

# VEMS24 Tentative Program

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Monday, March 18	
0800-1030	Pre-Conference Training Session: <i>CDP Communication Class - MPIV3: Emergency Communication Methods (offsite)</i>
0900-1200	Pre-Conference Training Session: <i>Exercise Design Workshop (offsite)</i>
0900-1600	Pre-Conference Training Session: <i>Outside the Yellow Tape: FAC (offsite)</i>
0930-1530	Institutes of Higher Education Caucus Annual Meeting
1030-1200	Pre-Conference Training Session: <i>CDP Communication Class - MPIV7: Communicating Effectively in EM (offsite)</i>
1330-1530	Pre-Conference Training Session: <i>CDP Communication Class - MPIV8 : Writing Exercise (offsite)</i>
1500-1700	Volunteer Opportunity at Thrive Peninsula Food Bank
1500-1800	Vendor Setup
1830-2000	Registration
1830-2030	Vendor Hall Grand Opening & Reception

Tuesday, March 19					
0700-1600	Registration				
0700-1330	Vendor Hall Open				
0700-0800	Breakfast in the Vendor Hall				
0800-0830	<b>Welcome, CG, Invocation, &amp; Opening Ceremony</b>				
	Welcome	Lucy Carter Smith			
	Honor Guard	Newport News Fire Department			
	Local Representative	Mayor Phillip Jones / City Manager Alan Archer (invited)			
	VEMA President	Jessica Robison			
	State Coordinator	Shawn Talmadge			
	Sec HSPS	Terrance C. Cole (invited)			
	Governor	The Honorable Glenn Younkin (invited)			
0830-0945	<b>GS-1 (Keynote)</b>				
	Jan McInnis: <i>Finding the Funny in Change</i>				
0945-1015	Beverage Break				
1015-1100	<b>A-1</b>	<b>A-2</b>	<b>A-3</b>	<b>A-4</b>	<b>A-5</b>
	Steve Parrot <i>Long Term Care Facility On Fire "THIS IS A FULL EVACUATION" = Is your community ready?</i>	Ryan Burkholder <i>Alert &amp; Warning: IPAWS, WEA and EAS</i>	Carrie Gonzalez & Dr. Kelly Myers <i>Family Assistance Operations- Tools for Planning and an Interactive Discussion on Jurisdictional Needs</i>	Amparo Santana Garcia & Mary Reevis <i>Tribal Engagement for Emergency Managers</i>	Karen Brimm & Jamie Liban <i>Accessible Communication</i>
1100-1115	Stretch Break				
1115-1215	<b>B-1</b>	<b>B-2</b>	<b>B-3</b>	<b>B-4</b>	<b>B-5</b>
	Jeff Fletcher & Matt Schultz <i>Implementation of FEMA's Community Lifelines- One Jurisdiction's Rapid Descent from 35,000ft to 10,000ft and Surviving the Turbulence</i>	Paul Hundley, Liz Ernest, Rich Bailey <i>Just in Time: Emergency Shelter Video Launch</i>	Travis Smith, Renee Mckinnon, Jane Harvey, Rob Gramkowski, Mike Brashear, Ashleigh Nadar, David Topczynski <i>Strategic Preparedness: Virginia Beach Public Safety Roadmap to a successful 2023 Robust Special Events Season</i>	Jessica Coughlin <i>Drinking Water Emergencies: How we successfully implemented ICS with private, local and state agencies and the lessons we learned for the next drinking water emergency</i>	Dr. William Spencer <i>The P.A.C.E. of Risk Society</i>
1215-1330	Lunch Buffet in the Vendor Hall				
1330-1430	<b>C-1</b>	<b>C-2</b>	<b>C-3</b>	<b>C-4</b>	<b>C-5</b>
	Jake Kezele <i>Short Term Recovery - Common Denominators</i>	Chris Patterson <i>Chempack 101: State and Local Interface</i>	Gabe Elias <i>Hidden Barriers to Interoperability</i>	Stephanie Waite & Michael Magner <i>Virginia Behavioral Health-MRC</i>	Alex Tran <i>Game Night</i>
1430-1445	Stretch Break				
1445-1545	<b>D-1</b>	<b>D-2</b>	<b>D-3</b>	<b>D-4</b>	<b>D-5</b>
	Erin DeLuca <i>From Chaos to Compassion: Navigating Family Assistance in the Aftermath of a Home Explosion</i>	Rich Troshak <i>When Worlds Collide: 9-1-1 and Emergency Management</i>	Jamie Liban & Lauren Roche <i>Inclusive Emergency Management from the Perspective of Virginians with Lived Experience</i>	Michael Teener <i>Microsoft Teams to the Rescue: A Tale of Emergency Management Awesomeness</i>	Marc Barbieri & David Farris <i>Higher Education Emergency Management Preparing Our Students and Communities for the Day After Tomorrow</i>

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Tuesday, March 19 (continued)					
1545-1615	Refreshment Break				
1615-1715	<b>E-1</b>	<b>E-2</b>	<b>E-3</b>	<b>E-4</b>	<b>E-5</b>
	Sydney McKenna & John Paras <i>Fortifying Our Future: Improving Cyber Resilience through Local Government Collaboration</i>	Courtney Arroyo, Michael Whiteaker, Marcus Coleman <i>Building Resilience Through Enhancing Community Capacity: A Faith Based Approach</i>	Eric Seymour, Phil Hysell, Chris Strong, and Jeremy Geiger <i>Preparing for Tomorrow's Weather Hazards with new products from the National Weather Service</i>	Rich Mortimer <i>Utilization of The Master COOP Concept</i>	Anne McCann, Steve Carriere, Ann Melle <i>It's Not Just Pet Sheltering - Compounding Your Disaster by Failing to Address Animals</i>
1800-2200	Networking Event (offsite at Tradition Brewing Co. - 8 min walk from Newport News Marriott)				

