



June 14-17 2021
Virtual via Zoom

2021 Virginia Emergency Management Symposium At-A-Glance Schedule

Monday, June 14

8:30 a.m. - 9:15 a.m. Welcome, Color Guard, Invocation and Opening Remarks
 9:25 a.m.- 10:25 a.m. Breakouts A1-A3
 5 minute promotional presentation - Salamander Technologies, LLC
 10:35 a.m.- 11:35 a.m. Breakouts B1-B3
 5 minute promotional presentation - BOLDplanning, Inc.
 5 minute promotional presentation - Alliance Solutions Group, Inc.
 Noon - 1:00 p.m. Lunch and Learn
 10 minute promotional presentation - EM Partners
 1:15 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Post-Lunch Chat Networking Session

Tuesday, June 15

8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Coffee and Camaraderie Networking Session
 Noon - 12:45 p.m. Lunch and Learn
 10 minute promotional presentation - AshBritt, Inc.
 1:00 p.m. - 1:15 p.m. General Announcements
 10 minute promotional presentation - Catalyst Communications Technologies, Inc.
 1:25 p.m. - 2:25 p.m. Breakouts C1-C3
 5 minute promotional presentation - Rappahannock Electric Cooperative
 2:35 p.m. - 3:35 p.m. Breakouts D1-D3
 5 minute promotional presentation - Hyper-Reach
 3:45 p.m. - 4:45 p.m. Breakouts E1-E3

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Wednesday, June 16

8:30 a.m. - 8:45 a.m. General Announcements
 10 minute promotional presentation - Veoci
 8:55 a.m.- 9:55 a.m. Breakouts F1-F3
 5 minute promotional presentation - Mackay Communications, Satellite Solutions
 10:05 a.m.- 11:05 a.m. Breakouts G1-G3
 5 minute promotional presentation - CrowderGulf, LLC
 11:15 a.m.- 12:15 p.m. Breakouts H1-H2
 7:15 p.m. Bingo / Game Night (games begin at 7:30 p.m.)

Thursday, June 17

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 10 minute promotional presentation - The Olson Group, LTD
 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Breakouts I1-I3
 5 minute promotional presentation - IEM
 2:10 p.m. - 3:10 p.m. Breakouts J1-J3
 3:20 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. General Announcements, Closing Presentation and Comments

General Symposium Information

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8:30 a.m. - 10:25 a.m.
Opening, Breakout Sessions - A

8:30 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.

Welcome, National Anthem, Invocation, and Opening Ceremonies

Robert Foresman, 2019-2021 President, VEMA

The Honorable Ralph Northam, Governor of Virginia

The Honorable Brian Moran, Virginia Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security (Invited)

Curtis Brown, State Coordinator for Disaster Services, Virginia Department of Emergency Management

9:25 a.m. – 10:25 a.m.

Breakout Sessions - A

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A-2: Let's Prepare the Community - A Deep Dive into NYC Emergency Management's Community Emergency Planning Toolkit

Moriah Washington, Director of Community Engagement, NYC Emergency Management

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A-3: Commanding the Chaos on the Interstate 64 Queens Creek Bridge

Stephen Kopczynski, Fire Chief/Coordinator of Emergency Management, York County Department of Fire and Life Safety

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10:35 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Breakout Sessions - B, Lunch & Learn, and Post-Lunch Chat Networking

10:35 a.m. – 11:35 a.m.

Breakout Sessions - B

B-1: After the Crime: Ensuring Victim-Centered Services After Trauma

Julia Fuller-Wilson, State Crisis Response Coordinator, Department of Criminal Justice Services

Carolyn Dellorso, Ombudsman, Virginia Victim's Fund

This presentation will focus on recovery efforts following a criminal mass casualty event. The presenters will discuss the codified requirements of local emergency management agencies, the resources available to victims and localities, and lessons learned from the crisis response efforts following the Virginia Beach shooting.

B-2: Cyber Risks to Transportation, Water and Power Systems and How to Secure Them

Rick Tiene, Vice President of Smart Cities, Government & Critical Infrastructure, Mission Secure, Inc.

