



EMERGENCY SERVICES TRAINING CONFERENCE

Saturday, Sept 17, 2022

Hanover Township Senior Center
240 S. IL Route 59 | Bartlett, Illinois

CONFERENCE EDUCATIONAL SESSIONS

GENERAL SESSIONS

9:30AM – 10:30AM

- **Note TIMS will run 9:30-12:30. Lunch will be provided in the classroom**

The following sessions will run concurrently:

Donations Management: Donation management is one aspect of emergency management that is sometimes overlooked in training and planning for crises. When disaster strikes, people want to help. They donate funds, supplies, and service time to assist those in need. But if you don't plan appropriately for these donations, the inundation of items can cause what is sometimes called the "second crisis." This session will discuss tips and tricks to increase your planning capabilities in the area of donation management.

Illinois Search and Rescue Council: This session explains the history, mission and future goals of Illinois Search and Rescue Council and search and rescue in Illinois. Attendees are provided explanation of how a law enforcement agency having jurisdiction over an incident can contact ISARC and what the organization has to offer.

Traffic Incident Management System (IDOT Certification Class): Class objective include traffic fundamentals, scene size-up, vehicle positioning, and traffic management.

Setting Up Firefighter Decontamination: Attendees will learn the importance of firefighter decontamination and how to begin a successful program

10:30AM – 11:30AM

Down and Dirty Incident Command: Attendees will receive an overview of the Roles and Responsibilities of the Incident Commander, Strategy vs. Tactical Operations, Incident Commander Selection, Transfer of Command

Unified Command, Command and General Staff Positions and Overview of an Incident Action Plan.

DuPage County Communications Team: Interoperable Communications and Requesting Strategic Technology Reserve Assets. This session will provide an overview of Interoperable Communications within Illinois with a focus on critical or expanding incidents and large-scale events involving responders from multiple agencies. Attendees will also learn about assets, in the form of equipment and personnel, available through the Strategic Technology Reserve.

11:30 AM – 12:30PM

Box Lunch in Veteran's Hall

Establishing Scene Lighting (outside practical): Attendees will see a variety of lighting options and learn how to best illuminate night-time operations.

ICS and Rail Emergencies: This class will provide a basic understanding of the importance of ICS and rail. The course will cover such topics as: Scene Size Up and Safety and Communication. CN will be providing one of their trailers for hands-on learning.

12:30PM – 1:30PM

National Weather Service: Maintaining a high level of weather situational awareness can build confidence in and promote effectiveness of weather driven decisions, whether it's protecting patrons at an outdoor event, preparing for a period of extreme heat or mobilizing for a winter storm. This presentation will highlight the various tools and services available from the National Weather Services that are aimed to increase situational awareness and support these critical decisions. Focus will be placed on NWSChat, which allows for a steady flow of forecast information, direct access to meteorological expertise, and supports two way communication between NWS staff and public safety partners.

ICS and Rail Emergencies: Canadian Pacific and Canadian National Railways, in conjunction with TransCAER (Transportation Community Awareness and Emergency Response), will be offering a railroad

familiarization and safety course for community emergency responders. Course topics include: how to communicate with the railroad, what is a railroad emergency; working components of the railroad; locomotive safety; derailment scene size-up and management

1:30PM- 2:30PM

Legal Concerns for Emergency Services Units- Do you know what your liability is as an Emergency Services Officer or member? Do you have a good idea of how to minimize exposure to liability issues for you and your agency? These are some of the topics that will be touched on by a local government attorney and litigator conducting the session.

HTES Drone Team - With the maturity of Small Unmanned Aerial Systems and technology, emergency response agencies are increasingly turning to the use of UAS systems during emergency responses. Agencies and private partners are using these systems for disaster intelligence gathering and data acquisition. During this presentation, attendees will gain a firsthand understanding of the opportunities to deploy UAV's

Disaster Psychology- Lip Service or Full Service? In the world of emergency and disaster response, we often speak to and train on self-care and team care. But have we institutionalized these concerns or are we just giving them "lip service"? As we recognize the increase in violence in our communities and the acceleration of heavy and widespread natural disasters, it is time for us to give stress management and emotional recovery Full Service.

