrie

## Federal Emergency Management Agency
FEMA Region 4 Coordinator Robert Samaan

### Closing Remarks
Christopher McClenic (Master of Ceremonies)
City of Miami Beach Public Safety Enforcement Advisor

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• **Personnel, Policy, and Mental Health** – “Improving Resilience in the 21st Century High-risk/High-consequence Workplace”, with Dan Schilling, Lt. Col. USAF (ret.), and Brian Ellis; Moderator: Irene Navis

• **CISA Protecting Our Homeland (Pop-up Track)** – “Mitigating Domestic Violent Extremism and Safeguarding Critical Infrastructure” with Dr. Mussington; Moderator: Blake Fisher

• **Protecting Critical Infrastructure and Communities** – “Advancing Coordination within the Maritime Domain: Challenges, Best Practices, and the MEEI”, with Marisa Brusuelas, Bill Meyers, Sig Phinney, and Rob Hall; Moderator: Jorge Torres

• **Public Health** – “Mpox (formerly known as monkeypox) response or Smallpox response pilot? Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) Lessons Learned from Mpox Public Health Emergency Response”, with Scott G Drexler PhD, Marge Griffin, John M. Brown, and William Perry Vaughn; Moderator: Jay Rajyaguru

• **Training and Exercise** – “Crawl, Walk, Run: The Evolution of a Rescue Task Force Training Progression”, with Andrew Soike and Derek Hardy; Moderator: John Antapasis

• **Sponsored Solution Track**
  
  Company: Emergency Response TIPS, LLC (908 Devices, organizer/exhibitor)
  Presentation Speaker: Christina Baxter
  Session Title: Are You Ready - Matching Threat with Capability
  Description: The current state of Terrorism “Chatter” is focused on lone wolf attacks and radicalizing in place. There is a high interest in chemicals including gas generating devices, irritants, and corrosives and a renewed interest in fire as a weapon and homemade explosives. The biological threats remain focused on toxins. There also is a high interest in weaponization and dissemination of materials as aerosols making them harder to detect and protect against. Join us for an overview of the current terrorism threat and potential solutions to minimize risk.

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• **Training and Exercise** – “Two Paths to an Ongoing Culture of Learning: How to use HSEEP and the National Continuous Improvement Guidance (NCIG)”, with Lee Zelewicz and Jennifer Lynch; Moderator: John Antapasis

• **Sponsored Solution Track**
  Company: MITRE (Silver Sponsor)
  Presentation Speakers: Craig Ulsh and Shawn Duffalo
  Session Title: Innovations for First Responders
  Session Description: Successfully securing the homeland begins with increasing officer awareness and decreasing mission risks. MITRE’s Center for Securing the Homeland (CSH) focuses on applying advanced technology to first responder missions in methods that are affordable, adaptable, and effective in the near-term. MITRE’s mission-forward technologies such as the HazMat Auxiliary Unit (HAU) and Persistent Overwatch Drone allow first responders to reduce risk when entering dangerous and contaminated areas of concern. Additionally, as a result of increased use of advanced technology, MITRE offers an outdoor, tactical facility chosen for operational security and development and test of enduring capabilities, allowing MITRE partners and first responders to get to know, adopt, and train with these life-saving technologies.

  The first responder mission space is expansive and continues to grow. Recently, MITRE’s CSH had the opportunity to work alongside Chicago Fire Department. The men and women serving in Fire-specific missions are trusted to think quickly and execute life-saving operations swiftly while also protecting themselves. Determining and Communicating locations during operations are critical components to a safe recovery for everyone involved. The difficulty of this significantly increases in high-rise buildings where radio propagation is unreliable, and GPS is unavailable. Creating and experimenting with practical solutions to locate firefighters in distress in urban high-rise buildings using data-driven techniques has been a priority of MITRE’s CSH. Please join this segment and visit the MITRE booth to learn more about what MITRE is working on to increase safety in the homeland and hometown.

  
  1430 – 1445 Break – Sponsored by the MITRE Corporation

  1445 – 1545 **Session 3**
  • **Best Practices and Lessons Learned** – “Access and Functional Needs Chronic Influencers: Disruptions to CMIST Resources”, with Sadie Martinez; Moderator: Misty Richardson
  • **Combating Domestic Violent Extremism** – “NJSARS Firearms Cross Check Initiative”, with Maureen Lancaster and Daniel Geddes; Moderator: Larry Kraus

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### Conference Agenda

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#### Counterterrorism
- “Human Behavioral Responses during an IED Attack”, with Curtis Tilley, Ajmal Aziz, and William Parkin; Moderator: Jason Stewart

