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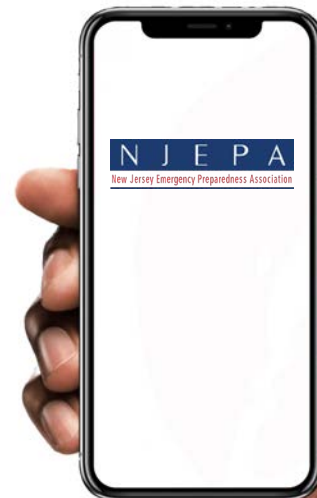


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WELCOME

It's nice to get back to something we can finally almost call "normal". Since 2020 there has been many things that have changed how we function in our lives. It is great to have this year's conference back on the Boardwalk at the Hard Rock Casino & Hotel! We are happy to have so many training sessions and numerous breakouts for everyone to be able to attend throughout the week. This year we have over 75 Sponsors and Exhibitors to visit later in the week when you are in the Hard Rock Live Etes Arena for our Vendor Reception and conference lunch.

To wrap up the week we have representatives from Gloucester Co OEM, Harmony Fire Dept, NJSP, National Weather Service, and local utilities to give us an overview of the disastrous Tornado of 2021 that tore through Gloucester County and the surrounding areas. This conference would not be possible without the help of all our volunteers, I cannot begin to share enough thanks to everyone who helped make this conference a success. Please learn, live, enjoy your time with us at the Hard Rock and we hope to see you again next year for our 25 th Anniversary.

Matthew Steintal
President



HISTORY OF NJEPA



The New Jersey Emergency Preparedness Conference had its humble beginnings as a “grass roots” organization. It started as a conversation at Atlantic County OEM looking for a way to provide higher level training and experiences to local emergency managers. County and State personnel had the opportunity, back then, to attend state, regional and national conferences and the Atlantic County and South Region OEM teams were brain storming ways to bring this kind of information to local EMCs and their teams at no cost. With the tremendous support of the Tropicana Casino Resort and Verizon the Atlantic County Hurricane Seminar was born.

This first effort presented eight speakers on various topics related to coastal preparedness issues for hurricanes. The one day seminar was well received by the approximately 200 people in attendance and they requested expanding the program for the following year. In 2000 we expanded to a 2 day seminar adding a larger program of speakers which required us to recruit more sponsors to fund the popular program which was presented at no charge to attendees. Expanding the conference would present a number of challenges including increased participation by our host the Tropicana Hotel Casino and the Atlantic County OEM, NJ State Police OEM, sponsors Verizon, State Farm and those behind the scenes people that made the simple seminar a huge success. Several of the local, county, and state emergency management officials had attended the very popular National Hurricane Conference for many years. A small group of them wanted to try and create a conference similar but unlike our friends at the NHC.

The 2001 NJ Hurricane Preparedness Conference would be different. It would feature 18 one hour break-out sessions, 2 continental breakfast, 2 sponsored lunches, and an exhibit area for 2 days with 32 exhibitors. This was a logistical and financial nightmare tackled by a handful of very dedicated emergency preparedness professionals. Due to unwavering dedication of a select group of people using creative and out of the box solutions the nearly \$60,000 conference came off very successfully with over 600 attendees. At the after conference meeting the small group decided that we needed to invest the time and effort to continue our successes by forming the New Jersey Emergency Preparedness Association. This required a strong commitment and backing of our sponsors and partners who were behind us all the way and one current event in world history would be the rocket fuel to the creation of the New Jersey Emergency Preparedness Association and the New Jersey Emergency Preparedness Conference. That date: September 11, 2001.

The conference continues today 24 years later at our new home the Hard Rock Hotel & Casino; tens of thousands of attendees and thousands of sponsors have made this program the success that it is.





SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE



**TIMES SUBJECT TO CHANGE BASED ON PRESENTER AVAILABILITY.
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MONDAY, APRIL 17TH

- 0700-1630 Registration Open
- 0730-0930 Continental Breakfast
- 0800-1200 Training Sessions
- 0830-1630 All Day Coffee Break**
- 1200-1300 Meal Break**
- 1300-1700 Training Sessions
- 1400-1500 Soft Drinks Available**

TUESDAY, APRIL 18TH

- 0700-1630 Registration Open
- 0730-0930 Continental Breakfast
- 0800-1200 Training Sessions
- 0830-1630 All Day Coffee Break**
- 1200-1300 Meal Break**
- 1300-1700 Training Sessions
- 1300-1700 Young Professionals Event*
- 1400-1500 Soft Drinks Available**
- 1730-2030 Awards & Networking Reception*

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19TH

- 0700-1630 Registration Open
- 0730-0930 Continental Breakfast
- 0800-1200 Training & Breakout Sessions
- 0830-1630 All Day Coffee Break**
- 1200-1300 Meal Break**
- 1300-1700 Training & Breakout Sessions
- 1400-1500 Soft Drinks Available**
- 1500-1900 Exhibit Hall Open - Etes Arena
- 1700-1900 Vendor Reception - Etes Arena

THURSDAY, APRIL 20TH

- 0700-1630 Registration Open
- 0730-0930 Continental Breakfast
- 0800-1200 Training & Breakout Sessions
- 0830-1630 All Day Coffee Break**
- 1030-1430 Exhibit Hall Open - Etes Arena
- 1130-1330 Conference Luncheon
- 1300-1700 Training & Breakout Sessions
- 1400-1500 Soft Drinks Available**
- 1700-2000 Sip, Snack & Socialize
Networking Event
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FRIDAY, APRIL 21ST

- 0700-0830 Registration Open
- 0730-0930 Continental Breakfast
- 0830-1130 General Session
2021 Epic Tornado*
- 1200 Conference Adjourns

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**RECEPTION SPEAKER****MAJOR CHRISTOPHER M. DEMAISE
NEW JERSEY STATE POLICE**

Christopher M. DeMaise was promoted to Major on January 1, 2022 and has faithfully served more than 24 years with the New Jersey State Police (NJSP). He currently oversees five Bureaus as well as 382 enlisted Troopers and civilians. He previously served as the Bureau Chief of the Recovery Bureau, where he served as the State Coordinating Officer (SCO) for New Jersey's disaster response to DR-4614 (Hurricane Ida) and Governor's Authorized Representative for numerous Presidentially Declared Disasters. While in this position, he was tasked with oversight of the Grant Management for Coronavirus Relief Funds for the State of New Jersey.

Prior to this assignment, Major DeMaise served in various assignments within the New Jersey Office of Emergency Management. He served as the Unit Head of the Urban Search and Rescue (US&R) Unit and oversaw the transition of New Jersey Task Force 1 (NJ-TF1), the state's Urban Search and Rescue team, into the Federal US & R system. As the NJ-TF1 Representative he led deployments to incidents such as Hurricane Matthew (North Carolina), Hurricane Harvey (Texas) and Hurricane Florence (North Carolina). He also served as the Incident Commander and other Command and General staff positions for several Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC) deployments to Puerto Rico (Operation FURIA- Hurricane Fiona-2022, NJSPEAR- Earthquake response- 2020, and NJPRIDE- Hurricane Maria-2017.)

Preceding his assignment to the Emergency Management Section, Major DeMaise spent twelve years in the Special Operations Section. He was promoted to Lieutenant of the NJSP Technical Emergency and Missions Specialist Unit (T.E.A.M.S.) where he initiated numerous programmatic goals based on enhancing the training and certification of the Unit's membership, enabling grant funding of resources as well as realigning the records management processes of the Unit to a more professional standard. During his assignment in the Special Operations Section, he served as the Station Commander of the Atlantic City Marine Station and Training Officer for the Section. He served as Chair of the Training and Civil Disturbance Response Committee for Superbowl XLVIII held at Met Life Stadium, East Rutherford, NJ.

