



The Conference Call

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Program Now Available Online

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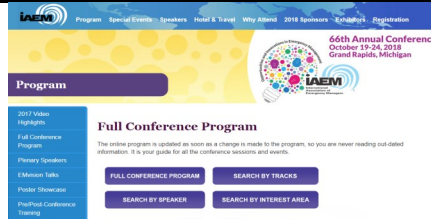
The Conference Committee has spent countless hours putting together a comprehensive and exciting program for you. This year will be host to numerous breakout sessions, pre-conference training, regional/committee/caucus meetings, and even a plenary session by renowned American sociobiologist, Rebecca D. Costa.

Other plenary speakers include Mona L. Barnes, State Director of the Virgin Islands Territorial Emergency Management Agency, and Frank DeAngelis, the Retired Principal of Columbine High School in Littleton, CO.

On Tuesday, October 23rd in a special session, the Poster Showcase will feature the work of individuals in both competitive and non-competitive divisions. Also on Tuesday, the acclaimed EMvision Talks are back! Presenters will be given seven minutes to share their experience and passion on topics related to emergency management.

We have some great events tailored to students and new emergency managers. On Sunday, October 21, there will be an IAEM Student Career & Professional Day. These interactive sessions will consist of several panel and networking sessions that are intended to aid students and new emergency managers in making decisions about their emergency management careers.

Take a look at the [online program](#). It is updated as soon as a change is made to the program!



FREE Training

By: Bettina Coleman, Conference Committee Member

New this year, IAEM will offer FREE pre/post-conference training from EMI, NDPC and EMAP for registered attendees at the full, basic and student registration rates. Hurry, these courses are on a first-come, first-served basis.

Registration will open mid-June. This is a perfect opportunity to increase your professional development and receive credit hours that can be applied towards the IAEM Certification Program.

Below are just some of the courses being offered, [click here](#) to see a full list:

- L191 EOC/ICS Interface (newly revised) (1 day)
- New Public Assistance Delivery Model for Recipients and Applicants (2 days)
- AWR – 384 Community Preparedness for Cyber Incidents (1 ½ days)
- MGT – 310 Jurisdictional THIRA (2 days)
- MGT – 315 Critical Asset Risk Management (2 days)
- L2300 – Intermediate EOC Functions (newly revised) (3 days)
- Emergency Management Standard Training Course (EMAP) (2 days)
- MGT – 341 Disaster Preparedness for Hospitals and Healthcare Organizations with the Community Infrastructure (2 days)



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Eat, Drink & See!

You're guaranteed to have a grand old time in Grand Rapids. It is full of artistic flair, restaurants for any foodie to explore, and craft brew beers to your hearts content. There is an amazing [Visitor's Guide](#) you

can view online to start seeing all the fun things to do in Grand Rapids!

We have also worked with local attractions to provide discounts for conference attendees. This service is set up with local dining options, some shopping venues and even area attractions like the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum. To see the full list go to this [webpage](#).





Mr. Frank DeAngelis

By: Valerie Lucus-McEwen, Conference Committee Member

Frank DeAngelis was the principal at Columbine High School for three years on April 20, 1999. Since the tragic shooting that took fifteen lives and redefined a nation, and his career, he has spoken at a variety of conferences telling his story about the event through the aftermath.

Since the tragedy, he has remained a highly visible presence in the discussion of school safety, which changed drastically as lessons of the law enforcement response that day were transformed into policy. He has assisted as a consultant after a number of other violent school events, including Virginia Tech, Sandy Hook and Parkland. His presentation will reveal the leadership lessons he learned in the focus of an international firestorm. His honest, straight-forward account provides his audience invaluable insights into managing the after-crisis with students, staff members, community members and never-ending media attention.

Mr. DeAngelis has been involved in numerous professional activities and associations, and has received multiple awards for his teaching, leadership, and coaching skills. He was selected as Colorado Principal of the Year in 2013, and narrowly missed being named the National Principal of the year. He retired from Columbine in June of 2014 and now works as a consultant, for safety and emergency management, for the Colorado Jefferson County School District.

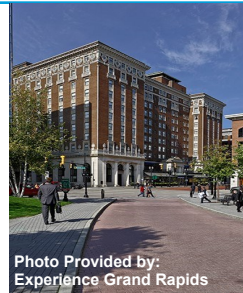


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Reserve Your Hotel NOW!

By: Bettina Coleman, Conference Committee Member

You can now book your hotel reservation for the upcoming IAEM conference through the

2018 IAEM Conference hotel page by [clicking here](#).

Book your room using the IAEM block at the discounted rate of \$159, or at the Government Rate of \$113.

Reservation **Deadline is September 20, 2018** until the block is sold out.

On your Mark, Get Set, REGISTER!



We know that you can't wait to register for the 66th IAEM Annual Conference & EMEX. Staff are finishing up some last minute touches to the [registration site](#) and it will be opening any day now!

In the meantime here are 3 simple things you can do to prepare:

1. Gain approval from your organization to attend the conference. Make sure you demonstrate the ["Return on Investment"](#) (ROI) as outlined by IAEM.
2. [Book your hotel](#). IAEM has a block of rooms at the Amway Grand Plaza.
3. Look at the [online program](#) to plan your Conference out. This ensures maximize return for your time at the Conference.



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 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 2018 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.