#### Cybersecurity

#### Emerging Technologies
- “Election Security”, with Emily Frye and Darryl Grady; Moderator: Susanna Taddei

#### Enhancing Information and Intelligence Sharing
- “Bureaucratic Decision Making and Intelligence Failures in the Context of January 6th”, with Taylor Mackin; Moderator: Siobhan Carroll

#### Grants and Program Management
- “FEMA: Procurement Under Grants 101”, with Chris Simone; Moderator: Dawn Heartsong

#### Law Enforcement Only (Pop-up Track)
- “Noah Calderon-Domestic Violent Extremist”; with Michael Lugo (due to sensitive nature of material – only Law Enforcement Officers will be admitted, please present badge); Moderator Corporal Matthew Simons

#### Personnel, Policy, and Mental Health
- “Striking a Balance: Cultivating an Agile and Resilient Workforce in Turbulent Times”, with Scott Drexler, PhD; Moderator: Irene Navis

#### Planning
- “Hazard Mitigation in 70 Languages: An Innovative Approach to Community Engagement!”, with Trish Beirne and Sara van der Capellen; Moderator: Blake Fisher

#### Protecting Critical Infrastructure and Communities
- “The Challenge of Examining Critical Infrastructure Risk and Resilience across Entire Regions”, with Peter Fitzmaurice, and Leslie-Anne Levy; Moderator: Jorge Torres

#### Public Health
- “Does a Public Health Approach to Violence Prevention Advance Homeland Security?”, with Stevan Weine, Sarah Patrick, Cassie Carnright, and Jason Sanford; Moderator: Jay Rajyaguru

#### Training and Exercise
- “Preparing the Whole Community:Exercising Active Attacker Scenarios”, with Amy Ramirez, Juan Daniels, Meredith Terrell, and Steven Torrence; Moderator: John Antapasis

#### Best Practices and Lessons Learned
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• **Community Preparedness and Resilience** – “Disasters Don’t Discriminate: A Blueprint for Addressing Social Vulnerabilities in Disaster Planning”, with Molly Bargmann, Andrew Phelps, Dr. Jesse P. Spearo, and Jonathan Romine; Moderator: Elizabeth Dunn

• **Counterterrorism** – “Security Situational Awareness”, with Michael Kline, Ferris Simmons, and Jonae Montoya; Moderator: Jason Stewart

• **Cybersecurity** – “Learning to Live Left of Boom - Embracing Cyber Resilience”, with Christopher Cruz; Moderator: Adam Monsolve

• **Emerging Technologies** – “Strengthening Collaboration and Coordination through the Implementation of Small Unmanned Aerial Systems (sUAS)”, with Hannah Thomas, Doug Miller, and Jason Cokinos; Moderator: Susanna Taddei

• **Enhancing Information and Intelligence Sharing** – “How to Evaluate Unusual Threat Reporting”, with Anish Bhatt; Moderator: Siobhan Carroll

• **Grants and Program Management** – “Measuring the Effectiveness of FEMA Preparedness Grants”, with Marcy Van; Moderator: Dawn Heartsong

• **Personnel, Policy, and Mental Health** – “Comprehensive, Coordinated Behavioral Health- From Preparedness to Recovery”, with Dr. Rashid Chotani and Misty Robinson; Moderator: Irene Navis

• **Planning** – “Integrating Cybersecurity into EOPs: Lessons Learned in the Charlotte UASI”, with Adrianne George; Moderator: Blake Fisher

• **Protecting Critical Infrastructure and Communities** – “Drones as a Threat Vector to Critical Infrastructure”, with Micheal Hill; Moderator: Jorge Torres

• **Public Health** – “All Roads Lead to Hospitals”, with Natasha Strokin and Vincent Torres; Moderator: Jay Rajyaguru

• **Training and Exercise** – “Hunter Seeker: The Preliminary Findings Report on the 2024 Weaponization of Synthetic Opioids and Subsequent Events in the St. Louis Region”, with David Schuld, Derek Rieger, Kristen Capps-Jones, and Brad Zoref; Moderator: John Antapasis

• **Social Media (Pop-up Track)** – “Social Media Crisis Communications: Capturing Best Practices to Address Challenges and Bridge Gaps”, with Heather Marshall; Moderator: Dawn Thomas
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#### Planning – “Empowering Election Planning: Data-Driven Strategies and Process Enhancements at a County Level”, with Ben Webster, Natasha Streets and Lauren Knapp; Moderator: Blake Fisher

#### Protecting Critical Infrastructure and Communities – “Houston, We Have A [Rail] Problem”: Enhancing Rail Safety in An Urban Environment”, with David Lindsey, Alison Belcher, Douglas Pasley, and Garreth Rempel; Moderator: Jorge Torres

#### Public Health (ABC) – “Pediatric Preparedness Virtual Tabletop Exercises: Regional Approaches/Measurable Results for Healthcare Facilities and Coalitions”, with Christopher McCarthy and Irene L. Navis; Moderator: Irene L. Navis

