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# **Online Program**

By: Bettina Coleman, Conference Committee Member

The online program is your guide for all the

conference sessions,

trainings and events. Changes at the IAEM conference happen on the fly and this program is always updated to reflect those changes in real time! You are never reading outdated information.

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- 1. Save <u>http://eventinfo.speakercall.com/iaem2018/</u> <u>Schedule/Browse</u> in your browser favorites bar
- 2. Select the "Export to Excel" feature from the link above and keep this in a cloud storage service you can access from anywhere (*will not be updated automatically*)
- 3. Select the "Export to Excel" feature from the link above and print the schedule to take it with you everywhere (will not be updated automatically)
- 4. Download the app and view the online program from a mobile friendly version

## Pre Welcome Party

By: Bettina Coleman, Conference Committee Member Are you new to the Conference? Expand your personal and professional relationships at the Pre-Welcome Party Meet an Greet on Sunday, October 21st from 4:30—5:15 p.m. Join other new, and seasoned, conference attendees at the Amway Grand Plaza Hotel in the Ambassador West Room, **prior** to the Welcome Party, to expand your circle of friends and colleagues.



### Welcome Party

By: Valerie Lucas-McEwen, Conference Committee Member We are delighted to host this year's Welcome Party in the Grand Rapids Public Museum! The museum is located on the

banks of the mighty Grand River in a historic flour mill. This is the perfect way to meet new friends, greet old ones and see some of the amazing history of the Grand Rapids area. Don't forget to look for the 1928 Spillman Carousel on Sunday, October 21st from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

# IAEM2GO APP



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Conference & EMEX mobile app. IAEM to GO is your complete Conference Program with information on session times, locations, descriptions, speakers and EMEX booths.

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#### Peter Perez, Editor



## Lt. Colonel Chris Kelenske

By: Taylor Frizzell, Conference Committee Member

Join Lt. Colonel Chris Kelenske as he welcomes attendees to the IAEM 66th Annual Conference and EMEX.

Lt. Colonel Kelenske brings over

twenty years of experience in the field of Emergency Management and Homeland Security. Previously, he served as a commander for the Michigan State Police, Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division (MSP/EMHSD). This role also required him to provide enhanced law enforcement services in the cities of Detroit. Flint, Pontiac, and Saginaw.

In his new position, commander of the Specialized Services Bureau in Michigan State Police, he is responsible for the Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division, Intelligence Operations Division, and Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division. He also serves as the Deputy Homeland Security Advisor for the State of Michigan.

Beginning his career with the Michigan State Police in 1995, Lt. Colonel Kelenske served various positions in the Training Division, rising through the ranks to become the assistant commander of the Homeland Security/ Infrastructure Analysis and Response Section in MSP/ EMHSD.

Lt. Colonel Kelenske earned a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice from the Grand Valley State University, a Master of Arts in National Security and Defense from the Naval Postgraduate School and a Master's Certificate in Criminal Justice from the University of Virginia. He also graduated in 2008, from the 235th Session of the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia.

## **Register Today to be an IAEM Ambassador**

Ever get lost looking for the bathroom at the conference? The Ambassadors can help. Curious who your Regional President is? The Ambassadors can help. Ever wonder what break out is better suited for you? The Ambassadors can help.

Being an Ambassador is one of my favorite parts of attending the IAEM Annual Conference. It's the easiest thing you'll ever do professionally. All you need to do is spend a few minutes together in the morning getting an update on the day ahead. Spend the rest of the day attending sessions, participating in workshops - just like you were going to do anyway. The difference is you will reach out to attendees and they will

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introduce themselves to you, asking questions, and getting directions. As a past attendee of the Annual Conference, an Ambassador will have all the answers. It's a brilliant networking opportunity that leads to some of the best connections I have made professionally.

#### So why would you not want to be an Ambassador too?

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## **Special Events**

Every year the Conference Committee organizes special events to provide a venue for networking. From

Don't forget about

inches and

reception!

the Welcome Party to the President's Banquet, these events are sure to please.

- Spectrum Health Tour  $\Rightarrow$
- Escape Room  $\Rightarrow$  $\Rightarrow$  Griffins
- Hockey Game Show your
- Badge Discounts
- **Book Signings**  $\Rightarrow$
- Sunday Night Welcome  $\Rightarrow$ Party
- Monday New Emergency  $\Rightarrow$ Managers Networking Reception
- Scholarship/Silent Auction & Basket Bonanza
- ⇒ Wednesday President's Banquet & **Certification Awards Program**

To see the full list and details of events visit the conference special events page. Go to the conference things to do page to see all the fun things in Grand Rapids!



# **Twitter Contest**

Two winners will receive \$50 VISA gift cards at the Wednesday night President's Banquet.

#### Starts Saturday, October 20th Ends Wednesday, October 24th

For info and rules go to the contest webpage. \*\*Must be a registered IAEM 2018 Annual Conference Attendee and present to win\*\*

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