



The Conference Call

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Call for Speakers

By: Valerie Lucus-McEwen, CEM

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, or 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 on the stage of the 2022 IAEM Annual Conference, November 15th in Savannah, Georgia.

The call for speakers for the EMvision Talks during the 2022 IAEM Annual Conference in Savannah opened on Monday April 4th. All submissions are **due no later than May 6th** in the submission portal. One of the most valuable and engaging parts of the conference, EMvision Talks are based on the popular TED™ Talk format. It is a series of 7-minute talks by selected speakers which grab the audience's attention, inspire, inform, compel to action or foster awareness and a sense of urgency.

Recordings of past EMvision Talks can be found on [IAEM's YouTube page](#). For more information, including the instructions on how to submit and the speaker guidance, visit the [EMvision Talks page](#) of the [conference website](#).



Join IAEM in Savannah for History and Networking

By: Eileen Robichaud, CEM

The first time IAEM was in Savannah, the oldest city in Georgia at 289 years, was in 2016. This was only a week after Hurricane Matthew came through causing power outages, flooding the downtown area, and turning the convention center into a temporary shelter. Yet, proving ever resilient, Savannah proved they were “#SavannahStrong” and welcomed the IAEM conference with open arms. A 2016 keynote speaker was the FEMA Administrator Craig Fugate, who I felt encouraged us to exercise not to our past but to what might happen because the future is changing faster. He also encouraged emergency managers to build a team that can make rapid decisions at the local level in the face of disaster. Little did we know that, due to COVID, most had to rely on those team members for longer periods of time as the country, and the world, dealt with a global pandemic.

IAEM then traveled to Savannah in 2019 where Dr. Rick Knabb spoke of the need to align the collective public messaging ‘well in advance of the next weather disaster so all are pushing the same critical actions’. Former FEMA Administrator, Brock Long, shared his experiences and lessons learned during his tenure. IAEM participants were able to tour the Georgia Ports Authority, see the Georgia State Patrol Helicopter demonstrated a ‘hoist rescue’, and experience Savannah ghost tours. Power outages tested IAEM’s resilience by moving breakout sessions into hallways, using solar lamps, and creating valuable history by way of a megaphone that was signed by FEMA Administrator Peter Gaynor during his speech and later auctioned off benefitting the IAEM Student Scholarship fund.

Every year I make new contacts and renew friendships at the IAEM conference. Connections I made in Savannah later provided me with information that I used when writing my paper for EMI’s National Emergency Management Advance Academy. Another contact became a source of information while I worked a vaccination site during COVID. Each connection continues to be a life long colleague to share information and relate to the obstacles many of us face in the field.

Savannah’s historic downtown area is a very short ferry ride across from the conference center. From walking tours (both ghost and historic) to amazing food and the legendary Leopold's Ice Cream, from art galleries and museums to the Savannah’s City Market, Savannah has a lot to offer. Who knows what will occur this year in Savannah. The Conference Committee is now hard at work to ensure that the upcoming conference meets the high standard that has been established and expected by all attendees. Come, join us and experience it for yourself.

2022 Poster Showcase Submissions

By: Peter Sturner

Do you have a project that you have successfully completed or research in the field of emergency management that you would like to share with the emergency management community and general public? Then the Poster Showcase at the IAEM Annual Conference in Savannah Georgia Nov. 11-17 2022 is the place for you! The Poster Showcase is an information sharing event.

The Poster Showcase is open to students, academics, and practitioners. Though much of the work happening across the industry happens at an organizational level, the Poster Showcase is an opportunity to share the work of individuals, not organizations.

Participants have an opportunity to convey to a wide audience the significance of their research project, practice, or general findings to both practitioners and scholars in emergency management. Past participants have said that “the Poster Showcase offered a platform for me to share my research, as well as access funding from my University to attend the conference”.

If you are chosen to display your poster, you will receive a certificate of participation that can be used towards the IAEM Certification Program.

POSTER SHOWCASE KEY DATES:

Call for Entries

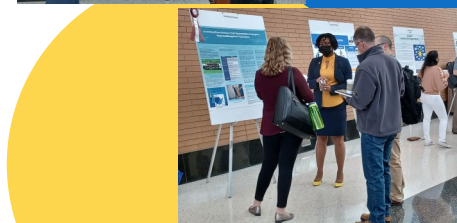
Opens - March 21st

Closes - April 22nd



There are competitive and non-competitive divisions to enter!

Watch the webinar on [Tips for Poster Showcase Success](#). To learn all the requirements and how to submit please see the [Poster Showcase Speaker Guidance](#) which can be found by visiting the [Poster Showcase page](#) on the [conference website](#).



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Missed the 2nd Annual IAEM Virtual Conference last month? Well have no fear! All of the sessions presented are available by registering for on-demand access through the [IAEM website](#) until March 24, 2023. This all includes more than 20 hours of content and contact hours that can be used towards the IAEM Certification Program.

Additionally, included are the plenary sessions and EMvision Talks from the 2021 IAEM Annual Conference. This bonus content is only available on the IAEM on-demand portal.

Registration rates are currently at a bargain price.

IAEM members pay only \$99, or student members pay a mere \$79.

If you are not a member of IAEM, then the price is \$149.

Another feature included in your registration is the latest updates from new IAEM groups like the Mental Health and Wellness Caucus, the Allied Professionals Caucus, and the Emerging Professionals Caucus. You'll also access a message from the Driving Sponsor, Merit, and information on cutting edge technology impacting emergency managers. See [the program](#) for full details.