#### Response (Pop-up Track) – “Bombing and Mass Shooting Attempt at Florida Department of Transportation”, with Matthew Simons; Moderator Misty Richardson

#### Training and Exercise (91) – “2023 Texas Statewide Complex Coordinated Terrorist Attack (CCTA) Full Scale Exercise: Concept and Lessons Learned”, with Brandon Gentry; Moderator: John Antapas

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| 1115 – 1215 | **Session 8:** – Highlighting the “Best of Show” presentations (the five presentations that scored the highest) plus three additional new presentations.  
*Best of Show presentations will be announced at the Host Social at the Frost Museum*  
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- Best of Show presentation #2 TBD, Moderator: TBD  
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- **Counterterrorism** – “Weapons of Mass Destruction Civil Support Team 101 Brief”, with Myra Novak; Moderator: Jason Stewart  
- **Grants and Program Management** – “Consolidated Grant Management - The Secret Sauce”, with Robbie Coates; Moderators: Dawn Heartsong  
- **Training and Exercise** – “Using Gaming to Enhance Resilience: Disaster Mind”, with Daniel Nyquist, Jane Lee, and Kirsten Maltese; Moderator: John Antapasis |
| 1215 – 1330 | **Lunch on your own (not provided)**                                  |
| 1330 – 1500 | **In-depth Discussion: HUMAN TRAFFICKING PANEL QUESTION AND ANSWER**  
With Assistant Special Agent in Charge Zackary Hughes, Florida Department of Law Enforcement and Tiffany Parker – Human Trafficking Survivor Leader and Director of Emergency Management for the University of Texas at Dallas  
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TOUR 1 - CITY OF MIAMI BEACH RESILIENCY INFRASTRUCTURE
Join this exclusive guided tour to discuss the climate challenges Miami Beach faces every day and how collaborative mitigation and adaptation efforts by the City and its residents can help address them. The tour is led by a City of Miami Beach resilience expert and will start in Sunset Harbour, the blueprint neighborhood for sea-level rise adaptation. Visit www.miamibeachrisingabove.com to learn more about Miami Beach’s climate resilience efforts.
Bus boards at the Miami Beach Convention Center at 8 a.m.
Tour from 8:30 a.m. to Noon, Monday, July 22.
Air-conditioned bus, maximum participants – 22.
TOURS 2-7 – MIAMI BEACH BOAT TOURS

**Description:** Miami Police and Miami Fire Rescue invite you to come aboard one of their boats for a 45 minute tour of Biscayne Bay. Tours will depart on the hour from 10:00 AM until 3:00 PM from Maurice Gibb Memorial Park, approximately a 15 minute walk from the Miami Beach Convention Center.

**Meeting Location:** 18th Street and Purdy Avenue, Miami Beach, FL 33139

*Please only register for one timeslot to allow as many people to participate as possible*

Duration: 45 minutes

Capacity per tour: 24 guests
TOUR 8 – MIAMI MARLINS BASEBALL STADIUM SECURITY TOUR

Description: Learn how the City of Miami and Miami-Dade County ensure security at the Marlins Baseball Stadium.

Departure from Miami Beach Convention Center: 3:15 PM
Tour start: 4:00 PM
Tour end: 4:45 PM
Return to Miami Beach Convention Center: 5:30 PM
Capacity: 20 guests

Option to stay, watch the Marlins play the NY Yankees, and find your own transportation back. Tour does not include tickets to the game; tickets start at only $9. Click on image below to buy tickets.
TOUR 9 – ADRIENNE ARSHT CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

Description: The Arsht Center is one of Miami-Dade County’s assets. It is one of the largest performing arts centers in the United States. The center is rarely ever “dark”, and the stages operate year-round, bringing a diverse line-up of artists from around the world (and in many different languages), innovative programming from resident companies, and, of course, ballet and shows directly from Broadway. The center also hosts local arts partners for free community events that uniquely reflect Miami’s diverse community.

Take a special tour with a facilities expert to learn how this multifaceted venue keeps the property safe for employees, visitors, and performers. Learn firsthand how the center quickly adapted to mitigate damage from hurricane Irma in 2017 and lessons learned led to innovations in their procedures, from facility hardening to human resources policies.

Capacity: 35 people

Depart: 2:45 PM from Miami Beach Convention Center

Tour: 3:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Return: 4:30 PM
PANEL DISCUSSION – CYBERSECURITY GRANT PROGRAMS; NOVEL APPROACHES, PROMISING PRACTICES, AND LISTENING SESSION

Presenters:
Elizabeth “Bess” Mitchell and Jim Fagan for CISA
Amanda Carver, Lisa Nine, and Elizabeth Koren for FEMA

Summary:
CISA and FEMA representatives present updates for the FY 2024 SLCGP, including, new focus areas for FY 2024, requirements for grant applicants/recipients, national priorities, etc. Also, examples of novel approaches in cybersecurity project implementation and promising practices in grants management will be presented by CISA and FEMA.

