



2022 National Homeland Security Association Cleveland Convention Center – 300 Lake Ave E, Cleveland OH 44113 Conference Agenda



Time	Event	Room
MONDAY, JULY 11, 2022		
REGISTRATION REQUIRED FOR ALL MONDAY ACTIVITIES (EXCEPT USS COD)		
0700 – 1700	Registration Open	
Open Daily 1000 – 1700	TOUR 1 – USS Cod: WWII Submarine – Self-guided tour typically an hour long; available <i>free with conference ID</i> (normally \$12) <i>all week long</i> . Details on page 14	Walking Distance
0800 – 1000	WORKSHOP – Understanding Best Practices in Animal-Assisted Crisis Response (AACR) , with Dr. Yvonne Eaton-Stull, Taylor Gunn, and Sherry Rigel. Moderated by Lucas Dorosky; details on page 14	19
0800 – 1200	TRAINING – Surviving Bombing Incidents for Educators (SBIE) – New Mexico Tech. <i>Maximum number of participants is 30 only 6 seats remain</i> Details on page 15	26 B
0800 – 1200 <i>NEW additional session</i>	SEMINAR – Crisis Leadership & Decision Making (MGT-340) - Texas A&M Engineering (TEEX) <i>This interactive class requires a minimum of 25 participants and a maximum of 40.</i> Details on page 21 <i>Registration opens in CVENT Monday, May 23rd</i>	26 A
0800 – 1300	TRAINING – AEM/CEM Certification Preparatory Course (Registration for this class is with IAEM directly, not NHSA; register at: https://www.iaem.org/cvweb/cgi-bin/eventsdll.dll/EventInfo?sessionaltcd=083022PREP Details on page 15	20
0800 – 1700	TRAINING – Drone Assessment and Response Tactics (DART) – New Mexico Tech. <i>Note: This is an 8-hour course with a one-hour break for lunch on your own.</i> Details on page 15	21
0900 – 1200	WORKSHOP – Sponsor’s Workshop (placeholder)	GB-A
0900 – 1200	WORKSHOP – National Continuous Improvement Guidance: An Opportunity for Input Host by Mike Icardi, Branch Chief, Continuous Improvement Program NPA NA&I NPD Resilience, WITH Danel Trisi and Kevin Marshall as presenters/facilitators. Details on page 16	25 ABC
1000 – 1100	BUSINESS MEETING – UASI POC Annual Meeting (UASI POCs only) Details on page 16	22
1000 – 1100	TOUR 2 – Progressive Field (Home of Cleveland Guardians, MLB Team) – <i>Maximum per tour 25.</i> Details on page 16 <i>Capacity has been reached: waiting list only</i> <i>Limits: Any law enforcement officers attending, and traveling armed, must present their LEO credentials at the beginning of the tour.</i>	Walking Distance
1000 – 1130	TOUR 3 – City of Cleveland Office of Emergency Management and Intelligence Monitoring Operations – <i>Maximum per tour 25,</i> Details on page 17 <i>Capacity has been reached: waiting list full</i>	Walking Distance
1000 – 1200	PRESENTATION – Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children – A Survivor’s Guide , with Alicia Tappan; Moderated by Lucas Dorosky. Details on page 17	26 C
1100 – 1200	PRESENTATION – U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) – Re-envisioning - A Resilience Focused Office of Disaster Administration (ODA) That Will Tackle Climate Change, Mitigation, DEI, and the Customer Experience; with Francisco Sanchez, Jr.; Alejandro Contreras, and Dolores Rowan; Moderated by Michelle Carnahan. Details on page 18	19



