



# The Conference Call

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## Registration Open

BY: *Nick Sporer, Conference Committee Member*

Summer is here and registration for the 67th Annual IAEM Conference and EMEX has officially opened!

Are you interested in becoming more involved in IAEM and building professional connections? Then attend your region's annual meeting and get active in your professional organization. Work with colleagues from around the country to tackle emerging issues and develop new processes.

In the EMEX, continue networking with your colleagues and met vendors who may be able to give your program a boost to meet the needs of your growing community!

[Students and new emergency managers](#) are encouraged to attend Sunday Night welcoming events, and take advantage of mock interviews or the career workshop.

[Register now](#) and take advantage of the Early Bird special rate to save **up to \$100!** This special rate ends October 16th, so act now!



## 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 IAEM Annual Conference?

If so then you should register to be on the 2019 IAEM Annual Conference and EMEX Staff! By staffing different areas and events at the conference you can save \$25 per hour off of your registration fee.

The sign up process has changed this year.

Go to the [IAEM Conference webpage](#) for full details, and a link to the sign-up



## Online Program

BY: *Rachel Ingel, Conference Committee Member*

It is your guide for all the conference sessions and events. The online program is updated as soon as a change occurs in the program, so you are never reading outdated information.

[Click here for a printable schedule-at-a-glance!](#) Expand all the content for every day by clicking on the arrow to the left of the day. Click on th Tab to export to excel. Once in excel, wrap the text to fit the content, manipulate the columns and rows to your liking and print.



Time/Day	Sunday 21 May	Monday 22 May	Tuesday 23 May	Wednesday 24 May	Thursday 25 May
08:00-09:00	Registration	Registration	Registration	Registration	Registration
09:00-10:30	AM Tutorials	AM Ceremonies	Technical Symposia	Industry Forums	Technical Symposia
10:30-11:00	workshops	Coffee	Coffee	Coffee	AM Tutorials
11:00-11:30	workshops	workshops	workshops	workshops	workshops
12:30-14:00	Lunch Break	Awards Luncheon	Lunch Break	Lunch Break	Lunch Break
14:00-15:30	Coffee break	Coffee break	Coffee break	Coffee break	Coffee break
15:30-16:00	PM Tutorials	PM workshops	Technical Symposia	Industry Forums	Technical Symposia
16:00-17:30	workshops	Symposia	Forums	Symposia	Forums
18:30-21:00	Welcome Reception		Conference banquet		
19:30-23:00					

## Tracks, Interest Areas, or Random Choices?

BY: *Diane Logsdon, Conference Committee Member*

The Conference Committee is sometimes asked why we don't have "Tracks" for the event. We understand that some people want a clear path for their sector or industry. But we believe that EM is Everything and Everything IS EM.

Our goal is to bring top-quality presentations that apply lessons and concepts broadly to the field. We hope our academics will attend health sessions; health will attend utility; utility will attend response to incident; responders will attend finance. Need I go on? Of course not, you're pros!

To be helpful, we added interest areas to the agenda. How do we decide what interest to list? Well, first we use our conference theme. But then we read EVERY comment from conference evaluations. If we see an interest area requested but not well represented, we may recruit presentation submittals that fit. Our biggest challenge is that we can't control what is submitted.

In 2018, evaluations clearly showed that incidents and lessons learned are of great importance (62 total respondents, #1 answer). In addition, those sessions also illustrate leadership and collaboration.

So, if you have an interest in a topic area, you can submit to speak or recruiting people that you would like to see "take the stage" at one of our break-out sessions. If the topic area has a wide appeal to emergency managers, and presents information in a new, informative way, they have a good shot at being selected. That is, of course, if they rank well by the committee and follow instructions.

We receive hundreds of submittals and can only select about sixty. Maybe yours will be one of them!



## Mr. Paul Johnson

BY: *Valerie Lucas-McEwen*,  
Conference Committee Member

Paul Johnson has been the Director of the Douglas County Emergency Management Agency in Omaha, Nebraska for thirteen years. During the Spring of 2019, the Midwest experienced unprecedented flooding due to record snowfall and rain. In Nebraska, there were overflowing rivers, levees

and dams, forced evacuations, record damages, injuries and deaths. During his plenary session, at the 67<sup>th</sup> IAEM Conference in Savannah, he will discuss the response and recovery to the devastating floods and the impact it had on the Douglas County community.

Mr. Johnson has been integral in reorganizing and establishing new approaches for government entities to successfully respond to and recovery from community emergencies and natural disasters. By utilizing a scenario-based approach to planning, training and exercising, pre-disaster decision-making has become better defined and response options have been expanded and clarified. He was a co-author of the **Emergency Response Planning Guidelines Handbook™** and has served as the IAEM Region VII Vice President and a member of the IAEM Standards and Practices Committee.

Mr. Johnson has a Bachelor of Science from Iowa State University and a Master of Science from the University of Central Missouri. He is a retired Colonel from the Iowa Air National Guard working a Bioenvironmental Engineer. In his spare time, he is an active commercial hot-air balloon pilot. More information about his agency can be found at [ema.douglascounty-ne.gov](http://ema.douglascounty-ne.gov).

## FREE Pre/Post Training

BY: *Mike Gavin*, Conference Committee Chair

The IAEM 67<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference offers a great choice of pre and post conference training sessions. Selection of pre and post conference training sessions are largely selected by feedback the conference committee receives from attendees. The Emergency Management Institute (EMI), National Domestic Preparedness Consortium (NDPC), and the Naval Post Graduate School Leadership Symposium are all **FREE** this year for registered attendees at the full, basic and student registration rates. In addition several non-FEMA/NDPC courses and the IAEM Certification offerings are available at low cost. View the [IAEM Conference website](#) for complete details.

Keep in mind that these courses also offer CEU's and certificates of attendance that can be used towards the IAEM Certification program under the Training Category.

- ◆ L-102 Science for Disasters (3 days)
- ◆ L-2300 Inter. EOC Functions (3 days) **\*\*NEW\*\***
- ◆ MGT-348 Medical Prep. & Resp. for Bombing Incidents (2 days)
- ◆ AWR-136 Essentials of Community Cyber Security (4 hours)
- ◆ MGT-384 Community Prep. for Cyber Incidents (1½ days)
- ◆ L-146 HSEEP Training Course (2 days)
- ◆ MGT-317 Disaster Mgmt. for Public Services (2 days)
- ◆ MGT-381 Business Continuity Planning & Emergency Response (1 day)
- ◆ MGT-460 Planning for Disaster Debris Management

Hurry and [register](#) today!



## Keynote Speakers

IAEM is excited to announce two incredible keynote speakers at this year's conference! Visit the IAEM Conference website for more information and register today!



### Dr. Rick Knabb

On-Air Hurricane Expert for The Weather Channel, a trusted voice in weather, and the creator of the storm surge watch and warning system.



### James Featherstone

President and CEO of the Homeland Security Advisory Council (HSAC), and a Senior Fellow in the Harvard University Kennedy School of Government's Program on Crisis Leadership.