- Key Changes for FY 2024 SLCGP (CISA)
  - Cybersecurity Plan Updates
  - Anything else that is new or updated in the FY 2024 SLCGP NOFO (e.g., performance metrics, focus areas, etc.)
- Novel approaches in cybersecurity project implementation (CISA)
- Promising practices in grants administration (FEMA)
  - Promising Practice: Streamlining local consent (MN)
  - Promising Practice: Statewide approach to cybersecurity shared services (OK)
- Q&A

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 tabletop 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

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

• The importance of all-hazards preparedness and the “right” questions to ask during an emergency situation.
• The National Response Framework
• Local Government Partner Guides
• ESF and Support Annexes
• Working with the media Overviews of:
  • The Stafford Act Support to States
  • DOD Support to Domestic Incidents; and
  • Federal Support in Non-Stafford Act events

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

• Directors of local response agencies
• Chiefs of departments: fire, law, EMS, HazMat, public works, water, public health, health care, emergency management, Governmental administrative disciplines/services
• Public Information Officers
• Resident federal agency representatives (FBI, BATF, Secret Service, FEMA, TSA)
• CEOs of hospitals
• College and university representatives
• School district superintendents
• Airport and port facility managers
• DoD installation commanders and representatives
• Stadium and sports facility managers and directors
Class Size:
- Approximately 70 participants

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

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

**Prerequisites:**
- There are no prerequisites for this course.

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

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

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

**Continuing Education and Professional Credits 0.4 CEUs**
TRAINING & TESTING - AEM/CEM CERTIFICATON PREPARATORY COURSE
The International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM) will be offering the AEM/CEM preparatory exam course from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM and the AEM/CEM Exam from 2:00 to 4:00 PM. The cost of the preparatory course and exam fee are NOT included with your registration fee. Registrants who indicate they would like to attend the prep course and/or take the exam will also need to register directly with IAEM at: https://www.iaem.org/certification/getting-started/prep-course-exam-dates; to finalize their registration. Registration deadline is TBD. Onsite registration is not available.

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

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

Intended Audience:
• Emergency managers at all levels, as well as those who work with non-governmental (private sector and non-profit) organizations, who engage in continuous improvement activities.
TRAINING - PRIMARY SCREENER/PERSONAL RADIATION DETECTOR (PER-243)

PER-243 provides the primary screener with training to perform a preliminary radiological assessment with a personal radiation detector (PRD). Training also includes operating a PRD to detect radiation, locate a source, measure radiation levels, assess the threat status of a situation, categorize threats, and adjudicate alarms.

Prerequisites:
- Must have completed ARW-140-W: Introduction to Radiological/Nuclear WMD Operations. New users' registration is available on https://ctos.acadisonline.com/AcadisViewer/Login.aspx

Course Length:
- 8 hours

Course Materials:
- Will be provided.

Class Size:
- 30 participants

Targeted Audience:
- Law Enforcement Officers
- Firefighters
- EOD Units
- HM Teams
- First Responders

TRAINING - UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS PROGRAMS DEVELOPMENT, MOBILE COURSE (8 HOUR COURSE)

The Unmanned Aircraft Systems Program Development (UASPD), Mobile course (8 hours) is designed to equip emergency personnel with the essential knowledge needed to effectively integrate Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) into their operations. This program combines real world examples with theoretical understanding, covering topics such as UAS technology, flight operations, data analysis, and regulatory compliance specific to the needs of the first responders. Participants will be presented with considerations for deploying UAS for various emergency scenarios, including law enforcement, search and rescue, disaster response, and situational awareness. With an introduction to safety and practical applications, this course empowers first responders to design a program for their agency harnessing the capabilities of UAS for enhanced response and integration of these capabilities within their jurisdiction to sustain their program over the long term.
TRAINING – RESPONSE TO BOMBING INCIDENTS, RBI (1.5 HOUR COURSE)

The course provides information to emergency personnel from all disciplines who respond to the growing number of bombing incidents across the United States. Topics covered include bombing response challenges, the damaging effects of Improvised Explosive Devices, bombing threat response considerations, and response priorities following the immediate aftermath of a bombing.