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1100 – 1200	TOUR 5 – Security Tour of the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame – <i>Maximum per tour 15</i> Limits: <i>The Rock Hall does not allow any weapons on site unless it is carried by an <u>on-duty</u> police officer. Details on page 19</i> Capacity has been reached: waiting list full	Walking Distance
1100 – 1230	TOUR 7 – U.S. Coast Guard Operational Assets Tour and Demonstration No Limits: <i>No need to register for this, just show up! Details on page 19</i>	Walk or Bus
1200 – 1300	Lunch on your own	
1300 – 1400	TOUR 6 – Security Tour of the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame – <i>Maximum per tour 15</i> Limits: <i>The Rock Hall does not allow any weapons on site unless it is carried by an <u>on-duty</u> police officer. Details on page 19</i> Capacity has been reached: waiting list full	Walking Distance
1300 – 1430	TOUR 4 – City of Cleveland Office of Emergency Management and Intelligence Monitoring Operations – <i>Maximum per tour 25</i> Details on page 17 Capacity has been reached: waiting list full	Walking Distance
1300 – 1430	TRAINING – Targeted Attacks on Houses of Worship (TAHOW) – New Mexico Tech, Details on page 19	26 B
1300 – 1500	WORKSHOP – Integrating UAS into Disaster Response, with Rebecca Norton, Dr. Marina Rozenblat, and Katarzyna (Kasia) Jaskowska; moderated by: Lucas Dorosky. <i>Maximum number of participants is 30.</i> Details on page 20 Capacity has been reached: waiting list available	19
1300 – 1600	WORKSHOP – 2023 THIRA/SPR Methodology Update – FEMA Community Risk and Capability Assessment Section, Assessment and Analytics Branch/NPAD. Hosted by Sharon Frederick, Branch Chief of the Assessments and Analytics Branch (AAB) in the National Preparedness Division (NPAD). Details on page 20	25 ABC
1300 - 1600	PANEL DISCUSSION – CISA (<i>tentative</i>) Details on page 20	26 C
1300 - 1700	SEMINAR – Crisis Leadership & Decision Making (MGT-340) - Texas A&M Engineering (TEEX) <i>This interactive class requires a minimum of 25 participants and a maximum of 40.</i> Details on page 21 Capacity has been reached: waiting list full / offered 0800-1200 also	26 A
1300 – 1700	TRAINING – Incident Response to Terrorist Bombings – New Mexico Tech; details on page 22	22
1400 – 1600	TESTING – IAEM AEM/CEM Exam	20
1400 – 1500	TOUR 8 – Security Tour of the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame – <i>Maximum per tour 15</i> Limits: <i>The Rock Hall does not allow any weapons on site unless it is carried by an <u>on-duty</u> police officer. Details on page 19</i> Capacity has been reached: waiting list full	Walking Distance
1445 – 1615	TRAINING – History of Terrorism - New Mexico Tech; details on page 22	26 B
1500 – 1630	TOUR 9 – City of Cleveland Office of Emergency Management and Intelligence Monitoring Operations – <i>Maximum per tour 25</i> Details on page 17 Capacity has been reached: waiting list full	Walking Distance
1500 – 1700	LECTURE – The Evolution and State of the Art of the Definition of Homeland Security in Federal Strategies, Plans, and Related Documents, with Alexander Siedschlag, moderated by Jennifer Schaal. Details on page 22	19



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1500 – 1700 NEW	TOUR 10 – FirstEnergy Stadium (Home of the Browns) – Details on page 22	Walking Distance
1600 – 1700	CASE STUDY – “How Cleveland Implemented a Unified Public Safety Technology Platform for Intelligence Sharing” , with Assistant Commissioner Larry Jones II; moderated by: Dawn Thomas; details on page 23	26 C
1600 – 1730	BENCHMARKING – Preparedness Grants Meet Up for State Administrative Agencies Representatives , hosted by Robert Evans, Illinois Emergency Management Agency. Details on page 23	25 ABC

Note: Tour numbering based upon when the details of each became available

Tours 2 through 9 have reached their capacity



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The 2022 National Homeland Security Conference will be offering an opportunity to catch the “Best of Show”. Presentations will be ranked as “Best of Show” by you and your peers, using the NHSC app during the conference. You will have the opportunity to rate the presentations you attend. The top five, regardless of track, will be invited to present a second time on Thursday, July 14th, from 10:30 to 11:30. Final presentation selection is also subject to the presenter’s availability. Those presentations available for “Best of Show” are shown in **blue**, those not available to present are shown in *italics*.

Note: Monday’s sessions will not be part of “Best of Show” since they tend to be of a longer duration than the sessions on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Time	Event	Room
TUESDAY, JULY 12, 2022		
0730 – 1700	Registration Open	
	Opening Ceremonies	
	Color Guard	Grand Ballroom BC
0900 – 1010	Safety Director Karrie Howard	
	Mayor Justin M. Bibb	
	Carol A. Cunningham, M.D., FAAEM, FAEMS - State Medical Director, Ohio Department of Public Safety	
1010 – 1015	Opening Remarks – NHSA President Jonathan Schultz	
1015 – 1030	DHS/FEMA Grants Programs Assistant Administrator Pamela Williams	
1030 – 1045	DHS/FEMA TBD	
1045 – 1100	Break	