Every day we are seeing more examples of hackers are becoming increasingly sophisticated and emboldened. Operational technology (OT) used in transportation and traffic management signaling systems, water processing and power generation and delivery are prime targets due to their inherent vulnerabilities and the severity of the potential impact to public safety. As we look to the future, the move towards Smart Cities will only increase these vulnerabilities, the desirability to attack them and adverse impacts. State and local jurisdictions need to strengthen protection around the related components, controllers and cabinets in an effective, efficient and deployable manner. This presentation will highlight the core cyber-physical issues and strategic approaches to begin addressing them.

B-3: Incident Command at Active Violence Events: Voices From the Field

Stephen Owen, Professor of Criminal Justice, Radford University

Drawing upon interviews with persons who have served in command roles during active violence events, a review of after-action reports, and training protocols, this presentation will highlight findings related to "best practices" and "lessons learned" in preparing for, establishing, and implementing incident command. Reflections on both successes and areas for improvement can provide tangible guidance for planning, preparedness, exercising, and training, all focused on building readiness should an active violence incident occur. A series of "maxims for active violence incident command" will be presented - drawn primarily from the experiences of those who have overseen responses - including the roles of law enforcement, the fire service, emergency medical providers, and hospitals.

Noon – 1:00 p.m.

Lunch & Learn: Leadership in Crisis - When Your Own People Are Affected

Erin Sutton, Chief Deputy State Coordinator, Virginia Department of Emergency Management

Discussion on leading as an emergency manager when your locality is deeply affected. I will discuss managing an Emergency Operations Center when you don't have all the answers, when you are grieving for those that have been lost and when all eyes are looking to your guidance.

1:15 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Post-Lunch Chat Networking Session with Special Guest Chief Deputy State Coordinator

Erin Sutton

Erin will be joining us for a post-lunch networking event, no script necessary! Bring your post-lunch coffee or afternoon pick-me-ups while we hear how Erin's transition to VDEM is going.



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Coffee Networking, Lunch & Learn and Breakout Sessions - C

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Noon – 12:45 p.m.

Lunch & Learn: What Now? What's Next?

Mary Ann Tierney, Acting FEMA Deputy Administrator, FEMA

The COVID environment has presented new challenges to the emergency management community. This presentation will address what FEMA is doing to address these challenges, what challenges and changes are on the horizon, and how we can all work together to prepare for what's to come.

1:00 p.m. - 1:15 p.m.

Announcements

1:25 p.m. - 2:25 p.m.

Breakout Sessions - C

C-1: Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) Program: Leveraging Economic Development Partnerships

Angel Gillette, HMA Non-Disaster Program Manager, FEMA Region 3, Mitigation Division, HMA Branch

Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) will support states, local communities, tribes and territories as they undertake hazard mitigation projects, reducing the risks they face from disasters and natural hazards. BRIC is a new FEMA pre-disaster hazard mitigation program that replaces the existing Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) program.

C-2: Review of the 2020 Hurricane Season and National Weather Service Product Changes for the Future

Phil Hysell, Warning Coordination Meteorologist, NWS Blacksburg

Chris Strong, Warning Coordination Meteorologist, NWS Sterling

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Breakout Session - D**

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Breakout Sessions - D

D-1: Emergency Preparedness for the Disability and Aging Population

Mathew Shapiro, Chief Executive Officer, 6 Wheels Consulting, LLC

An educational overview of how the disability and aging populations are impacted during an emergency. The presentation covers person first language, specific concerns on how best to deal with these populations from an emergency management perspective, and ways to include this population in your preparedness planning.

D-2: Leading Your Organization Through Change- Crisis Leadership in COVID-19

Aaron Miller, Director of Public Safety Communications and Emergency Management, Arlington County

We know that the COVID-19 pandemic has presented a number of unique challenges for emergency management organizations, but what about the dramatic changes seen within our organizations- disruption of our daily lives, upending of the social fabric, and the shock of an all virtual or disconnected organization. Leading an organization through these changes is challenging enough, let alone while mounting an effective response. This discussion will focus on some key principles of crisis leadership to help you and your organization navigate these changes.