PRESENTATION – RESPONDERS’ WELLNESS AND RESILIENCY

Presenter:
John P. Skillestad, Supervisory Special Agent, Office of Partner Engagement – Violence Reduction Unit (OPE-VRU), Active Shooter Program

Summary:
The FBI’s Office of Partner Engagement, Violence Reduction Unit (VRU) produced a movie focused on first responder wellness and resiliency after mass-shooting/active shooter (AS) incidents. The production primarily centers around the June 12, 2016, Pulse Nightclub AS incident in Orlando, FL, and the October 1, 2017, AS incident shooting in Las Vegas, NV. The movie includes interviews of law enforcement officers, 911 dispatchers, Fire/EMS personnel, trauma surgeons, and other first responders to the incidents, as well as SMEs in the field of officer wellness and resiliency. The goal of the movie is to bring attention to the importance of responders’ wellness and resiliency after these tragic incidents, to reduce the stigma associated with seeking help, and to provide examples of resources available to help those affected achieve a new normal so they can continue to be valuable and effective public safety servants to their communities and provide stability to their personal lives.

Learning Objectives:
- Understand the extent of who can be affected by trauma from an active shooter/mass casualty incident.
- Learn about the various resources available to assist those who have suffered trauma.
- Realize trauma can be treated in a positive manner leading to successful and fulfilling careers.

BUSINESS MEETING - UASI POC ANNUAL MEETING

Annual business meeting for the official Points of Contact (POC’s) only
Meeting and lunch sponsored by Partner Forces (Silver Sponsor)
PANEL DISCUSSION – PARTNERING FOR SUCCESS WITH SLCGP/TCGP PROGRAM
MONITORING: CISA, FEMA, STATE ADMINISTRATIVE AGENCIES AND CHIEF SECURITY
OFFICERS COLLABORATE TO MEASURE PROGRAM PROGRESS AND GRANTS MANAGEMENT
COMPLIANCE, IDENTIFY TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE NEEDS AND SHARE LESSONS LEARNED

Presenters:
Elizabeth “Bess” Mitchell and Jim Fagan for CISA
Amanda Carver, Lisa Nine, and Elizabeth Koren for FEMA

Summary:
Panel Participants will discuss their experiences with desk and/or site monitoring of the SLCGP/TCGP grant programs and share promising practices and lessons learned, and key changes for FY 2024 SLCGP (CISA) (35-minutes)

Presentation Topics include the following items:
- Purpose and objectives of program monitoring
- What to expect from a desk review or site monitoring visit
- Well-coordinated SAA/CIO shop (institutionalized relationship, formalized governance) keeping committee engaged (e.g., recommending Illinois SAA Bob Evans and CISO Jennifer Rominger)
- Technical assistance resources for SLCGP/TCGP (including FACT Sheets, FAQs, SAA Working Group and other stakeholder engagement opportunities, etc.)
- Post Monitoring: Issues/challenges identified during monitoring and corrective action plans to adjudicate these.
- 25-Minute Question and Answer period

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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.
PRESENTATION – BOMBING AND MASS SHOOTING ATTEMPT AT FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
Presenter:
Matthew Simons, Police Corporal, Tampa Police Department, City of Tampa.
Summary:
On April 17, 2024, a bad actor arrived at the Florida Department of Transportation Office (FDOT) in Tampa, FL with the intent to place an improvised explosive device inside the building and conduct a mass shooting. Multiple law enforcement agencies worked together to resolve the incident and ensure there was no additional danger to the public. The presentation will cover the events that took place that day to include law enforcement response, FDOT personnel management, bomb squad response and render safe procedures, discussion of IED’s located, and follow-up investigation.
Learning Objectives:
- Police response lessons learned
- Bomb squad response lessons learned
- Multi-agency cooperation lessons learned
Targeted Audience:
- Law Enforcement Officers
- Firefighters
- EOD Units
- HM Teams
- First Responders

CASE STUDY: 2018 NATIONAL MALL SUICIDE BOMBING PLOT (1.5 HOUR PRESENTATION)
On October 9, 2018, Paul Rosenfeld was arrested after a suicide bombing plot was uncovered by law enforcement. Mr. Rosenfeld had constructed an improvised explosive device and was planning to detonate the device on the National Mall in Washington D.C. on Election Day. Over the course of two days, numerous law enforcement agencies worked in collaboration to apprehend Mr. Rosenfeld and render safe the device he had constructed. This case study describes the events which took place on this date and follows the investigation through to its conclusion with a special emphasis on the Improvised Explosive Device (IED) utilized.

PANEL DISCUSSION – AIRSPACE SECURITY – SPECIAL GOVERNMENT INTEREST (SGIs)
AIRSPACE WAIVERS AND TEMPORARY FLIGHT RESTRICTIONS (TFRs)
Presenter:
Kerry Fleming, Branch Manager of the System Operations Support Center co-located in Washington, DC and Warrenton, VA.
Summary:
The System Operations Support Center is the group within the FAA that provides Air Traffic Security services and airspace access to all disaster relief and lifesaving operations. They work closely with our first responder partners to provide a safe, efficient, and timely response to emergency operations through the issuance of Special Governmental Interest (SGI)
airspace waivers. The System Operations Support Center also is the sole issuing authority for Law Enforcement and National Security related Temporary Flight Restrictions (TFR). This presentation will educate attendees on all the challenges of conducting flight operations during significant events. The System Operations Support Center has provided expert presentations to AUVSI, Drone Responders, the National Hurricane Conference, UAS Commercial Expo, National Council of Sheriffs’, Texas DPS, and Federal Law Enforcement Agencies.

