

VEMS 2016 Schedule					
Day/Time	Session	Speaker	Title	Description	Location
Day One Tuesday March 29, 2016					
11:00 AM	Golf Outing				Hamptons Golf Course
2:00-5:00 PM	IHE Meeting				Blue Point Room I
6:30- 9:30pm	Registration				Grand Ballroom pre Function
6:30-9:30 pm	Vendor Hall Grand Opening & Silent Auction Opening				Grand Ballroom
7:00-9:00 pm	Vendor Hall Reception				Grand Ballroom
Day Two Wednesday March 30, 2016					
7:30 am-3:30 pm	Registration				Grand Ballroom pre Function
7:30-8:30 am	Breakfast				Grand Ballroom
8:30- 9:15 am	GS1	Neal Turner(MC),NN Honor Guard, Newport News City Manager, VEMA President, Stern, Secretariat	Welcome, Honor guard, Invocation, opening	Opening Ceremonies	Pearl Ballroom
9:15-10:30 am	GS 2	Brian Moran, Secretary, Office of the Secretary of Public Safety Homeland Security	Commonwealth of Virginia Emergency Management, Homeland Security, and Resilience: Emerging Issues and Concepts	This panel will introduce and investigate a variety of emerging, contemporary issues and concepts within emergency management, homeland security, and resilience.	Pearl Ballroom
10:30- 11:00 am	Refreshment Break				Grand Ballroom
11:00 am - 12:00 pm	GS3	Bob Bledsoe- State Administrator, Virginia, David Dodds- Asst. Field Ops Manager, Region III & Amanda Burke- Region III Administrator	Team Rubicon	Disasters are our Business. Veterans are our Passion.	Pearl Ballroom
12:00-1:30 pm	Lunch				Grand Ballroom

Break Out sessions					
1:30-3:00 pm	A1	Dr. Don Hopson – VDACS, Dr. Karen Gruszynski – VDH & Daryl See – Perdue	Avian Flu Discussion Panel	Lessons Learned during 2015 High Pathogenic Outbreak & Emergency Preparedness for Avian Influenza Outbreak	Grand Ballroom Salon III
	A2	Cathie Hutchins- Virginia Senior Assistant Attorney General	Legal Concerns	This session, led by the Commonwealth's Office of the Attorney General, will discuss legal issues facing localities in the area of emergency management. There will be open dialogue between the attorney and audience to allow for a better understanding of legal issues facing localities.	Grand Ballroom Salon IV
	A3	Mike Guzo, Region VI Coordinator, VDEM  Pete Sommer Director, Emergency Preparedness Tidewater Community College	FAC or Fiction- the reality of IHEs or localities to open and operate a Family Assistance Center (FAC) without state support	VDEM and state partners have developed the State Family Assistance Plan. Institutions of Higher Education and localities continue to develop plans for local FAC operations, some independent of the state's FAC plan. This presentation will discuss the limitations and realities of resources available to localities and IHEs to operate an FAC without state assistance. The presentation will provide solutions to address the problem with a tiered process that transitions to a scalable FAC incorporating the modular elements of the existing state FAC plan.	Grand Ballroom Salon V
	A4	Becky McCabe-Western Regional Emergency Coordinator- VDH, Robert Campbell CEO- Alliance Solutions Group, Inc., Paul Gelhausen CTO-VID LLC	Integrating Unmanned Aerial Systems into Emergency Response Operations	Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS) are an emerging and disruptive technology that will have a significant impact on how we manage and respond to disasters. UAS can extend the common operating picture with real time surveillance and situational awareness. They also have the capability to actively engage in the response and recovery operation thereby increasing the security, health and safety of first responders. This presentation will recap the current regulatory framework affecting operations, explore various platforms and respective applications, review several case studies, explore emerging applications and conduct a discussion-based workshop to engage participants in the application of UAS.	Blue Point Room I
	A5	Lt. Bob Medeiros & Lauren Stienstra- Arlington Co. OEM Deputy Coordinators	How to Respond to an Active Shooter Event- OEM Arlington Co.	In order to make Arlington Co a safe and resilient community, the Arlington Co. Office of Emergency Management has successfully developed and deployed training on how to respond to an Active Shooter event. This three pronged Active Shooter Response Program teaches the "Run, Hide, Fight" model to government and private sector agencies. The program uses the building block approach to develop the response capabilities of individual citizens and staff from office personnel to librarians to senior executives. Learn strategies for designing effective low budget trainings and drills that are both compelling and meaningful. Gain insight into how this type of program can be implemented in a variety of settings, including faith based, corporate, and community facilities.	Blue Point Room II

