



The Conference Call

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Registration & Program Now Available Online

By: Abby Hostetter, Conference Committee Member

The Conference Committee has been busy planning a

dynamic program for you. In addition to the keynote and plenary speakers, there are over 75 breakout and spotlight sessions where you can listen to individuals who worked disasters in their own communities, share their perspectives and answer your questions.

For those of you who are interested in training, we offer AEM[®]/CEM[®] program offerings and pre/post-conference courses from the Emergency Management Institute (EMI), Naval Postgraduate School Center for Homeland Defense and Security (CHDS), Emergency Management Accreditation Program (EMAP), National Disaster Preparedness Training Center (NDPTC) and more.

While you attend the sessions that fit your professional development needs, you also have the opportunity to network and connect with the wide array of professionals who represent many aspects of emergency management.

"The IAEM Conference is the one place where the expertise is; where you can network with other attendees who know everything you need to know!" - Robie Robinson, IAEM-USA Immediate Past President

[Register now](#) to lock in your early bird discounted rate! The early bird rate ends Friday, October 6, 2017.

IAEM New Reduced Training Fees for EMI Courses

You talked we listened. Thanks to the overwhelming response from the recently conducted IAEM member training interest survey, the registration fees for the EMI and EMAP pre-conference training courses will be as follows:

- \$25/day - IAEM members attending the conference at the full or basic registration rates, including students
- \$100/day - IAEM members attending the conference at a reduced or complimentary rate or only attending pre-conference
- \$196/day - Non-member rate

Hurry at these new low rates, the training courses are sure to fill up fast! For a complete listing of our training course offerings see <https://iaemconference.info/2017/program/prepost-conference-trainings/>

Special note to all IAEM USA 2017 Annual Conference & EMEX Attendees:

IAEM has been notified of an ongoing labor dispute in Long Beach between UNITED HERE Local 11 Union, and the Westin and Renaissance hotels. Any contacts or requests you receive from them are not endorsed by IAEM. IAEM is bound to honor its contractual commitments to both hotel venues, having executed such agreements in 2014. IAEM Headquarters regrets any contact you may receive from representatives of the Union. IAEM's legal counsel has been in contact with the Union and we appreciate knowing of any further attempts made to contact our members.





Dan Thurmon

By: Valerie Lucus-McEwen, Conference Committee Member

A recent inductee to the prestigious "Speakers Hall of Fame," Dan Thurmon delivers experiences that go beyond motivation, teaching concepts and skills in a highly engaging and entertaining manner. He incorporates his lifelong performance skills to

create high impact events. His programs have educated and uplifted Fortune 500 companies, young audiences, and even the troops on the front lines of Afghanistan and Iraq.

His philosophy can be summed up by the title of his book, *Off Balance On Purpose: Embrace Uncertainty and Create a Life You Love*. He believes "perfect balance" is unachievable and even undesirable. We should, instead, learn to embrace uncertainty and initiate positive changes that lead to growth. Dan's multi-dimensional view of success incorporates quality health, strong relationships, and meaningful contributions.

Thurmon graduated from the University of Georgia with a degree in Marketing and Management. He has also extensively studied personal development and developed the unique methodology he teaches to audiences and clients.

As president of Motivation Works, Inc., he has worked with hundreds of clients and delivered thousands of presentations worldwide. Dan helps organizations and individuals implement action plans and move confidently through transitions. Visit his [website](#) for more information.

Hurry and Save on Lodging!

This year's Conference is conveniently located near not 1, not 2, not 3 but 4 hotels! The headquarter hotel is the Westin Long Beach. As one of the top Long Beach hotels located on the waterfront, you can experience the best of Southern California at the Westin Long Beach.

You can also choose from the Renaissance, the Hyatt Regency or Courtyard Marriott.

See more information on the [Hotel page of the website](#).



Interactive Online Program

The conference program is now available online. View the complete details on the sessions offered, speakers and room locations in the convention center. **The online program is never out of date.** As soon as a program change is known, the online program is updated immediately. It is your guide for all of the conference sessions and events. **New this year**, you can search by interest areas, as well as by day, tracks, or speakers. See the online program via the [website!](#)

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Join Conference Staff and Save on Registration!

Did you attend a past conference and see the amazing staff in blue polo's having so much fun? Or did you hear how other professionals were able to save even more money off of their registration fee and see the exciting behind the scenes world of the Annual Conference?

If so, then you should register to be on the 2017 IAEM Annual Conference and EMEX Staff! By staffing different areas and events at the conference you can save an extra \$25 per hour off of your registration fee. Make sure to sign up early and check the box on your registration form before selecting payment options to be on staff. Once you sign up for staff you can select "Check", as your form of payment, so that you receive an invoice after the conference showing your deductions off the registration fee for your hours worked. Hurry and [register](#) today!