**Learning Objectives:**

- Understanding how to request a Special Government Interest (SGI) airspace waiver.
- Understanding what type of Temporary Flight Restriction (TFR) is most suitable.
- Understanding Certificates of Authorizations and Part 107 flight operation requirements

**Targeted Audience:**

- Law Enforcement Officers
- Firefighters
- EOD Units
- HM Teams
- First Responders

**TRAINING - DRONE ASSESSMENT AND RESPONSE TACTICS, DART (1.5 HOUR COURSE)**

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.

**WORKSHOP - 2024 THIRA/SPR METHODOLOGY UPDATE WORKSHOP**

FEMA’s Community Risk and Capability Assessment Branch will provide a presentation on community THIRA/SPR Methodology and present on community feedback received thus far in calendar year 2024. This presentation will:

- Outline the current THIRA/SPR methodology.
- Highlight opportunities for community data improvement.
- Share summary feedback collected in calendar year 2023 and 2024.
- Provide an opportunity for participants to work through the new THIRA/SPR Methodology with example targets.
PANEL DISCUSSION - BEST PRACTICES FOR PROTECTING CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE USING AN ENTERPRISE RISK MANAGEMENT PLATFORM

Summary:
This panel presentation delves into the intricate landscape of critical infrastructure security, focusing on strategies and case studies from the states of Florida and Arizona. As homeland security grants diminish, Florida faces resource constraints that challenge the comprehensive assessment of critical infrastructure vulnerabilities. The Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) has navigated these challenges amidst the absence of a centralized repository within the Regional Domestic Security Task Force (RDSTF), which complicates reporting across critical infrastructure categories.

In contrast, Arizona’s deployment strategies offer valuable insights into effective security measures, particularly in the face of evolving threats. Through case studies and best practices, the panel explores how Florida and Arizona have approached cataloging, assessing, and responding to incidents in critical infrastructure. Key topics include the impact of enterprise risk management systems, collaborative resource utilization, and the effectiveness of risk-based strategies in real-world security management.

Join us as we dissect these strategies, share lessons learned, and discuss the path forward in enhancing critical infrastructure security resilience.

Learning Objectives:

- Understanding Comprehensive Security Assessment Protocols:
  - Participants will gain insight into the challenges faced by Florida in conducting thorough critical infrastructure vulnerability assessments due to resource constraints and lack of centralized data repositories. They will learn about the components necessary for a comprehensive security assessment and the impact of streamlined reporting systems on enhancing domestic security measures.

- Exploring Effective Implementation Strategies for Enterprise Risk Management Systems:
  - Attendees will explore the effectiveness of enterprise risk management systems, as evidenced by successful implementations within The Florida Department of Education, Tampa Bay UASI and Tallahassee Region 2. By examining the pilot program conducted by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) in Tallahassee, participants will understand the benefits and challenges associated with leveraging shared resources and how such systems can improve information accessibility for end-users.

  - The panel discussion will provide a platform for participants to analyze and dissect various case studies and best practices related to cataloging, assessing vulnerabilities, and responding to security incidents within the 16 DHS Sectors. Through these examples, attendees will comprehend the practical implications of risk-oriented approaches in devising robust security management strategies applicable in real-world scenarios.
PANEL PRESENTATION - REAL-WORLD APPLICATION OF CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT THROUGH INCIDENT AFTER-ACTION REVIEWS

Presenters:
- Mel Bartis, Deputy Coordinator, Harris County (TX) Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management
- Dave Boucher, State Exercise Officer, Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency
- Steve Dancer, Executive Director, Marine Corps Logistics Base Albany, Georgia

Moderator:
- Lee Zelewicz, Continuous Improvement Technical Assistant Program Manager – Continuous Improvement Program | Office of Resilience Strategy | Resilience FEMA | DHS
- Jenna Wirtz Chang, Continuous Improvement Technical Assistance Program Deputy – Continuous Improvement Program | Office of Resilience Strategy | Resilience FEMA | DHS

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CONTINUED DISCUSSION - TWO YEARS ON FROM BUFFALO: TARGETED VIOLENCE AND DOMESTIC TERRORISM PREVENTION IN NEW YORK STATE – LESSONS LEARNED AND NEXT STEPS