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1100 – 1200	Session 1: <i>Note – blue indicates “Best of Show” candidate, italics means they are not</i>	
	• Combating Domestic Violent Extremism – “Combating Domestic Terrorism: Constitutional Issues and Practical Solutions”, with Melissa Ken; Moderator: David Kontny	GB-A
	• Counterterrorism – “The American Terrorist: Finding Patterns in the Data”, with Terry Oroszi; Moderator: Jason Stewart	25 ABC
	• Cybersecurity – “Cybersecurity Risk Assessments for Local Governments: The New York State Model”, with Steve Gravel; Moderator: Dawn Thomas	19
	• Enhancing Information and Intelligence Sharing – “Changing Public Behavior Through Trusted Communicators”, with Mikyung Kim-Molina, Lloyd Shand, and Susana Rojas; Moderator: Sheryl Jardine	20
	• Grants and Program Management – “Implementing the Evidence Act in the Homeland Security Mission Space: Lessons Learned and Next Steps in Collecting Outcome-Driven Administrative Data for FEMA Preparedness Grants”, with Madeline Clark and Jenna Nelson; Moderator: Lin Bonesteel	26 C
	• Planning – “Integrating Preparatory Consequence Management and Law Enforcement Operations During “Left of Boom” Terrorist Threats”, with Scott J. Glick, Kasey Salway, and Steve Chase; Moderator: Jennifer Schaal	21
	• Protecting Critical Infrastructure and Communities – “Securing the Maritime Domain”, with Robert Hall, Jr.; Moderator: Jorge Torres	22
	• Public Health – “A Comprehensive Coalition Based Citywide Approach to Pediatric Disaster Planning”, with Dr. Michael Frogel; Moderator: Elizabeth Dunn	26 A
	• Training and Exercise – “Complex Coordinated Terrorist Attack Program: Multistate Coordination and Collaboration Process”, with Edward J. Meiman III and Clay Pacheco; Moderator: Michelle Carnahan	26 B
	• Paid Programming – Exhibitor Presentation – Moderator: Luke Dorosky	23
1200 – 1215	Break	
1215 – 1315	Lunch (Provided) – Awards Ceremony	Grand Ballroom BC
1315 – 1330	Break	



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1330 – 1430	Session 2: <i>Note – blue indicates “Best of Show” candidate, italics means they are not</i>	
	• Combating Domestic Violent Extremism “ <i>The Shift in Terrorism in the United States: How DVE’s are Shaping our Response to Terrorism</i> ”, with Jerred A. Johnson; Moderator: David Kontny	GB-A
	• Counterterrorism – “ <i>Enhancing the Capability of Law Enforcement and Public Gathering Venues to Combat Terrorism in New York State</i> ”, with Dan Albert and Robert Gardner; Moderator: Jason Stewart	25 ABC
	• Cybersecurity – “ <i>How to (For Reals) Exercise a Cyber-Incident</i> ”, with Dawn Thomas; Moderator: Luke Dorosky	19
	• Enhancing Information and Intelligence Sharing – “ <i>CISA Priority Telecommunications Services</i> ”, with Colleen Wright and Larry Clutts; Moderator: Sheryl Jardine	20
	• Grants and Program Management – “The National Risk and Capability Assessment (NRCA) and the Preparedness Investment Strategy”, with Matthew Brainovich, Sharon Frederick, Sarah Farrell, and Kayode Adedipe; Moderator: Lin Bonesteel	26 C
	• Planning – Moderator: Jennifer Schaal – “ <i>Key Planning Factors (KPF) for Response to and Recovery from Chemical and Biological Incidents</i> ”, with Chuck Lineback and Ward Quayle	21
	• Protecting Critical Infrastructure and Communities – “Threat Assessment and Management 101: Building and Sustaining Your Program”, with Carl Amritt, Alyssa Schulenberg, and John Mein; Moderator: Jorge Torres	22
	• Public Health – “From Shipping Docks to Loading Docks: Improving Access to Scarce Resources in a Pandemic Response”, with Lisa Dillard and Stephanie Bialek Moderator: Elizabeth Dunn	26 A
	• Training and Exercise – Moderator: Michelle Carnahan – “ <i>The Network Effect: Leveraging Technology Integration and Interoperability to improve CBRN Preparedness and Response</i> ”, with Dante Stellar, Dugger Camp, and Megan Callan	26 B
1430 – 1445	Break	