2:30PM – 3:30PM

Illinois Professional Emergency Management Association: This session provides an overview of the goals of IPEMA: representing all of Emergency Management in an Association fully integrated in all hazards to facilitate better communication and coordination; helping build capabilities throughout the State of Illinois, through this coordination, teaching and creating regional IMAT's and a State IMAT.

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3:30PM - 4:30PM

Kevin T Sir- IEMA PIO: Mr. Sir provides the basic fundamentals to being an effective PIO and the positive impact a solid message can make during a disaster.

Taylorville Tornado: HTES Director Mike Crews provides an overview of the response to the December 1st, 2018 F-3 tornado which devastated the City of Taylorville.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Conference Registration Fee: \$40; \$35 if before September 7th.

You can register on Sign-Up Genius by using a credit card.

Certificates will be distributed following the conference.

For questions, please call (630) 837-0301.

BIOGRAPHIES



William Gabrenya, Bartlett Fire Chief

Session: Overview of Bartlett Warehouse Fire

Chief Gabrenya received his Fire Officer certification through the National Fire Academy-United States Fire Administration, Chief Fire Officer certification through the Office of the Illinois State Fire Marshal, as well as Chief Officer accreditation from the Commission on Fire Accreditation International. Chief Gabrenya is one of only 1,200 accredited fire chiefs worldwide. Chief Gabrenya earned his Master of Public Administration; Local Government Management and Leadership from Northern Illinois University, and Bachelor of Science; Fire Science Management (Cum Laude) from Southern Illinois University.

Chief Gabrenya proudly served eight years in the United States Marine Corps where he attained the rank of Sergeant.



Michael Airdo, Esq., Member, Kopon Airdo, LLC

Session: Legal Concerns for Emergency Services Units & Hot Legal Issues and Questions in Emergency Services

Mr. Michael A. Airdo is a founding Member of Airdo Werwas, LLC. His practice focuses on the handling of complex civil litigation matters, including healthcare litigation, catastrophic injury claims, local government legal matters, and cases involving not-for-profit entities, educational facilities, religious institutes, and trade associations. Mr. Airdo has a broad base of experience in representing the unique legal needs of local governments. He also has a wide array of experience in resolving matters through the alternative dispute resolution process. Mr. Airdo is a frequent lecturer on topics related to his legal practice. He served on the Board of Trustees for the Village of Bartlett from 2001 to 2011, and as Mayor of Bartlett from 2011 to 2013.

Mr. Airdo proudly serves as a general legal counsel to Hanover Township, Palatine Township, Shields Township, Dundee Township, and the Fox River Water Reclamation District. He is also national counsel for many religious institutes and societies of apostolic life. Mr. Airdo is a member of the International Association of Defense Counsel where he serves on the Foundation Board as Chair of the Social Justice Pro Bono Committee, and as Midwest Regional Chair of the Membership Committee.

Kevin T. Sur

Session: Director of Communications / Public Information Officer Illinois

Emergency Management Agency Springfield (IL); Public Information Officer/Joint Information Center Manager Incident Management - External Affairs - Disaster Operations Division DHS/FEMA Washington (DC)

Mr. Sur is also an Instructor for the National Disaster Preparedness Training Center, and in the External Affairs Cadre at the DHS/FEMA in Washington, DC. Previously, he has served as an Emergency Manager for the DuPage County Office of Emergency Management, an Instructor for the State of Ohio EMA.

Mr. Sur was awarded the Ohio American College of Emergency Physicians' EMS Star of Life Award for his deployment with the State of Ohio Task Force to Louisiana's Lower 9th ward during the 2005 Hurricane Katrina/Rita in St. Bernard Parish. Mr. Sur served in the EOC during Hurricane Sandy, 2016 World Series, 2017/2018 NBA Finals, and 2016 Republican National Convention.

In September 2017, Mr. Sur was deployed with FEMA for the Hurricane Irma response as the PIO responsible for the entire Florida Keys. In 2019, Mr. Sur was deployed as the primary PIO and acting FEMA External Affairs Officer covering the State of Nebraska for the flooding response.