Major DeMaise proudly served the United States Marine Corps for six years (active duty/reserves) before joining the NJSP. Major DeMaise earned a Master's in Human Resources Administration from Seton Hall University and a Master's in Security Studies from the Naval Postgraduate School. He earned a Bachelor's Degree in Law & Justice with a Minor in Spanish from Rowan University, where he now serves as an adjunct professor. He has been married to his wife Chrissy for 23 years, and they have three children, Tyler, Emma and Layla. Emma currently attends Rowan University and Tyler has recently graduated from the institution.



RECEPTION SPEAKER

**LIEUTENANT COLONEL BRENTON WARNE
NEW JERSEY STATE POLICE**

Lieutenant Colonel Brenton Warne was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel on January 1, 2023. He currently serves as the Homeland Security Branch Commander and has more than 25 years with the New Jersey State Police. He oversees the Special Operations and Emergency Management Sections,

which consists of nine Bureaus, staffed by over 700 enlisted Troopers and civilians. He also serves as the Deputy State Director of Emergency Management. Prior to this assignment, he served as Major and Commanding Officer of the Special Operations Section overseeing four Bureaus as well as over 300 enlisted Troopers and civilians. During his time in the Special Operations Section, he led a contingent of 52 enlisted personnel to take part in the 59th Presidential Inauguration Task Force in Washington, D.C. He also ensured fiscal responsibility by providing oversight of an annual budget of more than \$25 million dollars and managed over \$100 million dollars in physical assets.

Lieutenant Colonel Warne previously served as a Troop "C" Region Commander, where he was responsible for over 300 enlisted and civilian personnel. One of his responsibilities included the Office of State Governmental Security (OSGS). Enlisted and civilian members assigned to the OSGS are responsible for nearly 70 state governmental buildings. He worked to ensure appropriate resource allocation to maximize effectiveness, identified security deficiencies and coordinated mitigation strategies to maximize safety.

Preceding these assignments, he spent ten years in the Special Operations Section. Seven of those years, were spent in the State Police Canine Unit where he handled canines trained in patrol and narcotic detection. Lieutenant Colonel Warne's most rewarding deployment involved locating an elderly gentleman in the woods who suffered from dementia.

Lieutenant Colonel Warne earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Fairleigh Dickinson University. He has been married to his wife Barbara, whom he met in high school, for 31 years. His son Devon is a New Jersey State Trooper and his son Matt attends East Stroudsburg University.





NJ EMERGENCY MANAGER'S MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Jonathan Cardell William Young was born for a lifetime of service. He began the journey November 28, 1961, in Newark, New Jersey, son of Ruth Griffin Young and Howard Curtis Young. In 1979, he graduated from Abraham Clark High School in Roselle and from Linden Vocational Technical School where he studied electronics.

At age 15, Jon started his career in emergency services with the Roselle Volunteer Ambulance Corps. In 1979, he became a volunteer firefighter for the Roselle Fire Department, and in 1990, he achieved his life goal to become a career firefighter for the department. In 2001, he was promoted to lieutenant; he later earned the rank of captain. He was a certified Level 2 Fire Department Training Officer, training firefighters at the Roselle Fire Department and at the Union County Fire Academy. He served as an EMT for over 23 years and as coordinator of the Office of Emergency Management in Roselle.

Jon was Roselle's most highly decorated firefighter. In addition to being awarded Fire Fighter of the Year three times, he received Valor Awards from the New Jersey Fireman's Mutual Benevolent Association and the St. Barnabas Hospital Burn Foundation, and the Community Service Award from the Roselle NAACP. A highlight of his career was the delivery of thirteen babies. In 1997, while off duty, Jon rescued a civilian trapped in a burning car, for which he received a Valor Award from the City of Woodbridge.

In his memory, and in an effort to preserve his love for the community, the Borough of Roselle, the Roselle Chamber of Commerce, Agape House of Worship, and the Young family are holding the Annual Jon Young Memorial 5K. Jonathan was a certified HAZMAT specialist and communications specialist with the New Jersey Urban Search and Rescue Team NJ-TFI. NJ-TFI was the first rescue team at Ground Zero on September 11, 2001, and remained there for ten straight days.

Following that assignment, he worked with the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey in a mental health support program for first responders. Jon was the communications officer for the NJ Task Force and president of the NJ Emergency Preparedness Association.

He was a certified instructor for confined space rescue, high angle rope rescue, HAZMAT, automobile extrication, CPR, weapons of mass destruction, blood borne pathogens, incident command systems, and emergency vehicle driving. In his off time 'Juice,' as he was affectionately known, enjoyed spending time with family and friends. He was a licensed Ham Radio Operator and was in the process of obtaining a pilot's license. He loved all animals, especially Kieko and Kayla, his beloved Labradors. Jonathan C. W. Young departed this life in the line of duty on November 16, 2011, just shy of his 50th birthday. 'Well done, my good and faithful servant!'



NJ EMERGENCY MANAGER'S MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Michael Walter Augustyniak, known to almost everyone as "Augie," began his career with the New Jersey State Police (NJSP), and became a true expert in the field of Emergency Management. In his more than 33 years there, he developed policies and procedures still in effect today, and trained countless others in their implementation. Mike was an esteemed and beloved colleague and friend to many.

He accomplished much in his long tenure with the NJSP, playing important and lasting roles in many assignments. He worked in the Emergency Response Bureau and was the Emergency Management Section's hazardous materials (HAZMAT) expert. As an instructor, he developed and conducted exercises, provided technical assistance visits and, over a period of five years, almost single-handedly brought the HAZMAT annexes of the State's 566 municipalities and 21 counties up to the standards demanded by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Later, when the Section reorganized, Mike moved to the Operational Planning Bureau and served as a Shift Chief when the State Emergency Operations Center was activated. Mike soon became the Section's, and indeed several governors', go-to-guy in weather situations during hurricane season.

He was instrumental in developing plans for the State's new fusion center, the Regional Operations Intelligence Center, and was a stalwart during the Y2K transition and numerous major federal exercises. Mike also contributed his talents for several years to the Emergency Management Accreditation Program (EMAP), traveling nationally and internationally to assess jurisdictions for accreditation, and playing a key role in the NJSP's initial accreditation and re-accreditation.

Mike was a deeply thoughtful and intellectual professional. He cared earnestly about the mission and always saw the potential of the organization and strived untiringly to help everyone achieve it. His knowledge of the capabilities and limitations of state agencies was unsurpassed. He was unquestionably one of the most respected and versatile civilian employees in New Jersey State Government.

After he retired, Mike continued to use his emergency management and planning skills as a contractor, coordinating and developing policies for New Jersey Task Force 1, one of 28 FEMA Urban Search and Rescue Teams. He assisted NJTF1 in gaining EMAP accreditation, and ensured its policies and procedures met the benchmarks required to conform to FEMA Administrative Readiness guidelines. Mike also co-taught several classes at the Emergency Management Institute in Emmitsburg, Maryland. And for a change of pace, he worked several hours a week at the tiny and beloved Crosswicks Library in Crosswicks, New Jersey, a mile from his home, and served as primary editor for his father's book, *Adventures of a Young Marine in WWII*, published in 2018.

Mike was the best husband, father, brother, son, and friend anyone could ask for. He will be remembered most for his sense of humor and infectious laugh, his thoughtful and loving nature, his cleverness and curiosity, and his incredible zest for life.

In the words of his beloved Star Trek, may he "live long and prosper!"