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1445 – 1545	Session 3: <i>Note – blue indicates “Best of Show” candidate, italics means they are not</i>	
	• Combating Domestic Violent Extremism – <i>“Intern in Lockdown: Experiences as a Congressional Intern during the January 6th Capitol Attack”</i> , with Sherman Tylawsky; Moderator: David Kontny	GB-A
	• Counterterrorism – <i>“Planning Guidance for Response to a Nuclear Detonation”</i> , with Luis Garcia; Moderator: Jason Stewart	25 ABC
	• Cybersecurity – <i>“Priority for Data, Video, and Information Services”</i> , with Billy Bob Brown, Jr.; Moderator: Dawn Thomas	19
	• Enhancing Information and Intelligence Sharing – <i>“Creating Actionable Analytical Products”</i> , with Mindy Earle; Moderator: Sheryl Jardine	20
	• Grants and Program Management – <i>“FEMA Procurement Under Grants Training”</i> , with Nielsen Leon; Moderator: Lin Bonesteel	26 C
	• Planning – <i>“Next Generation Emergency Management - Attracting and Retaining the Workforce of the Future”</i> , with Matt Curran and Frazer Lonie Moderator: Jennifer Schaal	21
	• Protecting Critical Infrastructure and Communities – <i>“Bombing Prevention Resources for Mitigating the Use of Explosives and IEDs Against Critical Infrastructure”</i> , with Jason Stewart; Moderator: Jorge Torres	22
	• Public Health – <i>“Strength in Numbers: A Cross-Disciplinary Evidence-based Approach to Successfully Managing a Public Health Emergency”</i> , with Dr. Donna J Petersen and Jennifer Fleischman; Moderator: Elizabeth Dunn Note: This will be in the Grand Ballroom BC where it is set up to have the round tables since the session will be interactive with teams working together to discuss key questions that have been outlined in their presentation.	26 A
1545 – 1600	• Training and Exercise – <i>“Safe Chicago – Preparing the Workforce”</i> , with Matthew Ladniak and Kaila Lariviere; Moderator: Michelle Carnahan	26 B
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1545 – 1600	Break	



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1600 – 1700	Session 4: <i>Note – blue indicates “Best of Show” candidate, italics means they are not</i>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Combating Domestic Violent Extremism – “<i>Understanding US-Based White Supremacist Extremists' Online Communication</i>”, with Dr. Brett A. Barnett; Moderator: David Kontny 	GB-A
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Counterterrorism – “Who Let the Dogs Out”, with Dominic Yin, Bobby Cheung, and TBD; Moderator: Jason Stewart 	25 ABC
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cybersecurity – “Increasing the Speed and Volume of Cybersecurity Response through Automation”, with Colleen Wright, Muhammad Hussain, and Dale Moushon; Moderator: Dawn Thomas 	19
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhancing Information and Intelligence Sharing – “Creating Public/Private Partnerships to Protect Faith-Based Communities”, with Jeff Robertson, Jim Harnett, and Nick DiCicco; Moderator: Sheryl Jardine 	20
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grants and Program Management – “DHS Town Hall Meeting”, with Director Kerry Thomas, Preparedness Grants Division; Moderator: Lin Bonesteel 	26 C
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning – “<i>I Hadn't Thought About That...</i>”, with David McCurdy; Moderator: Jennifer Schaal 	21
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protecting Critical Infrastructure and Communities – “Building Supply Chain Resilience”, with Mark Scott and Katie Murphy; Moderator: Jorge Torres 	22
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Health – “<i>Creating Resilient Food Systems by Mitigating Food Insecurity Disasters</i>”, with Myra Derbyshire, Netta Squires, and Chris Webster; Moderator: Elizabeth Dunn 	26 A
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training and Exercise – “Training the Nation – A Team Effort, with Charlotte Hyams Porter; Moderator: Michelle Carnahan 	26 B
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paid Programming – Exhibitor Presentation – Moderator: Luke Dorosky 	23
1800 – 2000	Exhibitor Social	Exhibitor Hall C



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WEDNESDAY, JULY 13, 2022		
0700 – 1700	Registration Open – Conference Center Level 3 – Premier Ballroom – Foyer	
0800 – 0900	CLEVELAND URBAN AREA DEMONSTRATION	
0900 – 1130	General Session – 0900-1000 “Not Just Adapting...But Persevering”, with Nick Gatto 1000-1100 “Domestic Terrorism in a Post-January 6 th World: Implications for Homeland Security and Emergency Management Professionals”, with Dr. Christopher Rodriguez, Director of the Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency, Washington, DC (HSEMA) 1100-1130 DHS Science and Technology Directorate – Paul McDonagh <i>For details on these topics, turn to page 24</i>	Grand Ballroom BC
1000 – 1700	Exhibitor Hall Open	Exhibit Hall C
1100 – 1445	Cleveland Equipment Display	
1215 – 1315	Lunch (Provided) Exhibitor Hall	Exhibit Hall C
1315 – 1330	Break	