In 2020-2021, Mr. Sur was deployed as the FEMA PIO and Joint Information Center Manager to FEMA Region-1 covering Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont for all COVID Operations and Federal COVID vaccination efforts. And again in 2021 as the Joint Information

Center Manager for the response/recovery for New York for Hurricane Ida. In 2014, Mr. Sur was invited to the White House for the Innovation for Disaster Response and Recovery Initiative and has been named Cleveland's Top 10 Most Interesting Tweeps on Twitter from WKYC / MetroMix (NBC affiliate). Additionally, he has received numerous awards including Fire Officer of the Year and a Unit Citation award for Excellence in EMS care

Dawn Cook, Director of Tazewell County Emergency Management

Session: Donations Management

Ms. Cook is the Director of the Tazewell County Emergency Management Agency and current chairman of the Tri-County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC). Ms. Cook has over 20 years' experience in both the public health and emergency management fields. She has served as a member of the State of IL Emergency Management Committee, an Emergency Management Accreditation Program (EMAP) Assessor, and the Illinois Emergency Services Management Association President.



Joseph V Gaspirch

Session: Down and Dirty Incident Management

Joseph V. Gasparich is the owner of Gasparich Consulting. Gasparich Consulting is a small business that specializes in assisting communities, agencies, small businesses and schools in preparedness, training and exercise development and conduct.

Mr. Gasparich is presently serving as the Bureau Chief for the Office of Security and Emergency Preparedness for the Illinois Department of Human Services. The bureau is responsible for the development and implementation of emergency planning documents and preparedness exercises for the 6 IDHS divisions.

In December of 2018, Mr. Gasparich served as the lead public information officer for the response to the tornado that struck Taylorville, Illinois.

Mr. Gasparich was the Homeland Security Program Director for the Illinois Fire Service Institute serving as lead instructor for the Command and General Staff

Course and he also taught the IS 300/400 Courses and the position specific courses to support ICS implementation. Mr. Gasparich also is a “red carded” public information officer and planning section chief.

Mr. Gasparich was deployed to New Orleans in September of 2005 to work with the Illinois MABAS teams to help develop a workable command system for the New Orleans Fire Department. He has also assisted in the 2008 floods on the Mississippi River and worked with the Chicago Fire Department in the 2008 Election Night rally in Grant Park.

Previous to his employment at IFSI, Mr. Gasparich was the Exercise Training Officer for the Illinois Emergency Management Agency. Mr. Gasparich worked in the agency 14 ½ years in the earthquake preparedness and local emergency planning areas as well as exercise design and evaluation. Joe was an integral part of the Illinois Venue Exercise Planning Team for the TOPOFF 2 exercise.

Mr. Gasparich spent 7 years teaching in the public school system and received his BA in Biology from Sangamon State University in 1983.

Tony Houdyshell, Hazardous Materials & Emergency Response Officer
Session: ICS and Rail Emergency

Mr. Houdyshell is the Hazardous Materials and Emergency Response Officer for the US East Territory of Canadian Pacific Railway. Mr. Houdyshell has over 30 years of experience with hazmat response, environmental assessment, and remedial actions. He has a Civil Engineering degree and keeps certifications in firefighting and other specialized trainings. Mr. Houdyshell also is a Village of Big Bend (Wisconsin) Trustee and is active in Boy Scouts.

John Nebl, Communications Director DuPage County
Session: Interoperable Communications and Requesting Strategic Technology Reserve Assets

Mr. Nebl joined the DuPage County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (OHSEM) in 2014. He is a state recognized Communications Unit Leader (COML) and DHS/CISA certified instructor for COML and AUXCOMM. Mr. Nebl oversees the 20-member DuPage Communications Unit (COMU) which is responsible for operating ITECS 4 and RapidComm 4 for the state as well as assisting UCP 3 when needed. Prior to joining OHSEM, Mr. Nebl has a 29-year career as a police officer, retiring as a Sergeant.

Michael Belmonte, President of the Illinois Professional Emergency Management Association
Session: Introduction to Illinois Professional Emergency Management Association

Mr. Belmonte currently serves as the President of the newly formed Illinois Professional Emergency Management Association. He brings to this position

experiences from over 33 years in Public Safety, A Bachelor's in Fire Science, Master's in Emergency Services Managements and is currently a Doctoral Candidate in Emergency Management.

Mr. Belmonte has served as the Region 4 IESMA Vice President, Team Lead for the IESMA EMAT and credentialed Liaison Officer and Resource Unit with the State of Illinois IMT and Eastern Area Federal Type II IMT. He also serves on the United States Navy Great Lakes IMT as a Planning Section Chief. All of which has given him experience in deploying to over 37 State and Federal Disasters.

