

2021 Arkansas Emergency Management and Public Safety Conference



August 24-27, 2021
Embassy Suites Northwest Arkansas
Hotel, Spa & Convention Center
3303 S. Pinnacle Hills Pkwy, Rogers, AR 72758

Tuesday, August 24, 2021

Registration / Check-In opens at 8:00 a.m.; Vendor Hall: Set-Up 10:00 a.m., Closes 5:00 p.m.

Time	Room	Description	Contact
1:15-2:15	GB VI	Opening Ceremony	Various (listed below)
		Posting of the Colors	Rogers Fire Department
		National Anthem & Pledge of Allegiance	Rogers High School Choir
		Invocation	Jim Dixon, Chaplain Benton County Sheriff's Office
		ADEM Welcome & Governor Introduction	A.J. Gary, Director and State Homeland Security Advisor Arkansas Division of Emergency Management
		State Welcome	The Honorable Asa Hutchinson, Governor of Arkansas
		AEMA Welcome	Robert McGowen, President, AEMA
		Benton County Welcome	The Honorable Barry Moehring, Benton County Judge
		City of Rogers Welcome	The Honorable Greg Hines, Mayor, City of Rogers
		Rogers/Lowell Chamber Welcome	Luke Wiggins
2:15-2:45	GB VI	State of ADEM Address	A.J. Gary
2:45-3:15	GB VI	FEMA Update	Tony Robinson, Regional Administrator, U.S. Dept. of Homeland Security, FEMA Region VI
3:15-3:30		Break	
3:30-4:30	GB VI	Defense Threat Reduction Agency, DBRNE Modeling Capabilities & Support to the Local EM	Andrew Grose, DTRA
4:30-5:30	GB VI	AEMA General Membership Meeting	AEMA Members
6:00 p.m.		Hospitality Opens	

Wednesday, August 25, 2021

Registration / Check-In opens at 8:00 a.m.; Vendor Hall opens at 8:00 a.m., Closes 6:00 p.m.

Time	Room	Description	Contact
8:30-8:45	GB VI	Announcements & Door Prizes	AEMA Board Members
8:45-9:45	GB VI	Walmart Global Emergency Management	Faith Newton, Sr. Manager, Public/Private Sector Engagement & Preparedness with Lucas McDonald, Director of Emergency Operations
9:45-10:15		Break - Visit our Sponsors	
10:15-11:15	GB VI	Walmart Public-Private Partnership & Business EOC (BEOC) Workshop	Faith Newton & Lucas McDonald
11:15-11:30		Break - Visit our Sponsors	
11:30-2:15	GB VI	11:30 Lunch begins 12:00 Keynote "Oct 1" Presentation	Captain Hank, Las Vegas Police Dept.
2:15-2:45		Break - Visit our Sponsors	
2:45-3:00	GB VI	Announcements & Door Prizes	AEMA Board Members
3:00-3:45	GB VI	State 911 Board Meeting	State 911 Board Members
3:45-4:15		Break - Visit our Sponsors	
4:15-5:15	GB VI	State 911 Board Panel Discussion	State 911 Board Members
		Dinner Break	On Your Own
7:00-10:00	GB VI	Music, Networking & Socializing	Motorola & Radiophone

Thursday, August 26, 2021

Registration / Check-In opens at 8:00 a.m.; Vendor Hall opens at 8:00 a.m., Closes 5:00 p.m.