Wednesday, March 20					
0700-1530	Registration				
0700-0800	Breakfast				
0715-1315	Silent Auction Open				
0800-0900	<b>GS-2</b>				
	<i>MaryAnn Tierney: Regional Administrator's Perspective on Emergency Management</i>				
0900-0915	Stretch Break				
0915-1015	<b>F-1</b>	<b>F-2</b>	<b>F-3</b>	<b>F-4</b>	<b>F-5</b>
	Ashleigh Makuch & Walter English <i>Beyond Checkboxes: Unpacking EMAP's Potential for Your Emergency Management Program</i>	William Pelfrey, Dr. Brie Haupt, Dr. Hans Louis-Charles, Curtis Brown <i>How research can inform emergency management practice and policy</i>	Steven Pyle, Sarah Chappel, Jonathan McGee <i>Modernizing Water Resources Intelligence</i>	John Tipton & Allison Neelley <i>The UVA Active Threat Drill and Real-World Lessons</i>	Bob Campbell <i>Conducting Climate Vulnerability Assessments</i>
1015-1045	Beverage Break				
1045-1145	<b>G-1</b>	<b>G-2</b>	<b>G-3</b>	<b>G-4</b>	<b>G-5</b>
	Amanda Hacher <i>Being A Good NextDoor Neighbor on Social Media: Strategy and Rumor Control</i>	Jon Stewart & Kevin Wilson <i>Take me out to the ballgame... lessons learned from CISA's infrastructure security exercise program</i>	Bill Lawson <i>State Code Q&amp;A</i>	Glen Leibig <i>Emergency Management for Space Launch Operations</i>	Sunny Wescott <i>Climate Trends</i>
1145-1315	Business Meeting Luncheon				
1315-1415	<b>H-1</b>	<b>H-2</b>	<b>H-3</b>	<b>H-4</b>	<b>H-5</b>
	Dan Brewer, Lorenzo Leon, John Keyes <i>Geographic Operations During Major Disaster in Virginia</i>	Alex Weston <i>Emergency Management as a High Reliability Organization</i>	Pearla Santillan <i>Role of the VA Office of the Chief Medical Examiner (OCME) at a Family Assistance Center (FAC)</i>	Brian Misner & Bill Lawson <i>Funding for Emergency Management; what's next?</i>	Christopher Cruz <i>Learning to Live Left of Boom - Embracing Cyber Resilience</i>
1415-1430	Stretch Break				
1430-1530	<b>I-1</b>	<b>I-2</b>	<b>I-3</b>	<b>I-4</b>	<b>I-5</b>
	Will Melville & Hailey Stern <i>Understanding Community Disaster Resilience Zones</i>	Julia Fuller Wilson & Dawn Bush <i>A Decade of Mass Violence: Understanding our Missteps to Ensure Successful Victim Recovery</i>	Robin Hillman <i>Cyber-Attack: We need to be ready!</i>	Todd Cannon <i>Renewable Energy In Virginia and The Challenges of Battery Energy Storage Technologies</i>	Robbie Coates & Debbie Messmer <i>Mitigation Success Stories</i>
1530-1600	Refreshment Break				
1530-1600	Silent Auction Bids Close				
1600-1700	<b>J-1</b>	<b>J-2</b>	<b>J-3</b>	<b>J-4</b>	<b>J-5</b>
	Mari Radford & Megan Gomez <i>Incorporating Historic Preservation Into Hazard Mitigation Plans</i>	Bear Afkhami, Jaymes Cloninger <i>Preparing for Tomorrow and the Day After by Using AI, Digital Twins, Data Science, and GIS</i>	Tammy Sommer, Tina Wang <i>Commonwealth Shelter Strategy Framework</i>	Michael Freeman & Joe Varbero <i>How to Blow Up a Pipeline &amp; or other Critical Infrastructure&amp; How-to, Mitigations, and Disruptions</i>	Maureen Moslow-Benway, Dr. William Pelfrey, Dr. Brie Haupt, Dr. Hans Louis-Charles <i>Emergency Management in Higher Ed: A Roundtable Discussion</i>

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Wednesday, March 20 (continued)	
1700-1715	Silent Auction Payments & Basket Pickup
1800-1815	VEMA Group Photo
1815-2130	Awards Dinner & Game Night ( <i>onsite</i> )

Thursday, March 21	
0730-1030	Registration
0730-0830	Hot Breakfast Buffet
0830-0930	<b>GS-3</b> Brock Long: <i>Emergency Management 3.0: Foundations for Future Success</i>
0930-0945	Beverage Break
0945-1015	<b>State Coordinator Report (2023)</b> Shawn Talmadge
1015-1115	<b>GS-4</b> Alex Tran, Riley McConnell, Rich McEachin, Alexa Boggs, Jacob Hughes, Mary McElman: <i>The Tapestry of Talent: Nurturing Success in Multi-Generational Teams</i>
1115-1130	Stretch Break
1130-1230	<b>GS-5</b> Brian Misner, Bill Lawson: <i>Legislative Panel</i>
1230-1245	Board Closing Remarks