

## Three things to know about registration

### 1 Early bird rates

Early Bird Rates are available until 11:59 PM ET, Friday, October 6, 2023. Registration fees increase as of October 7. In order to lock in your registration rate, you must complete an [online registration form](#) and obtain a registration number (payment is not necessary at the time this step is completed). Your registration fee amount due is based on the date you register online.

### 2 Register now, pay later!

For those whose budget is not approved yet, this is a great option to register now and secure seats in training courses and other optional outings while seats are still available. [Click here to learn more.](#)

### 3 Registration costs

Do you need help covering registration costs? IAEM members are eligible to work as conference staff and earn \$25/hour towards the registration fee. There are a number of positions available, from staffing the IAEM bookstore and registration desk to assisting with breakout and general sessions. It's also a great way to network! [Check out the IAEM website for more details.](#)

## Did you say "California in the fall"!?

While a good portion of the country may be headed towards bone chilling cold, winter winds, snow and ice storms, our thoughts turn to warmer times.

Many of us are thinking about Long Beach, California: site of the 2023 IAEM Conference. This year's Conference will take place November 3 - 9. The Conference will be held at the Long Beach Convention and Entertainment Center located at 300 East Ocean Boulevard and the Westin Long Beach Hotel located at 333 East Ocean Boulevard.

As your thoughts turn to warmer times remember that Long Beach enjoys a year-round average temperature of 74 degrees. Visit the [IAEM website](#) for more information.



## Conference sessions

Curious as to what the conference will offer by way of sessions this year? Did you know the program is online now so you can learn more about what will be offered? Check out the links below to search by day, topic, speaker, or event type.

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## I know the conference is great, but tell me what else is going on!

Are you trying to decide what to do with your spare time in Long Beach while attending the IAEM Annual Conference? Or are you trying to help your friends and family decide what they can do while you're busy in breakout sessions?

For conference attendees, we have put together several facilitated events, as well as a comprehensive list of sights and non-facilitated activities for your friends and families to enjoy. Please check the IAEM conference website for updates. Registration for several of these events will be opening soon.

### Saturday

On Saturday, Nov. 4 we will be facilitating Emergency Operations Center tours for conference attendees.

This year one of the confirmed tours is "Protecting the Magic: Disneyland Resort Emergency Management." The Disneyland Resort in Anaheim is often called a small city-within-a-city. The Disneyland Resort Emergency Management Team will share a peek backstage and show how the Disneyland Resort leverages public-private partnerships to keep the guests and cast members safe.

The fee is \$30 to cover transportation. The bus will depart at 5:30 PM from the Long Beach Convention Center and arrive back at approximately 9:00 PM. Registration will open soon.

### Sunday

Come join IAEM Leadership and the Conference Committee on Sunday, Nov. 5, at 4:15 PM for the First Steps Mixer! The location will be announced on the IAEM website and the IAEM2GO app.

This premier event for first-time attendees, students, and emerging professionals provides a fun and relaxing atmosphere to meet and network with seasoned professionals.

During this event we will form teams to play disaster scrabble. Prizes will be awarded! You will also leave with new connections to build on for the duration of the conference.

### Monday

On Monday evening after the EMEX opening reception we are hosting two events:

#### "Quake Heroes: Inspiring Action through Cinematic Storytelling"

Quake Heroes is a unique blend of Hollywood storytelling and real-life heroism, designed to inspire individual and community resilience in the face of natural disasters.

Based on true stories from America's costliest earthquake, this film is more than just a captivating narrative — it's a strategic tool for emergency managers to engage their communities.

#### "Improvisation and Disasters: What Eddie Van Halen Can Teach Emergency Managers"

Improvisation and Disasters is a fun and entertaining presentation which provides lessons emergency managers can glean from the life and artistic talents of the late Mr. Eddie Van Halen.

With humor and rock music from the 80s and 90s, this special event discusses what is known about preparedness, improvisation and spontaneous planning for emergency management.

## Friends and family members

There are a lot of places for friends and family to play, dine, and shop in Long Beach. Many of these have offered to provide discounts to IAEM Conference attendees and their guests and are within walking distance of the hotels and convention center.

[Aquarium of the Pacific](#)

[Catalina Island Express](#)

[Disneyland](#)

[Knott's Berry Farm](#)

[Long Beach Waterfront](#)

[Long Beach Museum of Art](#)

[Molaa - Museum of Latin American Art](#)

[Queen Mary Ship](#)

[Richard Nixon Library and Museum](#)

[Ronald Reagan Presidential Library](#)

[Shoreline Village Shopping](#)

[Surrey Bike Ride \(day and evening\)](#)

[USS Iowa Museum and Battleship](#)



## How does the IAEM Conference benefit me professionally?

My name is Justin Baker, and I am the Deputy Director of Emergency Management for Monroe County, Indiana. I joined the International Association of Emergency Managers in 2022, and last year's conference in Savannah, Georgia, was the first one I attended.

As someone new to the emergency management profession, I didn't know what to expect at the conference. When I arrived I was astonished by the number of networking opportunities. There were emergency managers, students, universities, and public safety vendors from around the world, all in the same location.

Networking plays an important role in professional development, especially for those who are new to the field. We know that there are

times in our careers where we may get overwhelmed, and having those relationships will help motivate and support you and keep you on the right path.

As emergency managers, our work is very diverse and can change at any minute. Building those networking partnerships at the annual conference could give you someone to reach out to when you need help, motivation, or just general support.

It doesn't matter if you are a new member or a veteran of emergency management: I highly recommend going to the 71st IAEM Annual Conference in Long Beach, California, to build or maintain your professional networks.