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| **2024 Maryland Homeland Security and Emergency Management Symposium Agenda** |
| **Day 1: Tuesday, May 28th**  |
| **Pre-Symposium Courses** | 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM | **Continuity of Operations Development for Operational Readiness- Conference Rooms 4 & 5** |
| **Registration** | 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM | **1st Floor Atrium** |
| **Exhibition Hall** | 3:00 PM – 7:00 PM | **Grand Ballroom (Vendor set up at 11am)** |
| **Vendor Reception** | 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM | **Grand Ballroom** |
| **Day 2: Wednesday, May 29th**  |
| **Registration Open** | 7:00 AM-4:00 PM | **1st Floor Atrium** |
| **Exhibition Hall Open** | 7:00 AM-4:00 PM | **Grand Ballroom**  |
| **Breakfast** | 7:30 AM-9:00 AM | **Grand Ballroom** |
| **Welcome/Opening Remarks*****Atlantic Ballroom*** | 9:00 AM – 9:15 AM | Emily Wesselhoff, Maryland Emergency Management Association President, and Russ Strickland, MDEM Secretary |
| **Keynote Presentation*****Atlantic Ballroom*** | 9:15 AM – 10:00 AM | **The Pittsburgh Shooting – Tree of Life Synagogue**Jason Lando, Chief of Police (Frederick MD) |
| **Awards Ceremony****Atlantic Ballroom** | 10:00 AM-10:45 AM | **This year’s Association winners are announced!** |
| **Break** | 10:45 AM-11:00AM | **Grand Ballroom** |
| **Plenary Session*****Atlantic Ballroom*** | 11:00 AM-11:45 AM | **Fostering Synergy: Empowering Collaboration with Small Unmanned Aerial Systems (sUAS): Drone as a First Responder (DFR) Program**Captain Jason Cokins (MCPD), Lieutenant Doug Miller (MCPD), and Hannah Thomas (MDERS) |
| **Lunch****Vendor/Participant Networking Session** | 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM | **Grand Ballroom****REMEMBER TO CHECK OUT THE SILENT AUCTION ITEMS!** |
| **MD StormReady Board Meeting****Conference Room 3** | 12:30 PM – 1:00 PM | **Chris Strong, NWS and pre-invited individuals**  |
| **Breakout Sessions** | 1:00 PM - 1:45 PM | **Family Assistance Operations Tools for Planning and an Interactive Discussion on Jurisdictional Needs**Carrie Gonzalez, CEM (Senior Emergency Management Specialist, Virginia Department of Emergency Management), Dr. Kelly Myers (Assistant Coordinator of Training and Exercise), Cara Williams (Assistant Coordinator of Training and Exercise), Courtney Arroyo (Community Engagement Manager)**Atlantic Ballroom** | **Revolutionizing Trauma Care Accessibility: Empowering Montgomery and Prince George’s County School Systems**Peter McCullough (MDERS) Katie Weber (MDERS), and Other Presenters TBD**Conference Rm 1** | **Get Ready! Stay Ready! B'More!**Dr. Erinn Harris (Program Manager for the Baltimore Area UASI) and LT Shana Haughton (Lieutenant Office of the Fire Marshall, Baltimore City Fire Department)**Conference Rm 2** | **From Public Heroes to Private Champions: Transitioning from Public to Private Emergency Management and Navigating the Dynamic Landscape**Callie Gorgol (Senior Manager for Global Emergency Preparedness and Workplace Solutions)**Conference Rm 3** | **Enhancing Law Enforcement Preparedness: A Collaborative Approach to Incident Command System Training**Nicole Markuski (MDERS) and Lieutenant Christopher Hackley (MCPD)**Conference Rm 4** | **Leveraging IoT, FirstNet, and 5G for Emergency Management: Challenges and Opportunities**Michael Canty (AT&T)**Conference Rm 5** |
| **Break** | 1:45 PM - 2:00 PM | **Grand Ballroom - REMEMBER TO CHECK OUT THE SILENT AUCTION ITEMS!** |
