South Carolina Emergency Management Association 2027 Conference Draft Agenda

Monday, February 01, 2027

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	**G205 Recovery From Disaster: The Local Community Role** Location: Magnolia
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	**G272 Warning Coordination** Location: Dogwood
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	**Administrative** Location: Boardroom
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	**Advanced Table Top Exercise Training** Location: Teal
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	**CERT Program Manager Training** Location: Azalea
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	**SC VOAD Meeting** Location: Studio 200 @ Noma B-C
10:00 AM - 10:30 AM	**Pre-Conference Training Break** Location: Level 2 Mezzanine

Tuesday, February 02, 2027

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	**MGT 322 Tornado Hazards: Science and Preparendess** Location: Studio 200 @ Noma B-C
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	**G205 Recovery From Disaster: The Local Community Role** Location: Magnolia
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	**South Carolina Government Communicators Network** Location: Redbud
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	**Private Sector Caucus Meeting** Location: Studio 220 @ Noma A
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	**Administrative** Location: Boardroom
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	**Advanced Table Top Exercise Training** Location: Teal
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	**CERT Program Manager Training** Location: Azalea
9:00 AM - 5:00 PM	**Vendor Registration** Location: Meeting Planning Office
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	**Mutual Aid in Action: From Resource Requests to Recovery Reimbursement** Location: Gardenia Speaker: Katie Forsythe, Hagerty Consulting, Inc.

10:00 AM - 10:30 AM
Pre-Conference Training Break
Location: Level 2 Mezzanine

10:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Attendee Registration
Location: Meeting Planning Office

10:30 AM - 12:30 PM
Disaster Assistance Workshop (DAW
Location: Dogwood

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Beyond the Truck Count: Measuring Recovery Outcomes
Location: Gardenia
Speaker: Sommer Parish, Tetra Tech, Inc.

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM
Off the Beaten Trail: Building an EOP That Fits Your Jurisdiction
Location: Gardenia
Speaker: Chase Miller, Charleston County Emergency Management

1:00 PM - 3:00 PM
Damage Assessment Training (DAT
Location: Dogwood

2:00 PM - 3:00 PM
Reversing the Denial: Strategies for Winning FEMA Public Assistance Appeals
Location: Gardenia
Speaker: Special Shealy, Specialized Solutions

5:00 PM - 6:30 PM
Conference Welcome Reception
Location: Orb Lounge Lobby

Wednesday, February 03, 2027

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Registration
Location: Meeting Planning Office

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Administrative
Location: Boardroom

8:00 AM - 9:30 AM
Grand Opening Vendor Hall
Location: Regency A - B/Prefunction Area

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Speaker Prep Room
Location: Azalea

9:30 AM - 11:00 AM
Opening Ceremony
Location: Regency Ballroom

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Vendor Interactive Event
Location: Regency A-B

12:00 PM - 1:30 PM
Opening Luncheon From Tragedy to Triumph: The Joplin Schools Story
Location: Regency Ballroom
Speaker: Dr. CJ Huff, Former Joplin, Missouri Superintendent

1:30 PM - 2:00 PM
Dessert Social with Vendors
Location: Regency A-B/Prefunction Area

2:00 PM - 3:00 PM
What Emergency Management Doesn't Teach Its Future Executives
Location: Teal
Speaker: Justin Pierce, Charleston County

2:00 PM - 3:00 PM
Intercept.Treat.Protect.- Disaster Medical Surge Starts in the Community: Tools for SC's EMs
Location: Magnolia
Speaker: Stephanie Payne, Southern Regional Disaster Response System HHS Region 4 | Emory University

2:00 PM - 3:00 PM	**From First Push to Final Audit: Local Government Lessons Learned in Disaster Debris Management** Location: Gardenia Speaker: Bryan Fike, Ceres Environmental Services
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM	**Field Forward : technology & readiness for Emergency Management** Location: Redbud Speaker: Cole Shirley, Berkley County Emergency Management
2:00 PM - 4:00 PM	**Office Hours with NWS New Tools, New Numbers, and a Record El Niño: What's Ahead from the NWS in South Carolina** Location: Studio 200 @ Noma B-C Speaker: Trisha Palmer, National Weather Service
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM	**South Carolina Port Authority** Location: Dogwood
3:00 PM - 4:00 PM	**You Don’t Know What You Don’t Know: The Impact of VOADs & the Non-Profit Sector on Disaster Recovery and Resilience** Location: Regency C-H Speaker: Mary Louise Resch, South Carolina Office of Resilience
5:00 PM - 6:30 PM	**President's Reception** Location: The Roost Restaurant

Thursday, February 04, 2027

7:30 AM - 9:00 AM	**Breakfast with the Vendors** Location: Regency A-B
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	**Registration** Location: Meeting Planning Office
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	**Administrative** Location: Boardroom
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	**Private Sector Panel** Location: Regency Ballroom
10:00 AM - 10:30 AM	**Coffee Refresh with the Vendors** Location: Regency A-B/Prefunction Area
10:30 AM - 11:30 AM	**Data informed decision making: overview of available statewide resources.** Location: Redbud Speaker: Alex Butler, South Carolina Office of Resilience
10:30 AM - 11:30 AM	**From Problem to Outcome: How Hilton Head Island, York County, and Florence County Are Bringing AI into Emergency Management.** Location: Studio 220 @ Noma A Speaker: Megan Russell, EM1
10:30 AM - 11:30 AM	**One System. One Transcript. A Whole New Way to Train.** Location: Teal Speaker: KT Tepper, South Carolina Emergency Management Division
10:30 AM - 11:30 AM	**Why (not) CERT?** Location: Magnolia Speaker: Kimberly Shiverdecker, South Carolina Emergency Management Division
11:30 AM - 1:00 PM	**South Carolina Entanglements and Road Conditions Toolkit** Location: Regency C-H Speaker: Danielle Hall, South Carolina Emergency Management Division

1:00 PM - 1:30 PM

Dessert Social with Vendors
Location: Regency A-B/Prefunction Area

1:30 PM - 2:30 PM

No Borders in a Crisis: Emergency Management Lessons Learned from the Carowinds Active Violence Exercise
Location: Teal
Speaker: Corbin Hyland, Charlotte-Mecklenburg Emergency Management

1:30 PM - 2:30 PM

Bold Resilience Approaches in a Dynamic Environment
Location: Redbud
Speaker: Lawrence Frank, AtkinsRealis

1:30 PM - 2:30 PM

Building Cyber Resilience Through Collaborative Healthcare Tabletop Exercises: Integrating Academic Cyber Operations, Public Health, and Emergency Management
Location: Studio 220 @ Noma A
Speaker: Kate Liepins, Upper Cumberland Healthcare Preparedness Coalition

1:30 PM - 2:30 PM

Comms During A Multi-Car Pile Up
Location: Magnolia

2:30 PM - 3:30 PM

From Incident to Action: Using AI to Support Emergency Management Decision-Making
Location: Regency C-H
Speaker: Dr. Chao Fan, Clemson University

6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

SC Emergency Management Association Awards Dinner
Location: Regency Ballroom

8:00 PM - 11:00 PM

Social Event
Location: Regency C-H

Friday, February 05, 2027

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Closing Brunch
Location: Regency Ballroom

9:00 AM - 10:00 AM

American Red Cross
Location: Regency C-H Speaker:
Michael Dunkin, American Red Cross