D-3: Damage Assessment and Recovery Best Practices

Leanne VanDerveer, Public Assistance Manager, Virginia Department of Emergency Management

Michelle Daschner, Public Assistance Team Lead, Virginia Department of Emergency Management

This presentation will discuss the challenges of conducting damage assessments and implementing recovery programs in a virtual environment, with multiple concurrent State and Federal disaster declaration examples during 2020-2021. Topics covered will include VDEM's Damage Assessment technological capabilities and expansion of tools in the toolbox, including use of Crisis Track and EMGrants for IDA/PDA virtual processes for both IA and PA, best practices for conducting damage assessments in a virtual environment, and tips on how to navigate beginning the recovery process during an ongoing response. Stakeholders will walk away from the conversation with best practices to implement now, ahead of hurricane season, suggestions on how to develop and implement recovery metrics for success, and steps for building long-term buy-in to support recovery capabilities within your agency.



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Tuesday, June 15
3:45 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.
Breakout Session - E

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Breakout Sessions - E

E-1: Building Partnerships for Long-Term Recovery

Wynne Kwan, Community Planning & Capacity Building (CPCB) Coordinator, FEMA Region 3

Kevin Snyder, Federal Coordinating Officer, FEMA Region 3

Elizabeth Otto, Community Planning and Capacity Building Coordinator, FEMA Region 10

The presentation will focus on the concept of expanding partnerships beyond the emergency management community to address long-term recovery challenges. The presentation will begin with an overview of the National Disaster Recovery Framework (NDRF) and interagency recovery coordination at the Federal level. With respect to COVID-19, the presentation will briefly touch upon how FEMA Region 3 organized to support state partners within the region. Specific to Virginia, the presentation will briefly discuss specific ideas within the Commonwealth to understand the long-term recovery issues/challenges and opportunities for collaboration. The last part of the presentation will focus on best practices/lessons learned from COVID-19, as well as other disaster across the country, on ways the EM community can play a part in coordinating an interagency approach to long-term recovery.

E-2: The Virginia Emergency Support Team

Michelle Oblinsky, VEST Director, Virginia Department of Emergency Management

The Virginia Emergency Support Team (VEST) provides leadership and support in the effort to protect Virginians from the impact of emergencies and disasters which includes the planning and coordination of federal, state and local entities to accomplish effective and timely recovery of efforts. There are more than 300 trained VEST members from other Virginia state agencies, private industry and volunteer organizations. The VEST office staff of 7 are a 'force in readiness' that continuously work on updating and training on procedures for VEST members to utilize to assure all involved members are ready to execute their role when called upon. This calls for the ability to effectively create professional working relationships with everybody involved in supporting Virginians during a disaster or emergency. The Virginia Department of Emergency Management regional staff is the forward facing branch of the VEST to our local government partners where as the VEST office staff is the forward facing branch to the personnel from the other state agencies, private sector, and volunteer groups. This session will cover the array of information about what the VEST is doing behind the scenes to ensure that Virginia localities have the ability to respond to and recover from any incident.

E-3: No One Left Behind: Planning Considerations for Vulnerable Populations

Michael Whiteaker, Public Health Emergency Management Coordinator, Virginia Department of Health

This presentation looks at individuals suffering from homelessness and the lack of specific emergency planning efforts to address their concerns. It references statistics and research and identifies the need for emergency management to dive deeper into planning specifically for this population.

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Wednesday, June 16
8:30 a.m. - 9:55 a.m.
Announcements, Breakout Sessions - F-1

8:30 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.

Announcements

8:55 a.m. – 9:55 a.m.

Breakout Sessions - F

F-1: Social Mediology: Decoding Social Media Strategy and Maximizing Public Safety Benefits

Ashley Morris, Emergency Management Planner, Baltimore County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management

Social media has expanded and exploded as a communication medium over the past decade and continues to accelerate without a sign of slowdown. As government communicators, it is important that we include social media as a platform to share important information involving agency updates, public education, and disaster response information. This has shown to be true especially in 2020 when a majority of information and communication was required to be held virtually and digitally due to COVID-19, removing face to face interactions with the public. However, simply having a social media account might not be enough to ensure your messages are reaching the community members in which you serve. This presentation aims to highlight the importance of public safety social media communication, as well as different strategies to use on different platforms for the best message reach. Social media message limitations will also be discussed, as well as methods to ensure content accessibility. Lastly, the benefits of social media information collection and incident situational awareness will be discussed through the concept of Virtual Operations Support Teams (VOST). Social media is more than top to bottom communication. It allows us to have a platform to also receive information from residents to enhance disaster response and decision-making.