Presenters:
Paula Granger, Assistant Director, Office of Counter Terrorism Director, Domestic Terrorism Prevention Unit
Frazer Lonie, Manager, Program Support, New York State Division of Homeland Security & Emergency Services

Summary:
The heinous mass shooting at a grocery store in Buffalo, New York – which left ten New Yorkers dead and another three wounded – by a white supremacist was a wake-up call that the State must be prepared to confront the threat of domestic terrorism. Following the shooting, Gov. Hochul’s executive order required counties to develop domestic terrorism prevention plans and created a first-in-the-nation domestic terrorism prevention unit. This presentation will provide an update on New York State’s targeted violence prevention program first discussed at the 2023 NHSC. This will include lessons learned from implementing the first Targeted Violence Prevention Strategy, supporting the creation of over 35 multi-disciplinary Threat Assessment & Management (TAM) teams at the local level, and utilizing a formal training program. The presentation will also highlight best practices and success stories from these teams and detail funding opportunities created for localities. Looking into the future, this presentation will address efforts to build a whole of society Prevention Network combining both online and offline forms of violence prevention. The overarching goal of this presentation is to share New York State’s experiences with a broad audience to enable them to develop targeted violence prevention programs and TAM teams tailored to their own jurisdictions.

Learning Objectives:
• Provide an update to the steps that New York State has taken to build the targeted violence and terrorism prevention infrastructure since the May 2022 Buffalo mass shooting.
• Provide an overview of the Governor’s recent announcement to expand effort to New York State’s higher education environment and planned next steps.
• Highlight lessons learned from NYS’ targeted violent prevention efforts, successes, and challenges so far.

Intended Audience:
All Conference Attendees

CASE STUDY: UAS DELIVERY OF CONTRABAND TO PRISON (1.5 HOUR PRESENTATION)

This case study examines a joint investigation conducted in 2019, which targeted a scheme to smuggle contraband to an inmate at Telfair State Prison. The study explores how investigators from the Georgia Department of Corrections worked in collaboration with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and the Department of Transportation Office of Inspector General to effectively prosecute the defendants involved in this federal conspiracy. Using this incident as an example, the study discusses the increasing use of Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) for criminal activities, examines current legal considerations, and highlights successful strategies to combat this trend.
PANEL DISCUSSION – UNDERSTANDING INFRASTRUCTURE RISK TO NATURAL HAZARDS AND CHANGING CLIMATE CONDITIONS

Presenters:
Sunny Wescott, CISA
Ryan Cobey, Critical Infrastructure Analyst, Idaho National Laboratory
Rachel Cychosz, FEMA
Dr. Roger Pulwarty, NOAA

Summary:
The effects of global climate change are becoming increasingly visible, and infrastructure owners and operators have a need to better understand the impacts of a changing climate on their assets and systems. As the national coordinator for security and resilience, CISA plays a key role in helping infrastructure operators better understand and assess the resilience of their systems from an all-hazards perspective. Climate change presents a challenge to CISA’s mission for several reasons. For one, there may be less urgency to protect assets and systems from climate change as its impact is often not immediately felt. Furthermore, impacts to infrastructure assets and systems are often difficult to measure given the broad geographic footprint of changing climate conditions. Compounding these challenges is a need to translate climate projection models into actual infrastructure risks. As climate data has evolved in its accuracy, precision, and interpretability, a gap remains between what the data tells us and what that means to the overall resilience of critical infrastructure. This panel discusses the diverse challenges to assessing infrastructure risk to changing climate conditions and proposes potential avenues forward for CISA and others to both better understand these risks and improve outreach to local communities.

Learning Objectives:
• Describe the challenges with interpreting changing climate conditions and assessing infrastructure risk from these conditions.
• Explain some of the programs, projects, and initiatives that are currently looking at climate change and its impact to infrastructure assets and systems.
• Discuss what can be done to both better understand infrastructure risk to climate change and help owners, operators, and local communities enhance their resilience to these risks.

Intended Audience:
• All Conference Attendees
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.

PANEL DISCUSSION – LARGE SCALE EVENT PLANNING – NATIONAL AND LOCAL PERSPECTIVE

Presenters:
John Antapasis, Emergency Management Director, Fire Rescue, City of Tampa, FL; and Daniel Berry, Police Lieutenant, Tampa Police Department, City of Tampa.

Summary:
In 2023, the City of Tampa, along with mutual-aid agencies and community stakeholders, conducted a series of exercises to prepare for mass casualty incidents (MCI) during large-scale special events. This included a progressive approach to include a Table-Top Exercise, Functional Exercise, and culminated with a Full-Scale Exercise before the Winter Special Event Season to measure the response to the scenarios from law enforcement, fire rescue, emergency management, and the hospital system.