TUNO EMERGENCY MANAGER OF THE YEAR



Kevin H. Tuno was the Burlington County Emergency Management Coordinator for 17 years, culminating a career with Burlington County that began as an emergency services dispatcher in 1982. Kevin was also a former chief of the Burlington City Fire Department, a life member of the Young America Fire Co., and Endeavor Emergency Squad, and a member of the Independent Fire Company, all in Burlington. He was also a member of the New Jersey Emergency Preparedness Association.

At his passing, Burlington County Freeholder Director Mary Ann O'Brien said, "The entire Burlington County community is deeply saddened by the passing of our longtime emergency management coordinator Kevin Tuno. Kevin led the county's response during trying times, including through the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, the devastating July 2004 flood, and Superstorm Sandy."

Kevin had over 30 years of experience in emergency management and disaster response. As the emergency management coordinator, Kevin was instrumental in the formation of the Burlington County Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT). Kevin received a Master's Degree in Administrative Science, the Certified Public Manager designation from the state of New Jersey, he was a master exercise practitioner and an Adjunct Professor at Burlington County College.

Barry E. Eck, President of the New Jersey Emergency Management Association, said in a statement: "Kevin was a talented and dedicated emergency management coordinator who loved his work. His experience and wisdom provided foresight with balance to the otherwise chaotic world of emergency management." Kevin Tuno died at age 56 on Sept. 15, 2015, at his residence in Burlington City.



ENGAGING YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

TUESDAY, APRIL 18TH, 1 PM TO 5 PM

NJEPA continues to work to improve Emergency Management well beyond the confines of the conference. We developed this specialized program for “the next generation of emergency managers” (under 40+/-). Learn how our panelists have advanced their careers to make their mark in the profession; enjoy time engaging with others “new” to the field.

NJEPA is proud to once again offer the Young Professionals Engagement Event during the 2023 conference. This session is designed for those who are new to Emergency Management or looking to get started in the field. Attendees will have the opportunity to ask industry leaders questions about the field, get career advice, network and learn how Emergency Management touches every industry in the public and private sector. Program elements will include a panel discussion with veteran Emergency Management professionals, a presentation from a higher education institution, networking opportunities, and a chance to win free attendance at the 2024 NJEPA Conference.

Event Agenda:

1:00 PM	Kick-off	3:15 PM	Higher Ed Presentation
1:30 PM	Panelist Introductions	3:20 PM	Emergency Management Trivia
2:15 PM	Q&A with Panelists	3:45 PM	Networking with Panelists & Attendees

2023 Professional Panelists:

Michael DiGenni

Officer, New Jersey Department of Corrections

Sarah Johnson

Warning Coordination Meteorologist, NWS Philadelphia/Mount Holly

Neal Stephens, CSW

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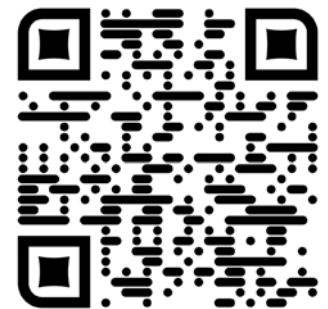
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FULL AGENDA

Monday, April 17th, 2023

0800-1200 / Introduction to HURREVAC Decision Support Tool / Immokalee B

HURREVAC, is a free web-based platform available to government emergency managers that provides timing guidance to support operational decisions. HURREVAC combines real-time National Hurricane Center forecast products and storm surge modeling with evacuation clearance times from Hurricane Evacuation Studies. This training is intended for new HURREVAC users or as a refresher to review the basics of HURREVAC. Instructors will provide an overview of HURREVAC and will guide students through a hands-on review the tool's features and functionality. The target audience is State and local emergency managers that support evacuation decision making in coastal jurisdictions during a hurricane threat.

0800-1200 / Basic and Advanced Skywarn Spotter Training / Brighton III

SKYWARN is a volunteer program of storm spotters that relay real-time weather information to the National Weather Service (NWS). The NWS is responsible for issuing severe weather warnings that alert people when a potential threat will affect their area. By adding in real-time reports from what the storm is actually doing makes our warnings that much more accurate, credible, and timely. We also use spotter reports to help verify if severe weather is or did occur during the official warning. This training will also feature the Advanced SKYWARN spotter talk with more complex techniques on observing severe weather.

0800-1700 / Drone Assessment and Response Tactics (DART) / Immokalee A

The DART course provides emergency personnel with the knowledge and skills necessary to detect, identify, track, assess, respond, and report Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) activity. Participants are presented with information on the current UAS criminal and terrorist threat, analog and electronic UAS detection techniques, and response tactics to address this threat. This course includes discussion prompts related to the emergency personnel response to unsafe UAS activity at various national events in recent years.

0800-1700 / MGT-460/ Planning for Disaster Debris Management / Brighton II

Debris can hinder response and recovery efforts, cause costly delays, and pose significant logistical challenges. Debris management can be extremely complex, creating, testing, and training to a pre-disaster debris management plan specific to the area is key to successful operations. The goal of this course is to enable participants to outline a disaster debris management plan and recognize special considerations when planning for debris management after a natural disaster. This course provides participants with the knowledge, skills, and tools necessary to create pre-disaster debris management plans for their own communities.

0800-1700 / G272 / Warning Coordination / Brighton IV

This course is produced in partnership with the National Weather Service (NWS). In order to reduce deaths, injuries, and property losses, emergency managers must work closely with the NWS and the news media to provide effective warnings that can be received and understood by people at risk. This course is intended to help facilitate that process. Course topics include: The Social Dimensions of Warning Response; Developing Effective Warning Messages; Developing an Effective Community Warning Process; and Working to Create a Weather Warning Partnership. In addition to lecture and discussion, the course includes case studies, and exercises.

FULL AGENDA

Monday, April 17th, 2023

0800-1700 / L0146 / Homeland Security Exercise Evaluation Program (HSEEP) / Brighton I

This 2-day course is designed to introduce participants to the fundamentals of exercise design. Emergency managers, emergency services personnel, and individuals who are part of the emergency preparedness communities at all levels of government, private sector, or volunteer organizations need to be able to use the fundamentals of exercise simulation and design as an integrated system of resources and capabilities. Participants must attend both sessions.

0800-1700 / ArcGIS Online: Essential Workflows / Big Cypress Studio A

This course introduces web maps, apps, and other authoritative content that may be available through your ArcGIS Online organizational site. You will learn how to discover, use, create, and share content that infuses projects with geographic context, additional business intelligence, and visual impact. All NJ County OEMs are provided ArcGIS Online licensing by the New Jersey Office of Emergency Management for use in disaster resilience, situational awareness, damage assessment, debris management, information sharing, as well as other public safety workflows.

0800-1700 / G108 / Community Mass Care and Emergency Assistance / Studio 2B

This is a 2-day course, you must participate in both days. The purpose of this course is to develop foundational knowledge of Mass Care and Emergency Assistance services in the community. It is not a "how to" for sheltering. Participants will use this information to build community emergency action items and to identify gaps in the community's program.

0800-1700 / Family Assistance in a Large Scale Incident / Big Cypress Studio B

This is a 2-day course, you must participate in both days. This program will explore the needs to support family assistance during a large scale incident. Topics covering family briefings, interviewing, public information, best practices from previous incidents will be discussed. The program is designed to help emergency managers understand the unique needs of families and survivors to help from reunification to identification of loved ones. Various Federal, State, and other governmental and non governmental agencies will speak to the various needs to support the investigation and recovery.

1300-1700 / Emergency Responder Guide to Electrical Emergencies / Immokalee B

This presentation has been prepared to help emergency response personnel identify and report damage to electrical facilities during electrical emergencies. We will discuss power system damage that can occur during storms and traffic accidents. These situations can pose a significant danger to the public and the emergency workers. We will review what should be done when electrical facilities are involved in an emergency situation. What the primary function is until the utility responds is to set up a secured safety zone protecting the emergency workers, the public and protect exposures.