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Session 5: <i>Note – blue indicates “Best of Show” candidate, italics means they are not</i>		
1330 – 1430	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Combating Domestic Violent Extremism – “East Coast / West Coast Best Practices for Protecting Against and Preventing Targeted Violence and Terrorism”, with Craig Dziedzic, James Sheehan, Jodi Traversaro, and Hector Tejeda; Moderator: David Kontny 	GB-A
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Counterterrorism – “Complex Coordinated Terrorist Attack Exercise - Best Practices and Lessons Learned”, with Carl Roberts; Moderator: Jason Stewart 	25 ABC
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cybersecurity – “Homeland and Holy Land Perspectives: Protecting Critical Infrastructure from Cyber Attacks”, with Netta Squires, Ben Yelin, Harel Menashri, and Markus Rauschecker; Moderator: Dawn Thomas 	19
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhancing Information and Intelligence Sharing – “How UASI helped a Region to Collaborate and Develop a Multidiscipline/Multijurisdictional Uncrewed Aerial System Program”, with Jeff Pricher; Moderator: Sheryl Jardine 	20
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grants and Program Management – “Considerations When Applying to the Targeted Violence and Terrorism Prevention (TVTP) Grant Program”, with John Wilder and Ajmal Aziz; Moderator: Lin Bonesteel 	26 C
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning – “Understanding Supply Chain Risks to Homeland Security”, with Steve Recca, Benjamin L. Ruddell, Sean M. Ryan, and Rebecca Rouse; Moderator: Jennifer Schaal 	21
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protecting Critical Infrastructure and Communities – “Leveraging Existing Response Resources to Develop Novel Approaches”, with Mary Carlson Bis; Moderator: Jorge Torres 	22
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Health – Moderator: Elizabeth Dunn – “FBI-CDC Joint Criminal Epidemiologic Investigations Program: An Overview”, with Jessica Young 	26 A
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training and Exercise – “Mass Casualty Incidents: Utilizing ICS Concepts to Prepare, React and Respond”, with Mindy Earle, Ryan Mills, Steven Schramm, and Michael Satter; Moderator: Michelle Carnahan 	26 B
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paid Programming – Exhibitor Presentation – Moderator: Like Dorosky 	23
1430 – 1445	Break	



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Session 6: <i>Note – blue indicates “Best of Show” candidate, italics means they are not</i>		
1445 – 1545	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Combating Domestic Violent Extremism – “<i>When the Threat is Within: What the Research Can (and Cannot) Teach Us About Extremism in Law Enforcement</i>”, with Megan K. McBride; Moderator: David Kontny 	GB-A
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Counterterrorism – “<i>State Counterterrorism Prosecutions and the Use of Threat Assessments</i>”, with Kenneth Mead and Michael Dickerson; Moderator: Jason Stewart 	25 ABC
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cybersecurity – “Homeland Security and Public Safety: The Cyber Threat to Communications”, with Richard “Dick” Tenney, George Perera, and David Stern; Moderator: Dawn Thomas 	19
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhancing Information and Intelligence Sharing – “Planning Use of 5G Network Slicing for Emergency Events”, with Muhammad A. Hussain, Ph.D.; and Colleen Wright; Moderator: Sheryl Jardine 	20
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grants and Program Management – “<i>Best Practices of Building Capabilities through Grant Programs from the Empire State</i>”, with Nicole Erickson; Moderator: Lin Bonesteel 	26 C
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning – “Strengthening Communities During a Pandemic - A Deep Dive into NYC Emergency Management's Use of Their Community Emergency Planning Toolkit”, with Moriah A. Washington; Moderator: Jennifer Schaal 	21
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protecting Critical Infrastructure and Communities – “How to Achieve Physical Security and Cybersecurity Convergence”, with Daryle Hernandez, Megan Knodell, Shawn Fiebiger, and Scott Dunford; Moderator: Jorge Torres 	22
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Health – Moderator: “Public Health / Emergency Management - What We Both Need to Know”, with Mac McClendon; Moderator: Elizabeth Dunn 	26 A
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training and Exercise – “Successfully Designing Intelligence and Investigations Exercises Workshop”, with David Schuld and Michael Satter; Moderator: Michelle Carnahan 	26 B
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paid Programming – Exhibitor Presentation – Moderator: TBD 	23
1545 – 1600	Break	



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Session 7: <i>Note – blue indicates “Best of Show” candidate, italics means they are not</i>		
1600 – 1700	• Combating Domestic Violent Extremism – “ Active Shooter Preparedness and Prevention Strategies for the Public ”, with John P. Skillestad; Moderator: David Kontny	GB-A
	• Counterterrorism – “ HDIAC's Role in Researching UAS Mitigation in the Homeland ”, with John Clements; Moderator: Jason Stewart	25 ABC
	• Cybersecurity – “The Future of Autonomous Ground Vehicle Security”, with Katherine McClaskey; Moderator: Dawn Thomas	19
	• Enhancing Information and Intelligence Sharing – “Collaboration and Awareness: Offering an Enterprise Platform to Fight Crime, Prevent Terrorism, and Increase Officer and Public Safety”, with Richard Narog, James Tobin, Christopher Iannotti, and Roger Lishnoff ; Moderator: Sheryl Jardine	20
	• Grants and Program Management – “Nonprofit Security Grant Programs: How New York State has Leveraged Funding to Secure and Protect Nonprofit Organizations”, with Eric Abramson Moderator: Lin Bonesteel	26 C
	• Planning – “Planning for the First 72 Hours after a Nuclear Detonation”, with Eliot Calhoun Moderator: Jennifer Schaal	21
	• Protecting Critical Infrastructure and Communities – “Geomagnetic Disturbances: Preparing for Long-Term Power Outages”, with James (Jim) Platt and William (Bill) Murtagh; Moderator: Jorge Torres	22
	• Public Health – “Development of a Regional Emergency Drinking Water Framework”, with Elizabeth Crane and Allison Pyrch; Moderator: Elizabeth Dunn	26 A
	• Training and Exercise – “What If?: The Role of Threat Assessment and Management Teams in Preventing Targeted Violence”, with Alyssa Schulenberg; Michelle Carnahan	26 B
	• Paid Programming – Exhibitor Presentation – Moderator: Luke Dorosky	23
1700 – 1800	Break	
1800 – 2200	Host Social – Rock and Roll Hall of Fame - <i>Limits: The Rock Hall does not allow any weapons on site unless it is carried by an <u>on-duty</u> police officer.</i>	