This workshop will describe the exercise series process and development, highlight the actions taken during the exercises, and provide an overview of the observed strengths and areas for improvement that were identified in the After-Action Reports to better prepare responding agencies to MCIs during Large-Scale Special Events.

Learning Objectives:
• Incident Action Planning and multi-agency coordination for Large-Scale Special Events and case studies on Gasparilla Parade of Pirates and Super Bowl LV.
• Design and facilitation best practices for conducting a Table-Top Exercise, Functional Exercise and Full-Scale Complex Coordinated Terrorism Attack (CCTA) Exercise to test multi-agency policies and procedures for law enforcement, fire rescue, healthcare systems, emergency management, and family assistance centers in a growing threat environment.
• Developing HSEEP compliant and practical exercise supporting documents and meetings to include Exercise Plan, Master Scenario Events List (MSEL), Controller / Evaluator Handbook, Exercise Evaluation Guide (EEG) and other tools to effectively design and evaluate an exercise.
Intended Audience:
- Law Enforcement, Fire Rescue, Medical Providers, and Emergency Management

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

FIFA World Cup 2026 Host Cities
48 Teams Competing in 104 matches in 16 host cities across 3 North American countries broken up into 3 regions for close to 40 days. Previous 7 World Cups had 32 teams and 64 games for close to 30 days.

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

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

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

*2002 was the only other World Cup to be hosted by multiple countries (Japan/S. Korea)*
THURSDAY, JULY 25TH GENERAL SESSION

KEYNOTE: HUMAN TRAFFICKING – A GLOBAL CRISIS

Presenters:
- Assistant Special Agent in Charge Zackary Hughes, Florida Department of Law Enforcement
- Tiffany Parker – Human Trafficking Survivor Leader and Director of Emergency Management for the University of Texas at Dallas

Summary:
Human trafficking is a global crisis affecting billions of people worldwide. Join us as we provide an overview of human trafficking and what the State of Florida is doing to combat this multi-billion-dollar criminal enterprise.

Takeaways:
- Understand what human trafficking is, versus what it isn’t
- What individuals and organizations can do to combat human trafficking
- What Florida is doing to combat trafficking

Outline:
- Tiffany’s personal account of her exploitation
- Overview of human trafficking
  - What human trafficking is versus what it is not
  - Child marriage
  - Labor trafficking
  - Sex trafficking
  - Grooming and recruitment
  - Social media
- Combating Trafficking
  - What individuals can do to combat human trafficking
  - What organizations can do to combat human trafficking
  - What Florida is doing to combat trafficking
  - Florida Taskforce and human trafficking initiatives
KEYNOTE: ENHANCING PREPAREDNESS AND RESILIENCE: LESSONS LEARNED FROM THE JANUARY 6TH ATTACK ON THE U.S. CAPITOL

Presenters:
- Amy Szestak – Special U.S. Secret Service
- Sean P. Gallagher – Assistant Chief, U.S. Capitol Police
- Nabeela N. Barbari (Moderator) - Executive Vice President of OTHSolutions

Summary:
Join the Assistant Chief of U.S. Capitol Police, Sean Gallagher, and U.S. Secret Service Special Agent, Amy Szestak, in an engaging panel titled “Enhancing Preparedness and Resilience: Lessons Learned from the January 6th Attack on the U.S. Capitol.” This opportunity invites homeland security professionals to gain practical insights from a complex and high-profile real-world incident. The session will provide a succinct overview into the events of January 6, 2021, while focusing on lessons learned and actions taken to enhance the preparedness and resilience posture of both the police force and the National Capital Region. Panelists, as moderated by former DHS and National Security Council veteran, Nabeela Barbari, will delve into advancements to information sharing, interoperable communications, and the use of incident response plans and mutual aid agreements. The conversation will also address officer wellness and the establishment of the Howard C. ‘Howie’ Liebengood Center for Wellness. Rooted in firsthand experiences, attendees will be equipped with actionable strategies to heighten the safety and security of their communities. As the dynamic 2024 nationwide election season and the first Presidential Election Certification since 2021 rapidly approach, this unparalleled opportunity promises valuable insights for a diverse group of conference participants.

Learning Objectives:
- Understanding the January 6th Attack Events: Gain a comprehensive overview of the events that occurred on January 6, 2021, leading up to the attack on the U.S.
- Lessons Learned in Preparedness and Resilience: Analyze lessons learned and activities underway since 2021 to improve preparedness and resilience posture of the Department and National Capitol Region.
- Coalition Building Best Practices: Explore actionable strategies on effectively building coalitions across jurisdictions and disciplines to improve emergency management policy and operations.
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- Saturday: 8am - 10pm
- Sunday: 8am - 8pm
- Fare: Free
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2. Set Your Pick-Up Location
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3. Browse Local Destinations
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4. Select Your Destination
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5. Enjoy The Ride
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