3:00-3:15 pm	Refreshment Break			Grand Ballroom	
Break Out sessions					
3:15-4:45 pm	B1	Bruce Sterling- VDEM Regional Coordinator Region 5	VDEM Overview/ New Emergency Managers	In this session Regional Coordinator Bruce Sterling along with VDEM Division Directors will discuss the progression of VDEM and its support of local jurisdictions.	Grand Ballroom Salon III
	B2	Jared Hoernig- Associate Director of Emergency Management ODU	Special Event Incident Action Planning	The speaker will provide an overview of Old Dominion University's incident action planning process and a review of best practices and lessons learned applicable to special event environments. This session has an emphasis on the higher education arena but applies to the public and private sectors.	Grand Ballroom Salon IV
	B3	Steve Grainer - Chief Incident Management Programs & David Jolly- Chief Quality Assurance at VA Department of Fire Programs	When Is Your Team-A-TEAM?	T-E-A-M is a four-letter word if it is used without regard to the true meaning of "Team." This workshop helps identify strengths and weaknesses of organizations and individuals who may call themselves a "team" when in fact they may not function as a team. Aids to benchmark "teamwork" processes and development are presented and developed in an interactive forum that is both provocative and evocative.	Grand Ballroom Salon V
	B4	Winnie Pennington- Emergency Planner VDH-OEMS, Kelly Parker- State Hospital Coordinator- VDH , Judy Shuck-Tidewater EMS Council, Regional Healthcare Emergency Preparedness Coordinator & Mary Ellen Hutcherson 2-1-1 Virginia	Patient Tracking, so what?	<p>This is a scenario based overview of the need for accurate patient tracking especially during a mass casualty event, starting with EMS response. Presenter will discuss scenarios of patient tracking through an edutainment video and using incidents like the Boston Marathon Bombings, Hurricanes Sandy and Katrina, the Virginia Tech Shootings, etc. highlighting best practices and need for improvement. The presentation will also follow the use of current and proposed systems including proper use of triage tags for patient tracking and their integration into the VHHAS system once patients get to the hospital and use of the state 211 system by the development of a scenario and questions in which participants can participate. The questions will be designed to increase participant familiarity by providing sample hands on use of systems presented. There will be a time allotted for questions and answers.</p> <p>Insights into monitoring process for Persons Under investigation (PUI) suspected of being infected with a pathogen of unknown origin. Roles of Local Health Department, Healthcare facilities, EMS units, local emergency manager and other jurisdictional entities.</p>	Blue Point Room I
	B5	KC Sehlhorst	Exploring the Possibilities of solving your jurisdiction's High Risk/ Low Frequency incident. Picking the right tool for the right job!	Virginia faces many natural and man-made threats. They come in all sizes, shapes, and complexity levels. As emergency management professionals you are tasked with the daunting task of overseeing all phases of the disaster cycle, Prevention, Preparedness, Response, Recovery, and Mitigation. Knowing what tools are in your toolbox to solve these problems is half the battle. Through the EOC some of these tools include the Virginia Search and Technical Rescue/ USAR program, the Virginia Helicopter Aquatic Rescue Program, and the Central Virginia All-Hazards Incident Management Team. This program will explore what these resources can do for you, how to request them, and how to get them at no cost to your locality.	Blue Point Room II
5:00- 6:00 pm	Vendor Reception & Silent Auction Closes			Grand Ballroom	
7:30-9:30pm	Evening Reception/ Poker Run-Pub Crawl			Off Site	

Day Three Thursday March 31, 2016					
7:30 am-3:30 pm	Registration				Grand Ballroom pre Function
7:30-8:15 am	Breakfast				Grand Ballroom pre Function
8:15-8:30 am	Announcements- Neal Turner				Pearl Ballroom
8:30- 9:30 am	GS4	Roy Shrout, CEM Deputy Coordinator Office of Emergency Management Fairfax County, Virginia & Captain William Smith, Commander of the Richmond Police Department's Special Operations Division	Large Events in VA: highlighting the World Police and Games & UCI Bike Race	World Police & Fire Games – The Emergency Management Role, planning, training, consequence management & UCI Bike Race	Pearl Ballroom
9:30-10:15 am	GS5	Mary Ann Tierney - Regional Administrator FEMA Region III	FEMA Region III and Virginia – Policy, Program, & Issues Update	FEMA Region III and Virginia – Policy, Program, & Issues Update	Pearl Ballroom
10:15-10:45 am	Break				Grand Ballroom pre Function
10:45am- 12:00 pm	GS6	Edward Gabriel- Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response	Building Partnerships and Bridges Between Sectors of Emergency Management	Incidents and emergencies are inevitable—from natural disasters to manmade events, we have to be prepared at the local, state, federal, and national levels. These incidents are never easy to navigate or to mitigate; they take coordinated efforts and cooperative partnerships to secure an effective response. Across the nation, there is an ever-growing need for coordination between emergency management, emergency medical services, and public health and medical response. Every event, no matter what kind, has an impact on public health. After this session, the audience should have a better understanding of what federal medical resources and assets are available to assist in planning for and responding to a disaster; the importance of early engagement with stakeholders, and what technologies are under development that will help to treat victims of potential future events.	Pearl Ballroom
12:00- 1:30 pm	Lunch/ General membership meeting				Grand Ballroom pre Function