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THURSDAY, JULY 14, 2022		
0800 – 1330	Registration Open – Conference Center Level 3 – Premier Ballroom – Foyer	
	General Session	Grand Ballroom BC
0900 – 1015	Christmas Day 2020 Nashville Bombing: What Happened, Why it Matters, and How to Prevent or Mitigate a Similar Attack , with Christopher Rigopoulos, Supervisory Special Agent (SSA); and Andrew Seiffert, Senior Counselor for Infrastructure Security at DHS/Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA)	
	1015 – 1030 Chicago 2023!	
	<i>For details on this topics, turn to page 25</i>	
1000 – 1300	Exhibit Hall Open	Exhibitor Hall C
1015 – 1030	Break	
1030 – 1130	Session 8: – Highlighting the “Best of Show” presentations (the five presentations that scored the highest) plus a few new presentations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Best of Show presentation #1 TBD, Moderator: Jason Stewart • Best of Show presentation #2 TBD, Moderator: Dawn Thomas • Best of Show presentation #3 TBD, Moderator: Sheryl Jardine • Best of Show presentation #4 TBD, Moderator: Jorge Torres • Best of Show presentation #5 TBD, Moderator: Michelle Carnahan • Best Practices and Lessons Learned – “Utilizing Joint Workshops to Improve Real-World Response Coordination”, with Mary Carlson Bis; Moderator: Lin Bonesteel • Combating Domestic Violent Extremism – “Maritime Terrorism A Guide to Preventing and Responding to Active Threats in the Maritime Environment”, with Philip D. White; Moderator: David Kontny • Public Health – “COVID-19 Infection Prevention Planning Guide to In-Person Training and Exercises”, with Philip D. White; Moderator: Elizabeth Dunn • Planning - “Development of a Regional Emergency Drinking Water Framework”, with Rebecca Geisen and Allison Pyrch; Moderator: Jennifer Schaal 	GB A 26 B 25 ABC 26 C 26 A 22 23 20 21
1130 – 1145	Break	
1145 – 1245	Lunch (Provided) Exhibitor Hall	
1245 – 1300	Closing Ceremony	Grand Ballroom BC



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TOUR 1 – USS COD: WWII SUBMARINE

Brief Description: War Under the Pacific: USS Cod WWII Submarine Tour – explore the last fully intact WWII American submarine, a National Historic Landmark submarine that is regarded as the most extensively restored ship of its kind. Climb down USS Cod's vertical hatches and ladders to enter a time machine that will transport you back to 1944 and experience the war under the Pacific that led to America's victory in 1945.

Tour Start Time: USS Cod is available for visitation between 10 am and 5 pm daily. USS Cod is docked at 1024 N. Marginal Rd., within walking distance of the convention center and 1,000 feet east of the Rock Hall of Fame. Self-guided tours are augmented by a comprehensive tour brochure, signage, and audio tours in major compartments. Crew/tour guides are available to any questions you may have.

Tour Duration: Average visitor dive time is about 1 hour. Feel free to spend as long as you'd like exploring a fully restored WW II US Navy fleet submarine, from her two torpedo rooms to her control room crew spaces and galley.

Transportation Needs: Within Walking Distance from the Convention Center

Tour Limit: Unlimited

Other Limits: Anyone with a conference ID badge will be admitted for free. But since access to Cod's interior requires climbing vertical ladders, care must be taken. There are ground exhibits accessible to disabled patrons, including a working periscope.