1300-1700 / NJOEM Basic Workshop in Emergency Management / Brighton III

The goal of this course is to provide instruction and guidance to individuals who are new to emergency management, or those who lack a conceptual understanding of how to develop and conduct a comprehensive program for managing/coordinating the planning, response and recovery involved in emergencies. The training will include information on legal authority, roles and responsibility of elected and appointed officials, emergency planning, training and exercising, and procedures for obtaining assistance from superseding authorities. This course also meets the requirements spelled out in appendix A:9-40.1 for newly appointed Emergency Management Coordinators.

**New Jersey Department of Human Services
Office of Emergency Management**

*NJDHS Emergency Management, the ESF6 (Mass Care) lead for the State of New Jersey, is actively involved in enhancing the State's ability to support **General Population, People with Disabilities, Access and Functional Needs and Pets** in preparing for disasters that may impact New Jersey. This work is being performed through the Regional Catastrophic Preparedness Grant Program in coordination with the Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness.*

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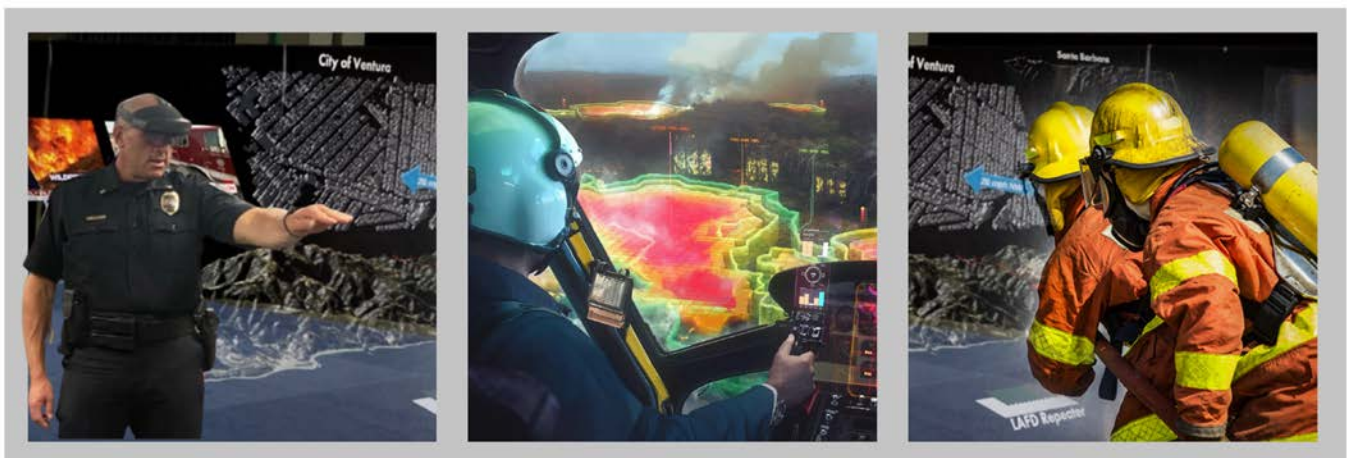
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0800-1200 / Intelligence & Investigations for the IMT / Fort Pierce A

Intelligence/Investigations (I&I) is a sixth ICS function identified in NIMS and can be established to collect, analyze, and disseminate incident-related information and intelligence for incidents involving intensive intelligence gathering and investigative activity. Examples include criminal or terrorist acts, or epidemiological, accident or mass fatality investigation, search and rescue, missing person incidents, and planned special events. This presentation will provide the participant with the concept and objectives for the I&I Section with examples of how it can be utilized to further the effectiveness of the Incident Command System and the Incident Management Team during a planned event or critical incident.

0800-1700 / G108 / Community Mass Care and Emergency Assistance / Studio 2B

This is a 2-day course, you must participate in both days. The purpose of this course is to develop foundational knowledge of Mass Care and Emergency Assistance services in the community. It is not a "how to" for sheltering. Participants will use this information to build community emergency action items and to identify gaps in the community's program.

0800-1700 / L0105 / Public Information Basics / Big Cypress Studio A

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0800-1700 / AWR-345 / Unmanned Aircraft Systems in Disaster Management / Immokalee B

Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) are an emerging technology that are revolutionizing disaster management. This course is an introduction to UAS use in disaster management, from mitigation and preparedness to response and recovery. The course provides an overview of several important elements that require full consideration when creating and operating a UAS program, including involving the local community in all stages of UAS program development, and the critical need to protect privacy, civil rights, and civil liberties in a UAS program, including with data collection, retention, management, security, oversight, and accountability.

0800-1200 / NJOEM Basic Workshop in Emergency Management / Brighton III

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0800-1200 / Unmanned Systems Program Development / Immokalee A

Case study 1.5 hours. See DART course description

ADVANCED PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SERIES CLASSES

NJEPA in partnership with the New Jersey State Police Office of Emergency Management is pleased to continue the initiative that will allow Conference attendees to complete the Advanced Professional Series within three years.

The Advanced Professional Development Series offers “how to” training focused on practical information. This series emphasizes applied skills in disaster operations and management, in conjunction with the Professional Development Series emergency management fundamental skills. The APS course lineup was first established to motivate and challenge students to continue emergency management training. Courses include practical skills from the whole spectrum of emergency management and disaster duties. APS courses are classroom based unless otherwise noted. Students who complete the 5 required courses and any 5 of 15 elective courses are eligible to receive the FEMA Advanced Professional Series Certificate of Completion.

By completing the APS, individuals show that they are knowledgeable in the five mission area components of emergency management: prevention, protection, mitigation, response and recovery. The series completion certificate is a standard that is recognized across the country. The APS does not require a recertification once initially completed and there is no cost to participate in the FEMA sponsored certification program. APS courses are delivered through the New Jersey OEM.

AWARDS & NETWORKING RECEPTION

TUESDAY, APRIL 18TH, 5:30 PM TO 8:30 PM

Join us for the Annual Awards and Networking Reception! This reception provides an excellent opportunity to meet with our colleagues (new and old) as we honor current and future emergency managers during our awards program. This event will feature dinner and cash bar. There is a nominal \$25 fee for this event. Stop by Registration to purchase your reception ticket. Tickets are required for entry and only a limited quantity are available. Seating is limited.

Program Highlights

Welcome from the NJEPA President

Update from the State Office of Emergency Management

Atlantic City Electric “Award of Merit” Presentation

Presentation of the 2023 Scholarship Awards

“Kevin H. Tuno Emergency Manager of the Year” Award Presentation

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0800-1700 / G358 / Evacuation and Re-Entry Planning / Brighton IV

This course provides participants with the knowledge and skills needed to design and implement an evacuation and re-entry plan for their jurisdictions. It uses a community's vulnerability analysis and evacuation plan. It also addresses evacuation behavior and recommends methods to make evacuation and re-entry more efficient. This course does not address the decision to evacuate or re-enter.

0800-1700 / L0146 / Homeland Security Exercise Evaluation Program (HSEEP) / Brighton I

This 2-day course is designed to introduce participants to the fundamentals of exercise design. Emergency managers, emergency services personnel, and individuals who are part of the emergency preparedness communities at all levels of government, private sector, or volunteer organizations need to be able to use the fundamentals of exercise simulation and design as an integrated system of resources and capabilities. Participants must attend both sessions.