Breakout Sessions					
1:30- 3:00 pm	C1	Dawn Brantley- Sheltering Coordinator VDEM	Including People with Disabilities in Exercises: A Look at Anchorage, AK's Overnight Shelter Exercise	In 2013, the Anchorage Office of Emergency Management conducted a functional, overnight shelter exercise to test a new volunteer program, movement of shelter supply trailers, and testing of FNSS supplies. This exercise included members of the public spending a full night in the shelter and the OEM specifically sought out individuals with disabilities to participate. Dawn Brantley, who conceived of the idea and was responsible for the public volunteers and new volunteer program, will share with you the details of planning and conducting the exercise and the resulting after action items.	Grand Ballroom Salon III
	C2	Gray Corbett- Regional Hospital Coordinator, Central Virginia Healthcare Coalition & Nick Gabrielle- Vice President, Russell Phillips & Associates	Improving Long-term Care Resiliency through Mutual Aid and Coalition Planning	Nearly ten years ago a Government Accounting Office (GAO) report highlighted the need to specifically support Nursing Homes in their disaster preparedness. This presentation will provide important information about the current collaboration, education and tools that the Virginia Regional Healthcare Coalitions and other local stakeholders are providing Nursing Homes to be better prepared for disaster events. In addition, it will update the development and implementation of the new "Virginia Long Term Care Mutual Aid Plan" (LTC-MAP) for all 280 + Nursing Homes in the Commonwealth, including some lessons learned from these LTC-MAPs that are in place in 5 other states and that have been activated 14 times, and utilized in 86 disaster exercises between 2011- 2014.	Grand Ballroom Salon IV
	C3	Brett Burdick- Deputy Coordinator for Disaster Services - VDEM	Situational Awareness: What the Science Says	Modern emergency management places a premium on good situational awareness (SA) to support crisis decision-making. Humans, however, are fairly limited with respect to how much information we can process and there are known detrimental impacts when we overload our sense making abilities. In this session we will explore what the scientific literature reveals about some limitations on human cognition and what this means in terms of how SA tools must be designed to be effective. We will also explore some steps EOCs can take to improve SA and decision-making.	Grand Ballroom Salon V
	C4	Justin Pierce- Regional Coordinator, Tetra Tech Inc & Carrie Speranza Manager of Federal Preparedness Programs, Hagerty Consulting	Insights into the Post Disaster Recovery Planning Process	To educate participants on new post disaster recovery concepts and introduce the Recovery R Planning Process.	Blue Point Room I
	C5	Rick Christ, MEP Senior Consultant , Crisis Prevention & Response Inc. & Rachel Arthur, Senior Instructor, Crisis Prevention & Response Inc.	Marketing Your Exercises: How to Engage Internal and External Constituents	"Build it and they will come." If only it were that easy. Building a successful exercise goes beyond identifying primary stakeholders and the technical elements of writing the exercise. It means building a culture where stakeholders feel valued, and where buy-in is a byproduct of cultivating those relationships. Join us to learn 3 ways you can improve this process and stakeholder buy-in starting today.	Blue Point Room II
3:00- 3:15pm	Break				Grand Ballroom pre Function

