



EMvision Talks Submissions

BY: *RACHEL INGLE*, Conference Committee Member

Can you pinpoint a pivotal moment in your life when something changed? When you experienced or discovered something that fundamentally shifted your perspective? Inspired you to do things differently, to take action, to make a change? We want to hear from you! Whether it was an incredible success, a major failure, or a personal moment of truth – we want to hear about it in our EMvision Talks!

EMvision Talks are 7-minute talks modeled on the well-known TED™ Talk format. The Talks provide a forum for people to share a personal connection to an idea, experience, or passion related to emergency management, leadership, communication, community engagement, or other related topics. Talks will be on the plenary stage on Tuesday, November 19, 2019, at the IAEM 67th Annual Conference in Savannah, Georgia. For more information, visit the IAEM 67th Annual Conference [website](#). Remember to review the [speaker guidance](#). We hope to hear your story on the plenary stage this year!

DEADLINE
May 10th
@ 5pm ET!

Call for Poster Abstracts

BY: *ABBY HOSTETLER*, Conference Committee Member

Still looking for an opportunity to present at the 67th Annual IAEM Conference & EMEX? You have until April 26th to submit an abstract for the competitive or non-competitive divisions of the Poster Showcase.

This is an opportunity to convey the significance of your research project, practice, or general findings to individuals in the emergency management community and the general public. It is open to students, academics, and practitioners.

While, IAEM recognizes much of the work happening across the industry happens at an organizational level, this is meant to share the work of individuals, not organizations.

Submissions due by 5:00pm ET on Friday, April 26th.

For more information see, a [recorded informational webinar](#), the [Poster Showcase Guidance](#), or visit the Poster Showcase [webpage](#).



The Southern Jewel

BY: *NICK SPORER*, Conference Committee Member

Join us this November in Savannah, Georgia for the 67th Annual IAEM Conference and EMEX! IAEM's host city is recognized as one of the top places to visit in the United States by outlets such as Business Insider, U.S. News & World Report, Travel+Leisure, and TripAdvisor. Located along the Savannah River, this southern jewel offers everything you could hope for in a destination. Southern live oaks adorned with Spanish-moss provide the background as you take in a city that has kept its heritage while providing new and exciting moments for all.

Visit historic locations such as Forsyth Park, the Owens-Thomas House, and the Telfair Museum of Art. Shop through the open-air Savannah City Market and along the Savannah Waterfront. Taste some of the finest Southern cuisine and freshest seafood your taste buds could have ever hoped for. Any time of year, Savannah provides so much to take in, taste, and enjoy!

Tours and other chances to explore this beautiful city with other IAEM attendees are currently being planned, so keep your eye on the newsletter for details!

For more information about Savannah, and all it has to offer, visit the IAEM conference [Hotel and Travel pages](#).





Mrs. Noël Kepler

BY: *Valerie Lucas-McEwen,*
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Noël Kepler is a 20+ year Crisis Communications professional currently working as the VP, Global Communications Strategist for an international non-profit based in New York. As a life-long activist and thought

leader in crisis management, communications, and community engagement, Noël assists organizations and communities with crisis communications planning and readiness. She maintains a regular public speaking schedule, is a guest lecturer at several colleges and universities, and has a coaching practice helping executives develop their communication and public speaking skills.

Her true passion is helping people achieve better communication skills. Noël will challenge the audience to evaluate their own communication skills by first reviewing some great examples of bad examples. An examination of the science behind the way we communicate will be applied to post-disaster communication, with the goal of providing participants a framework for one-on-one post-disaster conversations with impacted individuals. Foundational tools and best practices will be exercised in real-time.

Noël is a 2011 Disaster Science Fellow of the Emergency Management Academy, and holds a Master of Public Administration (MPA) and a Bachelor Degree in Organizational Behavior from Ashford University. She holds active memberships in the Project Management Institute (PMI), the International Association of Business Communicators (IABC), and is a founding member of the International Network of Women in Emergency Management (inWEM).

Tech Talks

The IAEM Emerging Technology Caucus (ETC) has been coordinating Tech Talks at the Conference for over four years!

Tech Talks are 15 minute descriptions of tech-related issues of interest to emergency managers. They range from discussing emerging technology, incorporating technology into EOCs, how technology was used during a recent disaster, and even "back to the basics" introductions. Tech Talks take place at the Crisis Technology Center (CTC) on the IAEM Conference Expo floor. If you are interested in presenting please [fill out this form](#).

Did you miss one of the awesome Tech Talks at the 2018 Conference? Well have no fear! All Tech Talks are on the [ETC YouTube Channel](#).



Keys to Success for Students

BY: *Bettina Coleman,* Conference Committee Member

Practice makes perfect! Students at the conference can maximize professional development by completing a mock interview, or having their resume reviewed by a wide array of professionals.

Give yourself the advantage of networking with professionals who represent many aspects of emergency management.

Professionals will give insights on how to refine your interviews skills, provide valuable information on how to improve your resume, and who knows you could even land an internship or job!



IAEM Awards

New This Year! **All Award Winners** attending the IAEM 67th Annual Conference & EMEX in Savannah, will receive a \$315 discount off their registration fee of equal or greater value. The IAEM-USA Awards & Recognition Committee will feature winners at the scheduled Awards breakout sessions during the conference. All conference attendees can benefit from learning about the winning projects, agencies, and people; as well as why they were so successful and how their work can be replicated in other communities.

Nominations are **due by May 31, 2019**. See the [awards webpage](#) for all the details, and to submit your nomination today!