0800-1700 / Family Assistance in a Large Scale Incident / Big Cypress Studio B

This is a 2-day course, you must participate in both days. This program will explore the needs to support family assistance during a large scale incident. Topics covering family briefings, interviewing, public information, best practices from previous incidents will be discussed. The program is designed to help emergency managers understand the unique needs of families and survivors to help from reunification to identification of loved ones. Various Federal, State, and other governmental and non governmental agencies will speak to the various needs to support the investigation and recovery.

0800-1700 / NJ DOT Traffic Incident Management / Studio 2C

New Jersey Traffic Incident Management (TIM) Responder Training brings police, firefighters, DOT, towing, medical personnel, and other incident responders together to engage in interactive, hands-on incident resolution exercises. Learning to coordinate response activities and optimize operations is vital to responding effectively in the field and to building a unified national practice on incident management. This eight hour course will cover the administration, facilitation and the delivery aspects of the NJTIM Training Program along with the use and practices of www.NJTIM.org.

0800-1700 / G393 / Mitigation for Emergency Managers / Brighton II

This is a 2-day course, you must participate in both days. This course is designed to enable the non-technical emergency worker to acquire skills in the use of mitigation. The course provides training in how to perform mitigation activities fundamental to reducing and eliminating long-term risk from hazards. It addresses the important roles of the emergency program manager (or other local government representative) in mitigation: motivator, coordinator, and monitor in local implementation of the National Mitigation Strategy.

1300-1700 / Young Professionals Engagement Event / Brighton III

This is a special half-day program, currently in its fifth year, designed for those who are new to Emergency Management or looking to get started in the field. Attendees will have the opportunity to ask industry leaders questions about the field, get career advice, network and learn how Emergency Management touches every industry in the public and private sector. Program elements include a panel discussion with veteran Emergency Management professionals, networking opportunities, and a chance to win free attendance at the 2024 NJEPA Conference.

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1300-1700 / ABC's of Pet Sheltering for Emergency Managers and Public Officials / Immokalee A
 Humans impacted by catastrophic events who need to evacuate bring their pets. Caring for animal family members is not only a human imperative but is codified in the PETS Act of 2006. This session is geared towards EMs and public officials to help identify key components of sheltering evacuated pets. Topics: Why shelter pets; sites and facilities; resource needs; husbandry, staffing; and engaging the whole community before during and after an event. Share insight and “best practices” with nationally recognized animal sheltering experts and learn the resources available to you in NJ to enhance or begin your pet sheltering solution.

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0800-1200 / Incident Response to Terrorist Bombings (IRTB / Fort Pierce C

This is an awareness-level course designed to supply participants with basic information concerning energetic materials (explosives and incendiaries) that could be used in a terrorist attack. This course is comprised of classroom presentations designed to familiarize participants with commercial and military explosives, improvised explosives devices (IEDs), and appropriate response procedures. This course does not train participants on how to handle explosives or explosive materials. Only trained explosive ordinance disposal (EOD) specialists and bomb technicians should ever touch or handle explosives.

0800-1700 / Using ArcGIS for Public Safety Workflows / Studio 2C

This course introduces ArcGIS Pro software and a geographic approach that complements and enhances typical public safety workflows. You will work with tools to map and visualize public safety data, identify patterns, create actionable information, and produce dynamic maps and 3D scenes to effectively disseminate that information. Course exercises use realistic public safety scenarios. All NJ County OEMs are provided ArcGIS Pro licensing by the New Jersey Office of Emergency Management for use in disaster resilience, situational awareness, damage assessment, debris management, information sharing, as well as other public safety workflows.

0800-1700 / G557 / Rapid Needs Assessment / Brighton IV

This course provides information and resources that will enable participants to plan an effective Damage Assessment Program and conduct rapid and effective damage assessments in order to save lives, protect property and the environment, and begin the process of Recovery and Mitigation.

0800-1700 / L0105 / Public Information Basics / Big Cypress Studio A

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0800-1700 / Mental Health First Aid / Fort Pierce D

Mental Health First Aid is an introduction to multiple mental health disorders such as Bipolar disorder, anxiety, depression, and psychosis. In this training you will learn what signs and symptoms to look out

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for when someone is either going into a mental health crisis or they are in a crisis situation. You will also learn how to approach and interact with those individuals in crisis. This is a 8 hour course packed with interaction and activities. Come join us!

0800-1700 / Search and Rescue Initial Actions / Studio 2B

This course was designed to prepare emergency services responders to respond and take correct initial actions as an individual in starting an investigation and search for missing/injured subjects. It presumes the student to be well qualified for incident command and emergency operations. This course will cover the duties of an incident commander, incident size-up, mission documentation, initial search tactics, and the practical applications of lost person behavior in both lecture and hands-on tabletop sessions based on actual missions.

0800-1700 / G191 / ICS/EOC Interface / Brighton I

The goal of this professional development course, G 191 Incident Command System/Emergency Operations Center Interface, is to enable students to develop an effective interface between the Incident Command/Unified Command and the Emergency Operations Center by applying National Incident Management System principles.

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0900-1015 (BREAKOUT) / Partnerships with Community Organizations in Disaster Response and Recovery / Big Cypress Studio B

In emergency management it is very important to build partnerships in the communities we serve. This session is designed to discuss the importance of partnering with Community Organizations such as the Rotary, Masons, Elks, American Legion and others in order to support your disaster response and recovery operations. Learn how these organizations can build upon the great work they all do while at the same time supporting your emergency management mission.

0900-1015 (BREAKOUT) / A Breakthrough in Patient Location / Fort Pierce B

The UASI hospital subcommittee approached Health Monitoring systems with an idea to track patients on arrival at the Hospital ER using epicenter. Since 2020 the system has been created and tested using 10 hospitals as a beta test. The system will be live and we will present a demonstration in the session and relate the history and significance of this project

0900-1015 (BREAKOUT) / SERC Updates & EPCRA Emergency Planning District Panel Discussion / Immokalee B

The Emergency Planning & Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA) is a federally mandated legislation enacted in 1986 to address preparedness, planning, and response to hazardous chemical facilities regulated under EPCRA. Co-chairs of the State Emergency Response Commission (SERC) will provide

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an update on NJ's efforts under EPCRA since Governor Murphy signed Executive Order # 284 on January 20, 2022. Representatives from counties who've made the shift from municipal-based to a county-based emergency planning district will also participate in a panel discussion to share guidance with others on the process.

0900-1015 (BREAKOUT) / Why a Good Records Management Program is Important to Disaster Planning / Immokalee A

This class introduces the principles of good Records Management and how it relates to Disaster Planning. A good Records Management program makes the records you need for emergency response readily available and will save money for the organization. It ensures that the records for continuity of operations, that protect the rights, health, property, and that document the history of your community and its residents can be protected and made available. It will also give the basic steps to records emergency planning and why it is important for government agencies.

1030-1145 (BREAKOUT) / GIS Not Just for Desktop Computers / Fort Pierce B

Come and see what advances there are with GIS (Geographic Information System). This is a great presentation if you know what GIS is or if you are new to GIS. In this presentation Tom Rafferty will talk about what mobile apps are coming in the EMMIT and how these tools will be supported on your smart phone. David will talk about how Burlington County is using an IPAD to do field work and what the future holds for using the IPAD for field work.

1030-1145 (BREAKOUT) / Introduction to the New Jersey Fire Threat Task Force / Immokalee B

The Introduction to the New Jersey Fire Threat Task Force is a presentation on the purpose of the task force. This task force is a partnership between federal, state, county and local law enforcement agencies along with the N J fire service. This partnership was developed for information sharing between the fire service and law enforcement. The task force meets in both north and south jersey and has developed an information sharing network between all involved agencies. The task force always looks to expand to other agencies.