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**Wednesday, June 16
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Breakout Sessions - F-2 & F-3**

F-2: State Managed Shelters - Hurricane Florence - The Right Call - Successful FEMA Arbitration

Robbie Coates, Director of Grants Management and Recovery Programs

Cheryl Adkins, VDEM Chief Financial Officer

Cathie Hutchins, Office of the Attorney General

Jason Eaton, VDEM Logistics Chief

Leanne VanDerveer, VDEM Public Assistance Officer

Heather Payne, VDEM Procurement Manager

In September 2018, Virginia was faced with an unprecedented threat of a Category 4 Hurricane with an 83% chance of making landfall in Hampton Roads, stalling, and dumping 10-15 inches across 2/3 of the Commonwealth. In support of the Governor's mandatory evacuation decision, three state managed shelters were stood up with commodities in place within 48 hours. After this decision point was made, a contract was put in place for seven days of commodities for the three shelters. Florence's track changed dramatically, and FEMA disallowed three of the seven days of the contract. VDEM perused the FEMA appeals process, and through arbitration the United States Civilian Board of Contract Appeals overturned the FEMA ruling which will return \$8.2M in federal funds to the Commonwealth.

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Wednesday, June 16
10:05 a.m. - 11:05 a.m.
Breakout Sessions - G

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G-1: Investigating Social Vulnerability Analysis and Implementation in Emergency Management

Ashley Morris, Emergency Management Planner, Baltimore County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management

Social vulnerability is a rising topic today in both academia and applied emergency management due to research revealing the correlation between demographics and disaster preparedness, response, and resiliency. This session discusses the background of social vulnerability and how social vulnerability indices can be created based on publications. The positives and negatives found in research are also revealed. Lastly, social vulnerability implementation is highlighted through a review of a case study based on the relationship between social vulnerability and storm resource access. The goal of the presentation is to inform attendees of the benefits of social vulnerability in emergency management, especially when considering the usefulness of the subject in preplanning, resource management, and educational outreach.

G-2: The Increasing Flood Threat in the Commonwealth of Virginia

Eric Seymour, Senior Service Hydrologist, National Weather Service, Baltimore/Washington

We will review the various types of flooding experienced within the Commonwealth, and explore the increasing threats posed by both inland and coastal flooding. Changes to the NWS Flash Flood Warning system will be discussed, along with ways localities can assist the NWS in the mission to protect life and property of Virginia residents through providing information after disasters. The presentation is proposed to last 30-45 minutes with plenty of time for questions and answers afterward as we discuss the NWS/local partnership after flood disasters.

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H-2: Safety and Tactical Lessons Learned from the Monument Ave I Rally

Travis Preau, Assistant Chief, Support Services and Volunteer Administration, Loudoun County Fire and Rescue

This program will provide several lessons learned by the City of Richmond from the Monument Ave I Rally. I will focus the content on the planning, operational, and logistical considerations that are necessary for events of this complexity. The benefits of regional cooperation and information sharing will also be touched on in this discussion. At the end of the session the participants will have a better understanding of some of the components necessary to develop a plan that truly provides for the safety and well-being of the responders and participants.

7:15 p.m.

Bingo / Game Night

Similar to the usual Happy-Hour option at VEMS during the after-hours events, join us for virtual Bingo and Game Night with the chance to WIN lots of PRIZES! Off the clock and unscripted, bring your own beverage of choice for some healthy competition amongst friends. There is no end time scheduled for this event, so bring on the battle! If we run out of prizes, be prepared to win a long-lasting superlative for your dedication to the Bingo Battle!

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Noon – 12:45 p.m.

Lunch & Learn: COVID Response

Robert Mauskopf, Office of Emergency Preparedness Director, Virginia Department of Health

This presentation will track the growth of an overseas viral threat to a whole-of-government / whole-of- society response which has consumed most of us in the room for over a year and likely will continue to do so for an undetermined future period and perhaps establish a New Norm for those of us in Emergency Preparedness and Response and beyond.