| **Breakout Sessions** | 2:00 PM - 2:45 PM | **Public Information Tips to Enhance Your Emergency Management Program** Beth Malasky (Public Information Manager Queen Anne’s County Government), other panelist TBD**Atlantic Ballroom** | **Mapping Marylands Dams for Increased Awareness** John Roche, P.E. (Chief of the MDE Dam Safety Permits Division)**Conference Rm 1** | **HAVE FAITH: Engaging Faith Based Organizations to Build Whole Community Resilience** James (Jim) Krempel (Anne Arundel County OEM Outreach Coordinator)**Conference Rm 2** | **Maryland Qualification System: EOC Skillsets to EOC Position Task Book** Carolyn Malloy, Matthew Moynihan, Brian Bauer**Conference Rm 3** | **Strengthening Cross-County Collaboration: Advancing Structural Collapse Response Preparedness** Jon Bender, Assistant Fire Chief, Prince George’s County Fire/EMS Department, Douglas Hinkle, Battalion Chief, Montgomery County Fire & Rescue Services **Conference Rm 4** | **Next Level Mitigation: Approaches, Partnerships, Maximizing Funding, and Tricks of the Trade** Jesse D. Delph, Acting State Hazard Mitigation Officer & Sr. Hazard Mitigation Project Officer, and Dave Mandell, Deputy Director of the Annapolis Office of Emergency Management**Conference Rm 5** |
| **Break** | 2:45 PM-3:00PM | **Grand Ballroom - REMEMBER TO CHECK OUT THE SILENT AUCTION ITEMS!** |
| **Breakout Sessions** | 3:00PM-3:45PM | **School Safety - A Coordinated Effort** Kim Buckheit (Policy, Communications and Engagement Manager at the Maryland Center for School Safety) and Jeyan Jebaraj (Business Solutions Manager) **Conference Rm 1** | **Delivering the Message: Alert and Warning 101**Ashley Morris (emergency preparedness coordinator for Prince George’s Office of Emergency Management)**Conference Rm 2** | **TBD****Conference Rm 3** | **Patrol Scenario Training: Pioneering a New Era in Law Enforcement Testing**Elizabeth Adams (MDERS), Corporal Juan “JC” Penafiel (PGPD), and Corporal Salvador Acosta (PGPD)**Conference Rm 4** | **Local EM Director's Meeting**Secretary Strickland and Local Directors**Conference Rm 5** |
| **Maryland Emergency Management Association Meeting****Atlantic Ballroom** | 4:00 PM – 5:30 PM | **Maryland Emergency Management Association Meeting and Elections** |
| **Beach Fun**  | 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM | **Cornhole Tournament- Dune Deck (If raining it will be held at the Shore Deck)**  |
| **Day 3:** **Thursday, May 30th**  |
| **Registration Open** | 7:00 AM-4:00 PM | **1st Floor Atrium** |
| **Exhibition Hall Open** | 7:00 AM-4:00 PM | **Grand Ballroom** **(please note exhibitors must break down by 12:30 PM)** |
| **Breakfast** | 7:30 AM-9:00 AM | **Grand Ballroom - REMEMBER TO CHECK OUT THE SILENT AUCTION ITEMS!** |
| **Plenary Session****Atlantic Ballroom** | 9:00 AM-9:45 AM | **Building Preparedness Capacity by Engaging Strategic Private Sector Partners** Noel Witzke is (Private Sector Liaison for the FEMA Region 3 External Affairs Division) and Jacqui Robinson (Community Preparedness Officer at FEMA Region 3) |
| **Break** | 9:45-10:00 AM | **Grand Ballroom - REMEMBER TO CHECK OUT THE SILENT AUCTION ITEMS!** |
| **Silent Auction Ends** | 10:00 AM | **Grand Ballroom – Winners will be contacted by Silent Auction Committee Members** |
| **Plenary Session****Atlantic Ballroom** | 10:00 AM - 10:45 AM | **FEMA Individual Assistance Program Reforms**Natalia Merry (Individual Assistance (IA) Branch Chief within FEMA Region 3’s Recovery Division) and John Donahue (Supervisory Emergency Management Specialist in the Individual Assistance (IA) Branch within FEMA Region’s Recovery Division) |
| **Plenary Session****Atlantic Ballroom** | 11:00 AM – 11:45 PM | **Operational Communications Disruption: An Examination of Recent Case Studies Highlight Continuity Strategies and Cyber Preparedness Measures** Brian Bauer (Moderator), Ken Maloney, Katie Hardin, Jon Caudle, Taylor Munir, Tom Brown, Major Rebecca Labs (MD Capitol Police), Mary Kate Seborowski (City of Annapolis OEM) |
| **Lunch** | 12:00 PM-1:00 PM | **TBD -**  |
| **Breakout Sessions** | 1:00 PM - 1:45 PM | **Successful Collaboration through Engagement** Kathy L. Francis (Frederick Community College Executive Director of Emergency Management Programs) and Mr. Mark Hubbard (Executive In Residence at Loyola University)**Atlantic Ballroom** | **COVID-19 - The Emergency that Just Won't Die: Writing AARs for Complex, Long-Duration Responses**Zack Fry (Planner at Prince George’s County Health Department) and Hanna Leonard (Planner at Prince George’s County Health Department)**Conference Rm 1** | **Navigating Chaos: Insights from the August 7th Storm Response and Recovery**Valerie Hawkins (Emergency Manager & Director of Carroll County Department of Public Safety), Jacob Hill (Assistant Emergency Manager), and Chris Winebrenner (Carroll County Public Information Officer) **Conference Rm 2** | **The Power of a P.L.A.N for Emergency Managers: 4 Steps to Build Resilience, Block Burnout & Boost Your Well-being**Michael K. Jackson (Michael K. Jackson International, LLC)**Conference Rm 3** | **The Program Management Office: Guiding Successful Grant Management**Speakers TBD (MDEM)**Conference Rm 4** | **Maryland’s Resilience Roadmap & Local Impacts** Mike Hinson, Chief Resilience Officer and Summer Modelfino, Deputy Chief Resilience Officer (MDEM)**Conference Rm 5** |