1300-1415 (BREAKOUT) / NJ Sheltering Processes, Information & Resources / Big Cypress Studio B

Learn how the NJ Department of Human Services Office of Emergency Management (DHSOEM) supports mass care operations. DHSOEM offers support to both County and Local entities in their mass care related operations. During large events, we can offer State support when requested through SEOC operations. We rely on many partners to coordinate mass care operations from Government, Non-Government, Faith and Community-Based and VOAD groups as well as the Red Cross and Salvation Army. Learn about Sheltering Ops, Mass Feeding, Logistics Support, Disabilities/Access and Functional Needs Planning, Disaster Response Crisis Counseling, Pet & Animal Sheltering and Medical Needs Sheltering Support

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1300-1415 (BREAKOUT) / Critical Incident Stress Management in New Jersey / Immokalee A

Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) teams have been an important part of the behavioral response for first responders in New Jersey for the past two decades. CISM is a comprehensive, integrative, multicomponent crisis intervention system. CISM interventions range from the pre-crisis phase through the acute crisis phase, and into the post-crisis phase. As continuing responses to critical incidents in New Jersey impacts first responders there is a need for more peers to be trained in how to help their own.

1300-1415 (BREAKOUT) / State and Local Perspectives on Evaluation of COVID-19 Public Information / Immokalee B

The COVID-19 pandemic was unprecedented in its impact, length, and complexity. The need for accurate and usable public information was paramount to successful implementation of public health measures designed to curtail the spread of the virus. However, with rapidly evolving situations and competing sources of information, the design and delivery of public messaging was challenged. Join the NJDOH Communicable Disease Health Educators to learn about the application of a SWOT analysis (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats) among county-level public health agencies (LINCS) to evaluate COVID-19 public information/education efforts, lessons learned, and recommendations for the future.

1300-1415 (BREAKOUT) / Atlantic City Electric: Public Safety Benefits of a Smart Energy Network / Fort Pierce B

Atlantic City Electric will discuss its Smart Energy Network (SEN) – the company’s effort to create smarter, more resilient energy infrastructure while providing new tools for an enhanced customer experience – and the benefits affecting first responders in the communities it serves. Attendees will learn how the SEN will enable greater safety assistance to customers while supporting first responders, local fire departments and other officials on the scene of emergencies through new functionality that allows for faster remote detection of issues relating to electric meters and power connection, including hot sockets and fallen wires, and better response to severe weather.

1300-1700 / The New Jersey Emergency Fire Resource Deployment Act / Fort Pierce C

This presentation will provide all attendees with a review and understanding of the act. The presentation will explain the purpose of the act and how local fire department use the act during emergencies. Attendees will receive a step-by-step review and understanding of the act and how to follow the act when building a local fire emergency response plan. the presentation also covers how a local fire response plan works within the county and state fire response plan.

1430-1545 (BREAKOUT) / NJ 211: A Resource for OEM / Big Cypress Studio B

Learn about a valuable resource for your community during both “blue skies” and “gray”. NJ 211 provides live and online assistance 24/7 for residents in need of basic needs such as food, housing, transportation, healthcare and many other human services. During times of disaster, NJ 211 plays a role in mass care, public health and external communications providing vetted information for evacuations, shelters, food, water, pets, safety and more. Real case scenarios of how NJ 211 supported county and



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state OEM during recent disasters will be shared. Discover how NJ 211 can be a resource for you and your community.

1430-1545 (BREAKOUT) / Stress First Aid / Immokalee A

Stress First Aid (SFA) provides a framework for peer support, with a set of supportive actions designed to promote self-care and coworker support. The aim of SFA is to identify and mitigate the negative impacts of stress before they impair staff health and well-being. This module teaches: Understanding stress. Recognizing how stress manifests in thoughts, words, and actions. Delivering the “Seven C’s” of Stress First Aid (Check, Coordinate, Cover, Calm, Connect, Competence, Confidence) to each other. This method of assisting a co-worker undergoing stress is practical, flexible, and can be tailored to the specific need.

1430-1545 (BREAKOUT) / Who Will Staff a Disaster Pet Shelter? / Fort Pierce B

A “whole community” approach is necessary in any disaster operation; this is never more true in the sheltering companion animals of impacted survivors. This session explores ways to establish, recruit, train and equipment community volunteers to manage pet shelters during disasters. Resources available to emergency managers and local CART will be discussed and reviewed.

1430-1545 (BREAKOUT) / Preparedness is an OPEN Door: Tools for Organizational Preparedness / Immokalee B

This interactive presentation will use elements of a condensed version of the Organizations Preparing for Emergency Needs (OPEN) training to host a basic tabletop exercise. OPEN is a training that teaches participants how to identify risks, locate resources, and take preparedness actions. This scenario-driven approach for the presentation will align with tools and resources (e.g., the Resilience Analysis Planning Tool, National Risk Index, etc.) that will help participants better prepare for future disasters and to take the program to their communities.

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0900-1015 (BREAKOUT) / Communicating During a Crisis: Tips and best practices for public messaging / Immokalee A

Effective communication is increasingly important during emergencies. Whether creating social media posts or speaking before the media, emergency managers and public safety professionals benefit from proven techniques to convey their message clearly, control rumors, feature their agency's work, and keep people informed. This breakout session will highlight several key best practices and examples for effective messaging, and attendees will walk away with simple, succinct techniques to be prepared for the worst. The session is likely to appeal to anyone in public service, emergency management, or public utilities who wants to hone their communications skillset.

0900-1015 (BREAKOUT) / Evacuation: Why it is so hard to leave home / Brighton I

In this didactic presentation we will explore the reasons why people refuse to evacuate including the difficulties faced by vulnerable populations such as people with significant health issues and people with disabilities. We will then explore approaches to bridge the gap between first responders' call to evacuate and the community response to those warnings.

0900-1015 (BREAKOUT) / Why CERT? / Immokalee B

Why should your New Jersey municipality or county consider starting/supporting a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)? FEMA Region 2 Community Preparedness Officer will speak about the history of CERT, training standards and how it has positively impacted individuals across the United States and across the globe as well as an overview of the 2 day workshop held in Monmouth County (Fall 2022) and upcoming training events. Hear from your fellow NJ municipal and county CERT coordinators on how they use CERT and how CERT has benefitted their community. Learn how to get started or expand your existing CERT today!

0900-1015 (BREAKOUT) / QPR, Question, Persuade, Refer for Suicide Prevention / Brighton III

There are subtle and not-so-subtle differences between SAR, USAR, Rescue, Mass Rescue, Recovery,

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Mass Recovery and Mass Fatality responses. We discuss the operational differences, typical response models, resource types, force multipliers, training requirements and some little-known complexities.

0900-1015 (BREAKOUT) / The Anatomy of a Severe Weather Alert / Brighton II

The world was a complex place, and the unexpected could surprise you at any time. To stay informed and safe, having alert systems that could deliver critical information quickly and accurately is key. But what makes a good alert? What is the key structure of an effective notification? How to tailor an alert to be the most impactful? In this lecture we will dissect alerts sent out in the past to expose the components of an effective notification.

0900-1015 (BREAKOUT) / Drone & GIS Applications for Emergency Management / Brighton IV

Drone technology plays an increasingly vital role in emergency preparedness, response, and recovery activities. Drone imagery fills a data gap between aerial and terrestrial data captures – providing timely, cost-effective imagery options. Bringing your organization's drone imagery into a GIS improves processing, analysis, management and sharing of this critical data. Esri provides two products to process drone imagery: ArcGIS Drone2Map and Site Scan for ArcGIS. Learn how their workflows and capabilities enable integration and creation of drone imagery for use across your organization. Joe Ward of Gloucester County Office of Emergency Management will also discuss their GIS and UAS programs.

