

VEMS 2023 Program

Monday, March 20				
0900-1700	Outside the Yellow Tape: Family Assistance Planning and Operations			
1000-1600	Institutes of Higher Education Caucus Annual Meeting			
1300-1600	FEMA's Procurement Disaster Assistance Team Foundations Course			
1300-1700	First Faith Based Summit			
1500-1800	Vendor Setup			
1830-2000	Registration			
1830-2030	Vendor Hall Grand Opening & Reception			
Tuesday, March 21				
0700-1600	Registration			
0700-1330	Vendor Hall Open			
0700-0800	Breakfast in the Vendor Hall			
0800-0830	Welcome, CG, Invocation, & Opening Ceremony			
	Welcome	Neal Turner		
	Color Guard	Harrisonburg Police Department		
	Mayor	Deanna Reed		
	VEMA President	Robert Gelormine		
	State Coordinator	Shawn Talmadge		
	Sec HSPS	Robert P. Mosier		
	Governor			
0830-0945	GS-1 (Keynote)			
	Tim Eggebraaten: <i>Finding Your Beat, the Rhythm of Life</i>			
0945-1015	Beverage Break			
1015-1100	A-1	A-2	A-3	A-4
	Holly Brown <i>Disaster Recovery Housing: Coordinating for Success</i>	Heather Hilliard <i>Fixing EM's Silent Problem</i>	Julia Fuller-Wilson <i>Understanding Mass Violence and Promoting Recovery for Survivors</i>	Danielle Spach <i>Going from Grant to Granted</i>
1100-1115	Stretch Break			
1115-1215	B-1	B-2	B-3	B-4
	Michael Freeman <i>Emergency Management & Security an Evolving Partnership</i>	Lucy Carter Smith <i>Small Town & Partners Accept a Large-Scale Challenge to Rescue a Drowning Building</i>	Eric Seymour <i>What can the National Weather Service do for you?</i>	Michael Whiteaker <i>When Two Worlds Collide: Public Health and Emergency Management, the Case for Collaboration</i>
1215-1330	Lunch Buffet in the Vendor Hall			
1330-1430	C-1	C-2	C-3	C-4
	Aaron Miller <i>Information Technology as a Public Safety Service</i>	Ashley Morris <i>Weathering Emergency Management: Enduring the Storm with a Weather Toolkit</i>	Candice Smith <i>GIS to the Rescue: A Crisis Management Solution</i>	Tanya Hockett <i>Engaging Elected Officials: Strategies for Changing Elected Official Engagement for the Better</i>
1430-1445	Stretch Break			

1445-1545	D-1	D-2	D-3	D-4
	Bear Afkhami <i>Best Practices for Receiving Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) Grants</i>	Amparo Santana <i>Federally Recognized Tribes in FEMA Region 3 (Virginia)</i>	Brian Misner <i>How the legislative process works; VEMA's platform, process, and opportunities for engagement</i>	Tania Serrano Gonzalez <i>Civil Rights Compliance in Emergency Management</i>
1545-1610	Legislative Committee Quick Meet & Greet			
1545-1615	Refreshment Break			
1615-1715	E-1	E-2	E-3	E-4
	Craig Bryant <i>Disruption Management in Health Care: A Behind the Curtain View</i>	Sydney McKenna <i>Northern Virginia EOC Exchange Program</i>	James Finney <i>CISA 101 Resources, Tools and Products</i>	Mark Slauter <i>Incorporating Technology for Real-time Dynamic Flood Mitigation</i>
1800-2100	Networking at Ruby's Arcade <i>offsite</i>			
Wednesday, March 22				
0700-1530	Registration			
0700-0800	Breakfast & VEMA 2023 Business Meeting (starts at 7:15 am)			
0715-1315	Silent Auction Open			
0800-0900	GS-2			
	MaryAnn Tierney: <i>FEMA Regional Administrator's Perspective on Emergency Management</i>			
0900-0915	Stretch Break			
0915-1015	F-1	F-2	F-3	F-4
	Diane Hansen, Kirby Felts, Paul Manno <i>Disaster Financial Recovery Guide</i>	Kimberly Ligon <i>Volunteers the Unsung heroes. How can your organization change to amplify these resources?</i>	Joshua Crabtree <i>Excellence through Knowledge: Lessons learned from the NPS Emergence Program</i>	Robin Hillman <i>Goochland's January 2022 Winter Storm Experience</i>
1015-1045	Beverage Break			
1045-1145	G-1	G-2	G-3	G-4
	Eileen Tarr <i>Are You Prepared? Making Sure to Cover all Bases and Intersections</i>	James Bolling <i>Emergency Management Drone Operations</i>	Courtney Arroyo <i>Sheltering Tools using WEBEOC and GIS</i>	Tommy Webster <i>Disaster Debris Management Emerging Trends and Lessons Learned</i>
1145-1315	2023 VEMA Awards & Scholarships Luncheon / Strategic Planning Update			
1300-1315	Silent Auction Bids Close			

1315-1415	H-1	H-2	H-3	H-4
	William Lawson <i>Are we successful?</i>	James Ninnis <i>A Game Changer The Forgotten Exercise</i>	Jack McGovern <i>The Madonna House Fire and Relocation Effort</i>	Katie Moody <i>Bringing Home the Bacon? An overview of lessons learned and best practices to improve your grant experience.</i>
1415-1430	Stretch Break			
1430-1530	I-1	I-2	I-3	I-4
	Maribel Street, Steven Herring <i>How strategic planning can implement change</i>	Alex Tran <i>Cultivating the Next Generation of Emergency Managers</i>	Jon Stewart <i>Making the Mission a Focus in Emergency Management</i>	Brad Bartholomew <i>Where are we? Twenty Years of Hazard Mitigation Planning</i>
1530-1600	Refreshment Break			
1600-1700	J-1	J-2	J-3	J-4
	Bruce Lockwood <i>No such thing as a natural born leader</i>	Kristna King <i>Establishing a Watch Desk</i>	Gary Scronce <i>Growing the Next Generation of Virginia Emergency Managers</i>	Jeffrey Harvey <i>Considering Collaborative Incident Management, Lessons from the COVID-19 Response in a Rural Community</i>
1700-1800	VEMS Sheltering Session			
1800-1830	VEMA Group Photo & Reception			
1830-2130	Texas Derby Game Night & Dinner <i>offsite</i>			
Thursday, March 23				
0730-1030	Registration			
0730-0830	Hot Breakfast Buffet			
0830-0930	GS-3			
	Perla Santillan: <i>Mass Fatality Operations in the Commonwealth of Virginia</i>			
0930-0945	Beverage Break			
0945-1015	State Coordinator Report			
	Shawn Talmadge			
1015-1115	GS-4			
	Olivia Cassada-Ward: <i>Cybersecurity in Emergency Management: How to Plan and Prepare for the Inevitable</i>			
1115-1130	Stretch Break			
1130-1230	GS-5			
	Nicholas Drauschak: <i>"Will Be Wild" - The January 6, 2021 Capitol Riot Through the Eyes of Emergency Management</i>			
1230-1245	Board Closing Remarks			