Breakout Sessions					
3:15-4:45pm	D1	NWS- Bill Sammler- NWS Wakefield, Phil Hysell- NWS Blacksburg and Chris Strong - NWS Sterling	NWS Townhall Meeting	This session provides an informal discussion between the Warning Coordination Meteorologists of the Wakefield, Sterling, and Blacksburg NWS offices and the audience. You will hear about new initiatives at the NWS and have the opportunity to provide feedback on products and services. Case studies of recent significant weather events will be used as examples.	Grand Ballroom Salon III
	D2	Alexa Lenhart & Amy Tarte- Emergency Planners, Prince William County Office of Emergency Management	How to COOP with the best of them	To COOP or not to COOP is not an option. With over 30 agencies in most local governments, a jurisdictional continuity of operations (COOP) planning effort must have a wide level of participation. This session will provide the tips and tricks to educate agencies about what COOP is and why it is important for them to plan. By creating template documents you can provide your jurisdiction with the basic COOP planning guidance to be successful.	Grand Ballroom Salon IV
	D3	Steven Totten- WEBEOC Administrator, VDEM	WebEOC 8.0 WebFusion	This session will demonstrate changes to the User Interface (UI) of WebEOC 8.0, some new functionality in WebEOC 8.0, as well as discussions on State WebEOC boards that will be published to WebFUSION.	Grand Ballroom Salon V
	D4	Dr. Joshua Behr, ODU & Dr. Rafael Diaz, MIT- Zaragoza International Logistics Program	Sheltering and Facilitating Housing Stock Recovery Following a Catastrophic Storm	We have developed a set of models that illustrate the forecast of the demand and transition times for temporary, interim, and permanent housing of displaced households stemming from severe weather events. These modeling and simulation efforts identify the dynamics of displaced populations with vulnerabilities in the housing recovery process. These models promote 'what if' scenario testing of local pre-disaster housing recovery planning practices and policies intended to enhance housing production capacity and speed the approach back to normalcy.	Blue Point Room I
	D5	Janet Velenovsky, CDBC, CPDT-KA, ACCBC, KPA CTP, Eastern US Regional Director for HOPE Animal Assisted Crisis Response & Melanie Dunbar, PH.D. President of HOPE Animal Assisted Crisis Response	Bringing HOPE to Your Community: How comfort dogs can brighten your worst days	Significant research exists supporting the value of interactions with dogs for individuals experiencing general stress and/or emotional crisis. HOPE AACR provides evaluation and training for experienced therapy canines and handlers to become certified to provide comfort and encouragement to individuals affected by crises and disasters. This includes community members, first responders, emergency managers, support agencies, and/or other stakeholders. Learn differences between therapy dogs and crisis response canines, and what training the canines teams receive to make them appropriate resources for your community. This all-volunteer, 501(c)3 organization provides services at no cost. Like dogs? Come, meet some of our furry, friendly partners!	Blue Point Room II
6:00-6:30 pm	Social Gathering Time				Grand Ballroom Pre-Function & Rotunda
6:30 PM	VEMA Picture				Rotunda
6:30- 9:30 pm	Awards Dinner				Grand Ballroom Salon I

Day Four: Friday April 1, 2016					
7:30-10:30 am	Registration				Grand Ballroom pre Function
7:30-8:30 am	Breakfast				Pearl Ballroom Pre-Function
8:15-8:30 am	Announcements- Neal Turner				Pearl Ballroom
8:30-9:00 am	GS7	Hui- Shan Walker & Marilyn Harris	Legislative Update	Legislative Update	Pearl Ballroom
9:00-10:15 am	GS8	NHC- National Hurricane Center, Dr. Rick Knabb-Director	National Hurricane Center's new tools and forecast for the 2016 season	National Hurricane Center's new tools and forecast for the 2016 season will be presented and discussed by Director Rick Knabb.	Pearl Ballroom
10:15-10:30 am	Break				Pearl Ballroom Pre-Function
10:30- 11:45 am	GS9- Keynote	Dr. David Griffin- Captain City of Charleston Fire Department in Charleston, South Carolina and owner of On A Mission, LLC	Leadership During Crisis	In Honor of The Charleston 9: A Study of Change Following Tragedy, is based off of the best-selling book with the identical name, which includes doctoral research that will help all organizations, whether public, private, for-profit, or non-profit to determine whether organizational change is needed in their respective organization. Students are taken on an emotional ride from the dark days of fighting fire in Charleston, SC, where nine firefighters perished in the line of duty, to today where the organization is now a national model for change. All organizations need to learn the lessons from Charleston to ensure that they do not experience this type of tragic incident. This course utilizes never before seen video footage from June 18, 2007, as well as the radio traffic that coincides. It was developed and is presented by the first due engineer on the scene of this multiple line of duty death incident.	Pearl Ballroom
11:45 am - 12:15 pm	GS10	Dr. Jeffrey Stern, State Coordinator, VDEM	Lessons Learned from Virginia's Recent Weather Incidents	Dr. Stern will be discussing lessons learned from Winter Storm Jonas, as well as initial lessons learned from the tornado incidents. There will be a Q&A Session.	
12:15 - 12:30 pm	Closing	VEMA President, Michelle Oblinsky; VDEM Chief Deputy, Curtis Brown	Closing Comments		Pearl Ballroom