0900-1015 (BREAKOUT) / Verizon - Your Partner in Emergency Management / Big Cypress Studio B

Come learn about Verizon Frontline features and benefits and how we support and partner with all Public Safety during disasters and events. Wireless Priority Service (WPS) is vital for public safety during events. Learn how to ensure you have WPS on your cellular device, how to use it and how to obtain and utilize the PTS Dialer application. Get the latest in layman's terms about Verizon's "C" Band rollout and how it benefits and supports Public Safety. Understand the technologies, assets and services Verizon Frontline has to offer including wireless network modernization and public safety technology innovation.

1030-1145 (BREAKOUT) / State of the State Search and Rescue Program / Immokalee A

This discussion will brief attendees on the current state of the State Search and Rescue program including training opportunities available to responders, mission documentation and accountability systems, geo-spatially based data collection tools available through EMMIT, as well as a review of recent search and rescue missions and lessons learned.

1030-1145 (BREAKOUT) / The New York Metroplex – America's Bangladesh? / Brighton II

The New York Metroplex, where nearly 24 million people reside, is situated in the northwest part of the New York Bight and along that part of the northeast coast where New Jersey and Long Island form a 90-degree angle. Because of these factors, the area is subject to High Storm Surge/Relative Wave potential in addition to a 5-10 ft. astronomical tidal range. What would be the catastrophic effects of a Category III Hurricane in terms of fatalities.

1030-1145 (BREAKOUT) / Leadership During Crisis / Brighton I

During this session participants will be provided with ways to quickly identify a person's communica-

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tion style and how to use that skill to best communicate their message. Participants will also be asked to serve as collaborative partners in learning practical ways to maneuver through times of difficulty and adversity, ways to effectively battle distractions during times of crisis and stress and how adopting successful thinking habits to think their way through any crisis helps.

1030-1145 (BREAKOUT) / Hurricane Ian: Red Cross' Response / Brighton IV

Hurricane Ian was the largest, most destructive storm of 2022, and one of the deadliest hurricanes to hit Florida. The American Red Cross responded immediately; bringing significant resources to bear in terms of personnel, equipment, and money. Come learn how the Red Cross responded in order to fulfill the Mass Care, Health, Mental Health, Spiritual Care and Recovery needs of those affected by this historic storm.

1030-1145 (BREAKOUT) / School Bomb Threat Assessment and Response / Immokalee B

This course is intended for all members of a school system along with members of the first responder community. Through this awareness level training, attendees will gain the ability to respond to incidents involving a bomb threat safely and efficiently. The primary focus of the training will be the implementation of the "assess and respond" model for responding to bomb threats. Operational, executive, and administrative staff will benefit from this training by gaining knowledge that can be applied in the planning, preparations and response to an incident.

1030-1145 (BREAKOUT) / Public Assistance Recovery Operations Updates / Brighton III

"New" \$1Million dollar project threshold and NJOEM funding procedures. FEMA and State guidance for Applicants regarding the navigation of : FEMA Grants Portal website b. State NJEMGrants website. Identify and provide insight to the Disaster Recovery Reform Act aka (DRRA) a. Section 1206 - Floodplain Management Administration funding b. Section 1207 - Alternate Project funding c. Section 1215 - 324 Management Cost funding d. Section 1219 - Arbitration versus Appeal process. Q and A - Applicant suggestions for the Public Assistance Unit

1300-1415 (BREAKOUT) / Elopement: Coordinating Preparedness and Response Efforts for People with Autism or Dementia / Brighton IV

The numbers of people with dementia and autism are rising and the instances of people eloping/wandering from safe environments out into the community are growing. This workshop will offer emergency managers, first responders, and public health officials an in-depth look into related issues and best practices. Subject matter experts will share critically important resources and support strategies. They will also be available to answer your questions on this complex and potentially dangerous issue. Topics include: Preparedness, Prevention, Reporting & Notification, Guidelines, Search & Rescue Operations, Family Support, Mitigation

1300-1415 (BREAKOUT) / Building a Better Drill / Immokalee A

Are you stuck utilizing the same old drill plans with a lack of attendance? By the end of this course, students will be able to identify the different learning strategies and implement various psychomotor skills. Students will identify what the 5 W's and 1 H are and utilize strategies to determine organizational strengths and weaknesses.

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1300-1415 (BREAKOUT) / Anticipating the Behavioral Impacts of Climate Change / Brighton III

The changing climate will affect every part of personal and professional life and must now be on the mind of every public safety and emergency management professional. It has direct, demonstrable impacts on human behavior that must be understood and factored into policies, plans, procedures, and even exercise. Researchers have documented a rise in climate anxiety, post-traumatic stress, and depression, as well as rising interpersonal aggression and violence. It is vital for planners to make accurate behavioral assumptions about both the impacts of climate change. Plans will require recalibration to meet the operational and behavioral challenges of a warming planet.

1300-1415 (BREAKOUT) / NWS Webpage Design, Mobile Widget, & Impact Based Decision Support Services / Brighton II

The National Weather Service (NWS) website serves as a critical conduit in which life-saving weather, water, and climate data, forecasts, and warnings reach the weather enterprise. We will discuss where to find pertinent information from the NWS website along with a presentation of a one-stop mobile-friendly widget designed to support EM needs. We will explain and highlight recent changes to various NWS products, tools, and Decision Support Service offered to support the EM community.

1300-1415 (BREAKOUT) / Responding to a call involving Natural Gas - First on the scene / Brighton I

When a call gets received for an odor of Natural Gas, typically the gas utility and the fire department will be requested to respond. However in many situations a 911 dispatcher may also request a police officer to respond. In this session we will look at the limitations of someone arriving first on the scene with limited equipment, training and support personnel. We will discuss notifications that should be made to insure you get the assistance needed. We will also review evacuation concerns and distances if necessary. Questions on the topic will be gladly answered by the panel.



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1300-1415 (BREAKOUT) / Public Assistance PDA and Debris Management Operations / Immokalee B
The 2022 NJOEM Directive #4 "Preliminary Damage Assessment" a. 3 Phase Procedures to follow b. Documents and Spreadsheet for use 2. Information on Debris Management and Removal Operations c. FEMA Requirements and Eligibility d. Documentation Required e. NJ DEP Requirements and Permitting (TDMA/ Final Disposal) 3. Q and A – Applicant suggestions for the Public Assistance Unit

1430-1545 (BREAKOUT) / Overnight Sheltering for those with Disabilities, Access & Functional Needs / Brighton IV

This session will provide information on conducting a shelter simulation exercise that involves the disabilities and access and functional needs community. With the "whole community" approach you will learn about how to conduct this exercise and more importantly how to identify weaknesses in your sheltering plan and improve upon them using additional organizations and/or resources.

1430-1545 (BREAKOUT) / Workplace Violence / Brighton III

Healthcare is taking a more proactive approach to address the prevalence of workplace violence, re-strategizing their path forward and the often complex and diverse set of risks that impact staff and patient safety daily. With new OSHA and CMA standards on workplace violence, facilities are required to identify risk and mitigation strategies. Paul will share innovative workplace violence prevention strategies and response best practices including: Understanding risks and hazards before they happen. Key considerations for active shooter and mass casualty incidents. New mobile applications to keep mobile workers safe. Anticipating what's next, preparing for the future.

1430-1545 (BREAKOUT) / An Overview of the NWS Snow Squall Warning Program / Brighton II

Snow squalls are short duration intense bursts of snow and wind leading to whiteout visibility and possible flash freezes on roads, causing potentially significant impacts to transportation. This session will review snow squall forecasting techniques through a case study. In addition, the new National Weather Service Impact-Based Warning (IBW) tags for snow squall warnings that are used to characterize the snow squall impact and source information will be discussed.