| **Break** | 1:45 PM - 2:00 PM | **Atlantic Ballroom** |
| **Breakout Sessions** | 2:00 PM - 2:45 PM | **Cyber Preparedness in County Governments** Preeti Emrick, JD, Director, Anne Arundel County Office of Emergency Management David Lewis, Cyber Prepardness Specialist, Prince George's County Office of Homeland Security Markus Rauschecker, JD, Cybersecurity Program Director, University of Maryland Center for Health and Homeland Security Ben Yelin, JD, Public Policy & External Affairs Program Director, University of Maryland Center for Health and Homeland Security (Moderator)**Atlantic Ballroom** | **Best Practices and Lessons Learned in Coordinating Continuity of Operations (COOP), before, during and after COVID-19**Mark Weissman (Emergency Preparedness Specialist PG OEM)**Conference Rm 1** | **A Community Approach to Critical Infrastructure Risk Management**Daniel (Dan) Genua (Protective Security Advisor CISA) **Conference Rm 2** | **Refining your Hazard Mitigation Plan’s Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (HIRA) with a Data Driven Approach** Ehsan Bahador (MoCo OEMHS) **Conference Rm 3** | **Artificial Intelligence in Emergency Management: A Case Study** Jeffery McLeod, Brian Kamoie, Costa Sardelis (Deloitte)**Conference Rm 4** | **Energy, Water and Data? The Natural Hazard and Cybersecurity Threat Nexus** Bear Afkham (MPACT Strategic Consulting) and Craig Jackson (Cisco Talos Intelligence Group)**Conference Rm 5** |
| **Break** | 2:45 PM - 3:00 PM | **Atlantic Ballroom** |
| **Breakout Sessions** | 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM | **Maryland Threat Environment Briefing**Alex Cardella (MCAC)**Atlantic Ballroom** | **Best Practice: Innovative Strategies for Community Resilience Planning**Darrell Small, CEM (PG OEM)**Conference Rm 1** | **The Power of Partnerships: How Whole Community Integration Enhances Emergency Management**Tessa Lovro, Cory Edwards, Christiana Ferguson (MDEM)**Conference Rm 2** | **Let’s Talk About Federal Disaster Assistance** Jess Nusbaum, Jesse Delph, Lise Luchsinger, and Nora Lagola (MDEM)**Conference Rm 3** | **Preparing for Tomorrow by Using AI, Digital Twins, Data Science, and GIS**  Bear Afkhami - MPACT Strategic Consulting **Conference Rm 4** | **MD IMT Leadership Meeting****Conference Rm 5** |
| **Association Mixer Sponsored by Motorola** | 7:00 PM – 10:00 PM | **Grand Ballroom**  |
| **Day 4:** **Friday, May 31st**  |
| **Registration Open** | 7:30 AM - 9:00 AM | **Main Lobby outside of Atlantic Ballroom** |
| **Breakfast** | 8:00 AM - 9:30 AM | **Atlantic Ballroom** |
| **Plenary Session -** **Atlantic Ballroom** | 9:00 AM – 9:45 AM | **BioWatch Program** Gabby Bullman from DHS Office of Countering WMD and Director Melissa Dunkerson from MDH Office of Preparedness and Response |
| **Break** | 9:45 AM-10:00 AM | **Atlantic Ballroom** |
| **Plenary Session-****Atlantic Ballroom** | 10:00 – 10:45 PM | **Emergency Management in Annapolis: 2024 General Assembly Session Review** Ben Yelin, JD, (Program Director Public Policy & External Affairs), Anna Sierra (Chief Development Officer, MDEM), and Preeti Emrick, JD (Director, Anne Arundel County OEM)**Atlantic Ballroom** |
| **Break** | 10:45 AM-11:00 AM | **Atlantic Ballroom** |
| **Plenary Session-****Atlantic Ballroom** | 11:00 AM – 11:45 AM | **Francis Scott Key Bridge Collapse Lessons Learned**TBD**Atlantic Ballroom** |
| Adjourn | 11:45 AM – 12:00PM | Closing Comments |
| Board Transition Meeting | 12:00PM | TBD |
| **All Topics and Times Subject to Change** |