1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Breakout Sessions - I

I-1: Transportation Adaptations for Evacuation and Sheltering During COVID-19

Jennifer Whytlaw, Assistant Professor, ODU

Nicole Hutton, Assistant Professor, ODU

Under a compound pandemic-hurricane scenario, the demands for evacuation assistance will be different and the capacity to meet these demands will be truncated. Case study and national input was integrated into an Esri StoryMap to highlight Transportation Accommodations for Populations Vulnerable to COVID-19 during Hazard Events. This was developed from a participatory study that explored how visualizations of redistributed vulnerability and transportation resources influence planning. We drew upon original data from surveys of evacuation behavior and compound hazard preparation workshops. We convened focus groups of local and national emergency management and transportation professionals and planners to understand resource options and needs to address shifting vulnerabilities through modified transportation. Findings suggest that pairing a web-based application of vulnerability, behavior, and infrastructure with real-time traffic, forecasts, demand, and staffing data, would improve resource allocation and decision-making processes.

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Breakout Sessions - J and Closing Speaker

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J-1: Public Private Partnerships: What have we learned from COVID and how can these partnerships make us more resilient?

Shandi Treloar, VP EM Partners

Stacie Neal, CEM, GISP, Director, Planning Division, Virginia Department of Emergency Management

Over the past five years, public-private partnerships have been evolving and have now been catapulted into the spotlight thanks to COVID-19. Understanding why these partnerships are important, how you can cultivate them, and how to use them to make your community more resilient are critical to future events. We'll walk through how VDEM is approaching its program development and how communities across the Commonwealth can engage with their private sector.

J-2: Dams, Emergency Plans, & Disasters

Mark Killgore, P.E., Dam Safety Regional Engineer, Department of Conservation and Recreation, Division of Dam Safety and Floodplain Management

Justin Deel, P.E. Dam Safety Regional Engineer, Department of Conservation and Recreation, Division of Dam Safety and Floodplain Management

As Virginia continues to prepare for large scale storms, hurricanes, flooding and other disasters every year, DCR Dam Safety & Floodplain Management has found that many localities are not including dam failure events in their planning or recovery exercises. This presentation will explore the state of dam safety in our communities, dam safety requirements in the state of Virginia, how dams should be integrated into the whole community approach to resilience, the role of DCR Dam Safety & Floodplain Management, the needs for emergency action and floodplain management plans, and who should be involved in dam related emergencies, mitigation and recovery activities. DCR Dam Safety & Floodplain Management Staff will discuss these topics in detail and provide examples of how and why local government officials, emergency services personnel, dam owners and all citizens should take a fresh look at dam safety as a stepping stone to community resilience.

J-3: 2-1-1 VIRGINIA: Your Partner Before, During, and After a Disaster

Robert Morrow, 211 Virginia Statewide Director, Council of Community Services

Residents of Virginia can call 211 Virginia 24/7/365 to get information and referrals to assist them with their human service needs before and after a disaster - strengthening your local communities. But 211 really ramps up during local, regional and statewide disasters to be a public information line. 211 can act as an information hub taking pressure off emergency management offices as well as 911. At this session you'll learn the roles of 211, our partnerships with Virginia Department of Emergency Management and VDH, and how we can work together to spread accurate information and available resources in times of disaster.

3:20 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

1/6 US Capitol Response: Locally Executed, Regionally Coordinated

Andy John, Chief Regional Coordinator, Region 7, VDEM

Clint Osborn, Chief of Operations, DC Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency

Kim Kadesch, Director, FEMA Office of National Capital Region Coordination

Jerica Shakelford, Chief of Staff, DC Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency

The U.S. Capitol riots on January 6th, 2021 will be an event many in the National Capital Region and the Nation will not soon forget. Due to ongoing investigations and sensitivities surrounding the response, we will not be hearing from Law Enforcement partners at this time, but have assembled key emergency management stakeholders from across the NCR that played an integral role in the response. The panel will discuss the tremendous coordination, collaboration, and communication that took place to ensure an appropriate response to the attack on the Capitol. Lessons learned and best practices will be discussed regarding the preparedness actions taken prior to January 6th, the coordination that took place locally and regionally, and the complexities of executing and navigating mutual aid agreements for an immediate response.

Closing & General Announcement Comments

Jennifer Maul, 2020-2021 2nd Vice President VEMA, Symposium Co-Chair

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Response Program of the Year: Unified Management Organizations of NVHA (Kristin), NVERS (Kristin), VDH Northern (Jeff), and VDEM 7 (Andy)

Volunteer of the Year Award: Jim Kramer - Chesterfield CERT

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