1430-1545 (BREAKOUT) / EMS Response to Suicide Incidents / Immokalee A

This program eliminates the misconceptions and stigmas that EMS providers have regarding suicide and will help to understand who is at risk, why they are at risk and prevent the actual event; whether it is successful or not. Also covered are ways to manage the crime scene, compassionate treatment of the living patients, and long term coping tactics for these events that wear on even the most seasoned life saver. The presenter has had extensive personal and professional experience with suicide and its effects and has done vast research on the topic.

1430-1545 (BREAKOUT) / Utilizing the Medical Reserve Corps in Community Long Term Recovery Efforts / Brighton I

Utilizing the Medical Reserve Corps volunteers for response deployments and continuing to engage them in long-term recovery efforts in the community after a global or severe crisis has occurred. The presentation will consist of strategies needed to engage and encourage an extended relationship with volunteers and the need to assist the community, further, after the initial response has ended. Essentially, keeping the objectives between employees and volunteers clear, at the same time supporting the volunteers unique and separate needs, while providing the community with the aid they still may require after FEMA, Red Cross, and other response partners have left.

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1430-1545 (BREAKOUT) / Y-Knot 6 Barge Fire and Large Vessel Fire Fighting on the Delaware Bay / Immokalee B

On 23 May 2022 the Bowers Beach, DE Fire Department and the USCG received a call about a large barge fire on the Delaware Bay. A scrap metal barge had with a class delta fire was burning as it was being towed in the channel. The fire burned for an entire day before being extinguished by state and commercial firefighting resources and then handed over to a 12-day Unified Command Salvage operation consisting of NJOEM, NJDEP, commercial salvors and USCG. This presentation will also focus on future firefighting efforts on the bay.



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0830-1130 / General Session 2021 Epic Tornado / Hollywood Ballroom

On September 1, 2021, an EF-3 tornado struck Gloucester County with winds of up to 150 mph that tore a more than 12-mile path from Harrison Township to Deptford Township. This required a response from local, county, state, and federal resources. Key members of the response from Harrison Township Fire Department, Gloucester County OEM, and New Jersey OEM will discuss the response and recovery efforts.

Speakers will provide a brief overview and analysis of the events and throughout their discussion will identify areas of strength in their response capabilities, agency interoperability, and communications; as well discuss the lessons learned from this event that have helped plan for the future.

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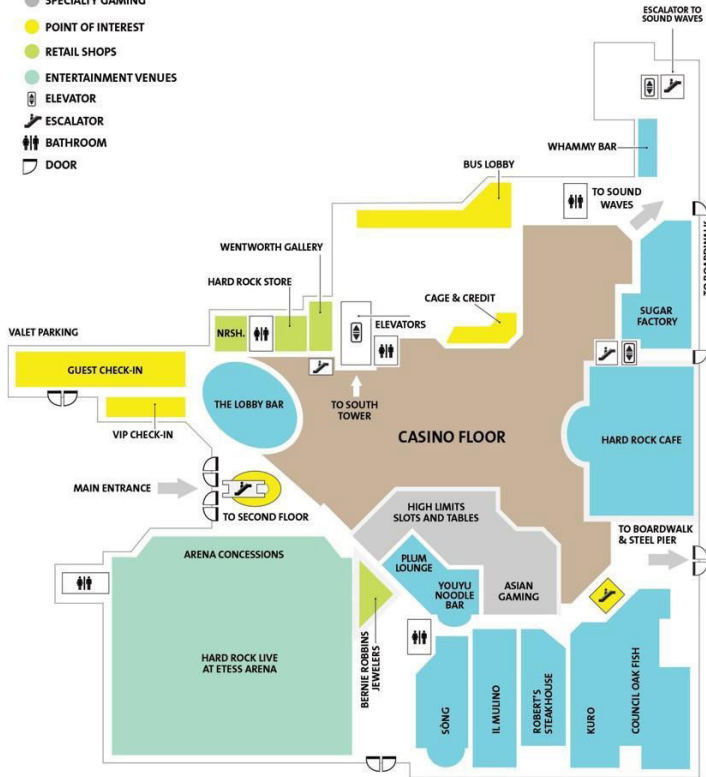
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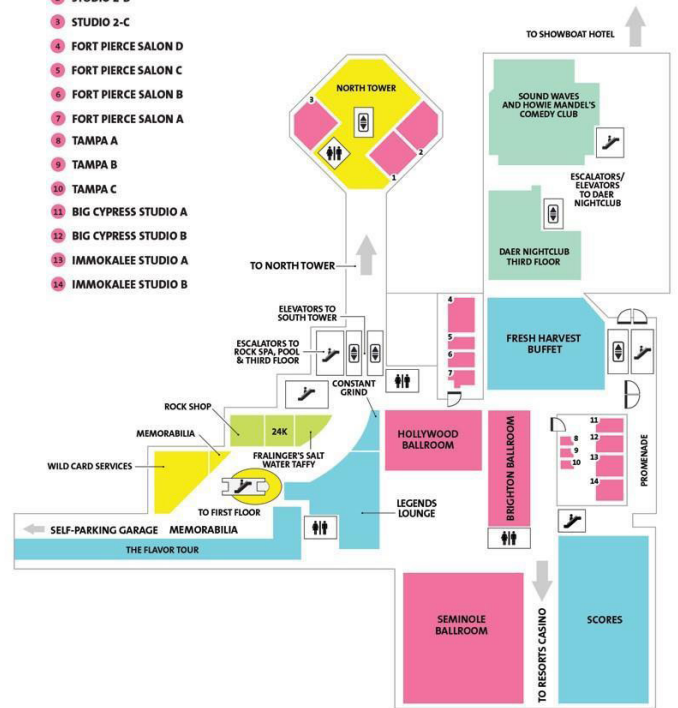
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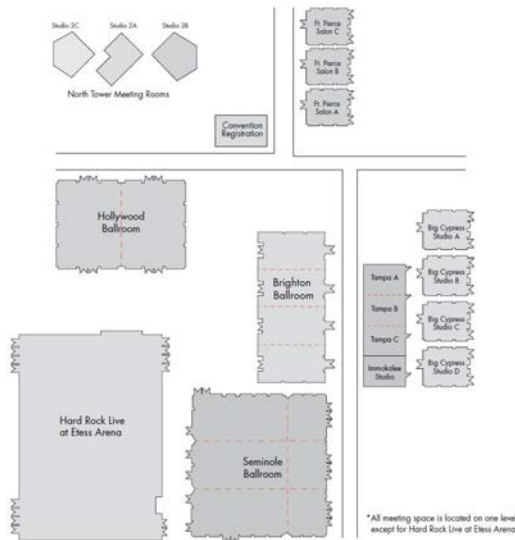


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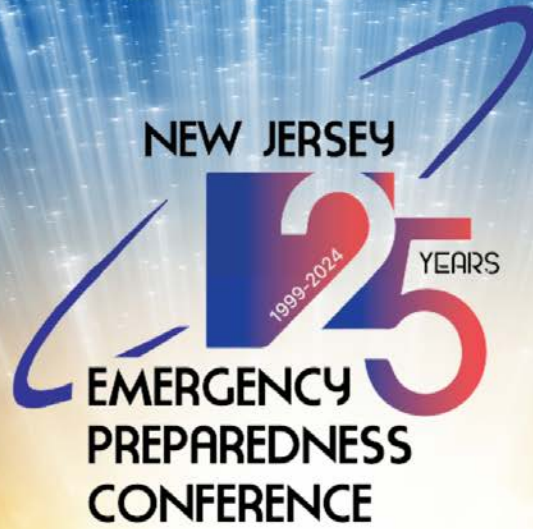


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