Time	Room	Description	Contact
8:15-9:00 Breakout Session #1	Pin I	SAFECOM Update	Penny Rubow, AR SWIC, AWIN Dir.
	Pin II	EM Considerations for Traditional Industrial HAZMAT Concerns	William Hilliard, Farmington Fire Department
	Pin III	2021 Comms Exercise in SW AR	Teresa Smith, SW Area Coord, ADEM J.M. Rowe, SHARES/RACES/ESF-2
	Pin IV	State Search & Rescue	Arkansas Search & Rescue Association
	Pin V	The Use of Trauma-Comm During COVID-19	Jeff Tabor, Arkansas Trauma Communication Center
9:00-9:45 Breakout Session #2	Pin I	AWIN Update	Penny Rubow, AR SWIC, AWIN Dir.
	Pin II	EM Considerations for Non-Traditional Industrial HAZMAT	Chief Simms, Farmington Fire Department
	Pin III	2021 Comms Exercise in SW AR	Teresa Smith, SW Area Coord, ADEM J.M. Rowe, SHARES/RACES/ESF-2
	Pin IV	State Search & Rescue	Arkansas Search & Rescue Association
	Pin V	The Use of Trauma-Comm During COVID-19	Jeff Tabor, Arkansas Trauma Communication Center
10:15-11:00 Breakout Session #3	Pin I	AWIN Update	Penny Rubow, AR SWIC, AWIN Dir.
	Pin II	EM Considerations for IEDs	Sgt. Mike Meadors, Bentonville Bomb Squad
	Pin III	2021 Comms Exercise in SW AR	Teresa Smith, SW Area Coord, ADEM J.M. Rowe, SHARES/RACES/ESF-2
	Pin IV	State Search & Rescue	Arkansas Search & Rescue Association
	Pin V	The Use of Trauma-Comm During COVID-19	Jeff Tabor, Arkansas Trauma Communication Center
11:00-12:00	GB VI	Emergency Service District Mapping & NG911	Shelby Johnson, State Geographic Information Officer
12:00-1:00		Lunch Break	On Your Own
1:00-1:15	GB VI	Announcements & Door Prizes	AEMA Board Members
1:15-2:15	GB VI	CISA – Emergency Communications Division Update	James Lundsted, Emergency Comms Coordinator, CISA, ECD
2:15-3:15	GB VI	State Capitol Protest Response	Cpl. Doug Cash & Capt. Brad Lann, Arkansas State Police
3:15-3:45	GB V	Break – Visit our Sponsors	
3:45-4:45	GB VI	“Talk Time” with the AICEC	Arkansas Interoperable Communications Executive Committee
4:45-5:00	GB V	Last Chance to Visit the Vendor Hall	
6:00-8:00	GB VI	Banquet & Awards	AEMA Board Members & ADEM Staff
8:00 p.m.		Hospitality Opens	

Friday, August 27, 2021

Time	Room	Description	Contact
9:00-9:15	GB VI	Announcements & Door Prizes	AEMA Board Members
9:15-10:45	GB VI	COVID-19 Panel Discussion	Dr. Brad Johnson, A.J. Gary, Bo Robertson, Dr. Romero, Lt. Col Sanders
10:45-11:15	GB VI	Announcements & Door Prizes	AEMA Board Members
11:15-11:45	GB VI	Arkansas Rural Water Association	Dennis Sternberg, CEO
11:45-12:00	GB VI	Closing Remarks, Door Prizes & Dismissal	A.J. Gary, ADEM Director Bobby King, AEMA President-Elect

Thank You to Our Special Guests



Asa Hutchinson

Governor of Arkansas

State Welcome, Opening Ceremony
Tuesday, 8/24, 1:15 p.m.

A.J. Gary

Director, Arkansas Division of Emergency
Management and State Homeland Security Advisor

ADEM Welcome, Opening Ceremony
State of ADEM Address
Tuesday, 8/24, 1:15 and 2:15 p.m.



Carlos Hank

Police Captain, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police
Department

October 1, Lunchtime Keynote Presentation
Wednesday, 8/25, 12:00 p.m.

Tony Robinson

Region 6 Administrator, Department of Homeland
Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency

FEMA Update
Tuesday, 8/24, 2:45 p.m.



James Lundsted

Emergency Communications Coordinator,
Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency
(CISA) Emergency Communications Division

CISA Emergency Communications Division Update
Thursday, 8/26, 1:15 p.m.

Arkansas Emergency Management Association

President
Robert McGowen
Administrator of
Public Safety,
Benton County



President-Elect
Bobby King
Emergency Management
Chief Deputy Coordinator,
Garland County

Vice President – Brad Thomas, EM Coordinator, Crawford County
Historian – LeeAnn Smith, Southeast Area Coordinator, ADEM
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Southwest Rep – Raymond Hatridge, OEM, Little River County

Arkansas 911 Board

Chairman – A.J. Gary, Director, ADEM
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Bo Robertson, Director, Garland County OEM
Danny Baker, Chief of Police, Fort Smith Police Department
Keith Edmonds, Director, Madison County EMS
Rodney Wright, Sheriff, Saline County
Jamie Pafford-Gresham, Pafford EMS
Tommy Sizemore, Fire Chief, City of Barling

AICEC

Chair – Glenn “Sonny” Cox, Arkansas Counties Judges’ Association
A.J. Gary, Director, Arkansas Division of Emergency Management
Cpl. Doug Cash, Arkansas State Police, Representing Col. Bryant
Penny Rubow, Arkansas Statewide Interoperability Coordinator
Bo Robertson, Arkansas Emergency Management Association
Col. James Mann (ret.), Arkansas National Guard
Steve Eggersperger, Governor’s Office
J.M. Rowe, RACES/COMU
Randy Foshee, City of Little Rock
Doris Smith, Department of Finance & Administration
Mark Phillips, Arkansas Game & Fish, Representing Major Young

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