Contact information: (USS COD) 440-832-9722 www.usscod.org

WORKSHOP – UNDERSTANDING BEST PRACTICES IN ANIMAL-ASSISTED CRISIS RESPONSE (AACR)

Animal-assisted support is witnessed during almost all major disasters and crises today; however, not all of those who show up have the training and expertise to benefit and contribute to effective emergency response. Participants will learn about best practices and national standards in animal-assisted crisis response (AACR). HOPE AACR, the first and largest organization that evaluates, certifies, and provides continuing education to teams across the U.S. is the only AACR member organization recognized by the National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters. Emergency management professionals will gain insights into the qualifications, training and certification of such teams and identify the benefits and potential application of AACR. Emergency management professionals will learn how to utilize these specialized teams to enhance emergency and disaster response. Participants will interact with HOPE AACR teams who will share experiences in responding to various crises, including mass shootings, disasters, and other traumatic events. Lessons learned and sample interactions will be described and demonstrated to offer strategies for effective collaboration and management of crises.

Targeted Audience:

All Conference Attendees

Learning Objectives:

- Participants will describe qualifications, training, and certification of HOPE animal-assisted crisis response teams and how to access them.
- Participants will identify benefits of animal-assisted crisis response.
- Participants will meet and interact with HOPE AACR teams, identifying best practices and appropriate interventions.



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SURVIVING BOMBING INCIDENTS FOR EDUCATORS (SBIE) New Mexico Tech – 4-hour course

The course provides educators, administrators and personnel working in school environments with the knowledge and skills necessary to perform critical life-saving actions in the immediate aftermath of a bombing incident. Educators are presented with lectures, discussions, and demonstrations on the hazards and injuries associated with bombings; these activities culminate in a series of performance-based exercises designed to allow course participants to practice live-saving tactics, techniques, and procedures in bombing scenarios.

AEM/CEM CERTIFICATON PREPARTORY COURSE

The International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM) will be offering the AEM/CEM preparatory exam course from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM and the AEM/CEM Exam from 2:00 to 4:00 PM. The cost of the preparatory course and exam fee are NOT included with your registration fee. Registrants who indicate they would like to attend the prep course and/or take the exam will also need to register directly with IAEM at: <https://www.iaem.org/cvweb/cgi-bin/eventsdll.dll/EventInfo?sessionaltcd=083022PREP> to finalize their registration. Registration deadline is June 27th, 2022. Onsite registration is not available.

DRONE ASSESSMENT AND RESPONSE TACTICS (DART) New Mexico Tech – 8-hour course

The 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.

SPONSOR'S WORKSHOP (placeholder)



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NATIONAL CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT GUIDANCE: AN OPPORTUNITY FOR INPUT

Summary: FEMA is hosting this learning session at the National Homeland Security Conference to solicit stakeholder feedback on FEMA's first edition of National Continuous Improvement Guidance (NCIG). The NCIG is a new endeavor for FEMA and will be ready for publication at the end of 2022. It is critical to address the continuous improvement needs and challenges of state, local, territorial, tribal, private sector, and non-profit emergency management actors and institutions to ensure that this guidance is useful for the intended end-users. To that end, FEMA has engaged in listening sessions and other public engagement opportunities to inform the NCIG content.

This learning session will present a summary of the content of the guidance, including highlighting key principles and concepts intended to broaden the applicability of the guidance. FEMA will solicit input from the audience on improving the potential use and effect of the guidance document as it nears finalization. Participants will have the opportunity to comment on all elements of the draft guidance and to share their ideas with both FEMA and the wider emergency management community.

Learning Objectives:

- Participants will learn more about FEMA's upcoming National Continuous Improvement Guidance.
- Participants will increase knowledge of continuous improvement principles that may apply to their specific work environment.

Targeted Audience:

- Emergency managers at all levels, as well as those who work with non-government (private sector and non-profit) organizations for preparedness and response.

TOUR 2 – SECURITY TOUR OF PROGRESSIVE FIELD (Home of the Cleveland Guardians, MLB Team)

Start Time: 10am

Duration of the Tour: 45 minutes, with 15 available for Q&A afterwards

Description: Guided tour of Progressive Field to highlight their Safety Act recognized Security System in place for events. The tour will be led by the Guardians' Senior Director of Safety.

Maximum Number of Attendees: 25

Limits: Any law enforcement officers attending, and traveling armed, must present their LEO credentials at the beginning of the tour.

Transportation: Walking distance from the convention center (18-minute walk).



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TOURS 3, 4, & 9 – CITY OF CLEVELAND OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND INTELLIGENCE MONITORING OPERATIONS

Brief Description: The tour will include presentations conducted by the Cleveland Emergency Operations Center, the Real Time Crime Center, and the Northeast Ohio Regional Fusion Center. The visit will consist of a tour of the Cleveland Public Safety Department Emergency Operations Center which serves as a Command Post for major planned and unplanned events in the City of Cleveland; a presentation by the Cleveland Division of Police Real Time Crime Center, which provides video monitoring and response to crimes captured by hundreds of video cameras located throughout the City; and a presentation by staff of the Northeast Ohio Regional Fusion Center, which provides real time intelligence gathering and monitoring of potential unrest, demonstrations and other events through various intelligence sources.