He is also a credentialed instructor with the Emergency Management Institute in Maryland that allows him to teach Incident Command Position Specific Courses and Incident Command courses as well as being a Master Exercise Practitioner. To date he has taught over 700 students across the United States and conducted over 30 full scale exercises.



Michael Crews, Director of Hanover Township Emergency Services
Session: Overview of the December 1, 2018 Taylorville Tornado

Mr. Crews is the Hanover Township Emergency Services Director. Prior to this appointment, he served with the Taylorville Fire Department for 28 years, the last 7 as Fire Chief. Concurrently, Mr. Crews served as the Christian County Emergency Manager. In that position he developed a damage assessment and search/rescue team with numerous responses around the state.

Mr. Crews received the O.D. Troutman Coordinator of the Year and Emergency Management Agency Award. He was also recognized by the Illinois Office of State Fire Marshal Medal of Honor Committee.

Brett Borchardt: National Weather Service Meterologist
Session: National Weather Service Communication Tools

Mr. Borchardt is a meteorologist with the National Weather Service Forecast Office in Romeoville, Illinois (known as NWS Chicago) with forecast and warning responsibilities for part of northern Illinois, northwestern Indiana, and Lake Michigan. Having lived in the Great Lakes for the majority of his professional and personal life, Mr. Borchardt is intimately familiar with the many hazards that weather can bring ranging from severe weather, winter weather, flooding, high winds, and marine hazards. Mr. Borchardt graduated from the University of Oklahoma in 2016 with a B.S. in meteorology and previously served as a meteorologist with the National Weather Service Forecast Offices in Marquette and Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Zachary Yack: National Weather Service Meteorologist

Session: National Weather Service Communication Tools

Mr. Yack has had a passion for weather since he was four years old and really enjoys the challenges that comes with forecasting severe weather. Mr. Yack joined the ranks of NWS Chicago in 2021 after spending fourteen months as an on-air broadcast meteorologist for an ABC affiliate in West Virginia. Prior to beginning his professional career, he attended Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Daytona Beach, Florida where he obtained his Bachelor of Science Degree in Meteorology in May of 2020 with two minors in Geographic Information Systems and Applied Mathematics. While this is his first time calling the Chicago area home, he is very familiar with the crazy weather the Midwest has to offer as he was born and spent the majority of his life growing up in Flint, Michigan. Outside of work he is an avid car enthusiast and a huge Michigan Wolverine fan who loves watching football and motorsports in his spare time.

Scott Baker: National Weather Service Meteorologist

Session: National Weather Service Communication Tools

Mr. Baker is the Observation Program Leader at the National Weather Service (NWS) Chicago office. He comes to the local area after working 5.5 years at NWS Central Illinois (Lincoln) as a Meteorologist. Some of his daily tasks include overseeing the Co-Operative Observer Program (COOP), monitoring weather data from numerous airports, and providing quality control/verification of climate data for national records. His background in meteorology is also utilized by the local office as an additional forecaster, and during periods of hazardous weather. While not working, Mr. Baker enjoys spending time with his family and exploring the area.



Diane Logsdon:

Session: Lip Service or Full Service?

Ms. Logsdon is a long-term disaster responder who has dozens of Federal disaster deployments and hundreds of local emergency and disaster responses. Her experience includes fatal, casualty and property destruction response working directly with the impacted community members and the responders. She also teaches the Self and Team Care block of instruction for the Suburban Law Enforcement Academy (SLEA) and Disaster Psych is her specialty in the CERT curriculum.

Kimerly Gotti:

Session: History, mission and future goals of Illinois Search and Rescue Council

Ms. Gotti Kimberly has been involved in Search and Rescue in some way since 1975. Being born and raised in Colorado and owning horses, Search and Rescue came as a natural way to spend her volunteer time. She has been involved in ground, mounted and ATV Search and Rescue in Colorado, Arizona, Texas and now Illinois. She has been involved extensively in survival, navigation and other aspects of Search and Rescue throughout the years. Kimberly has been working with Illinois Search and Rescue Council since 2008 in one way or another. Kendall County EMA started a Search and Rescue team in 2013 and she was appointed Assistant Chief of Search and Rescue. She was promoted to Section Chief, Search and Rescue in 2016. She is also very involved in a multi-agency K9 group as a flanker and trail layer and has been for several years.



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