Tour Start Time: 1000 hours

Tour Duration: 90 minutes including walking time from the Convention Center

Transportation Needs: Within Walking Distance from the Convention Center

Tour Limit: 25

Other Limits: No limitations, handicap accessible

COMMERCIAL SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN – A SURVIVOR’S GUIDE

Summary: This training takes a survivor lead and centered approach on Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC) and will provide indicators and red flags, as well as best practices for allies and agencies hoping to provide better services to minors of human trafficking. Computer-based training is not enough for agencies working within this field, and we need survivor leader voices to be heard and valued.

Learning Objectives:

- How to spot the signs of CSEC & report it
- How to provide victims & survivors with better resources and opportunities within your own agencies
- How to build more capacity within their organization to better understand human trafficking and CSEC

Targeted Audience:

- All Conference Attendees

UASI POC MEETING

Annual business meeting for the official Points of Contact (POC's) only



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U.S. SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (SBA) – RE-ENVISIONING; A RESILIENCE-FOCUSED OFFICE OF DISASTER ASSISTANCE (ODA) THAT WILL TACKLE CLIMATE CHANGE, MITIGATION, DEI, AND THE CUSTOMER EXPERIENCE

Disasters both man-made and natural, disrupt lives, displaces families, drive financial loss, and adversely affect the local economies we rely on for a thriving community. Not only are the cyber incidents, pandemics, severe storms, security events, and other incidents more frequent, they are increasingly catastrophic.

A re-imagined U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) and the Office of Disaster Assistance (ODA) are constantly evolving to meet the new risks and threats, with a twin focus on reinventing its existing disaster loan program and forging a new role in tackling climate change, resilience, mitigation, the customer experience, and Diversity Equity and Inclusion (DEI). Since 1953, the SBA has approved \$70 billion in disaster loans to 2.3 million businesses, non-profits, and individuals. In response to COVID, in the past two years, SBA has put \$1.24 trillion directly into local communities, more than all of the programs since SBA's inception. The \$1.24 trillion is inclusive of PPP, COVID EIDL, EIDL Advance, Targeted EIDL Advance, RRF, and SVOG as of April 1, 2022.

Through collaborative and strategic partnerships, strong resource partners, and knowledgeable field staff, the SBA is bringing a comprehensive and holistic approach to support impacted communities, with superior support before, during, and after a disaster. The SBA can support efforts to facilitate access to capital for climate change, mitigation, investments, and resilience efforts. The customer experience is of paramount importance and our efforts include creating awareness and offering assistance in an inclusive environment.

In addition, the SBA is leaning forward through its disaster lending program to embrace resilience, mitigation, climate change, with a renewed customer focus. Learn how the SBA's new path will serve our communities. Details to follow soon

Learning Objectives:

- Scope of SBA
- Focus of SBA
- Resilience – Mitigation – Climate Change – Diversity Equity and Inclusion

Targeted Audience:

- All Conference Attendees
- Communications
- Emergency Management



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TOURS 5, 6 & 8 – SECURITY TOUR OF THE ROCK AND ROLL HALL OF FAME

Brief Description: The tour will discuss how the Rock Hall builds a security infrastructure that doesn't normally exist for a concert at the venue both inside and outside. This will include the physical layout, the additional needed manpower, and doing it in budget. The Rock Hall wasn't built with outdoor concerts in mind, and they have to design and implement the needed security structure for them to happen. They have hosted major events like the WARP Tour, Social Distortion, The Zombies, Joan Jett, and MLB All-star week events.

Tour Start Time: 1100 hours

Tour Duration: 80 minutes including walking time from the Convention Center

Transportation Needs: Walking distance from the convention center (10-minute walk)

Tour Limit: 15

Other Limits: The Rock Hall does not allow any weapons on site, unless it is carried by an on-duty police officer

TOUR 7 – U.S. COAST GUARD OPERATIONAL ASSETS TOUR

Brief Description: The United States Coast Guard has a proud history of operational performance and excellence on the Great Lakes. On July 11, 2022, from 1100 hours to 1230 hours the Coast Guard will have a number of operational assets in place at Berth 32 along the Cleveland waterfront, available to be viewed and/or toured. Pending operational commitments, the Coast Guard Cutter Spar, a 225' multi-mission buoy tender, will be available for tours. Further, Coast Guard trailerable response boats and representatives will be available to discuss the Coast Guard and its contributions to the Department of Homeland Security and National Response Framework. Be there by 11:30 AM to see a live Search and Rescue (SAR) demonstration that will be conducted by Coast Guard Air Station Detroit and supported by Coast Guard Station Cleveland Harbor.

- Tour Start Time: Tour will commence at 1100 hours. The SAR demonstration will commence at 1130 hours.
- Tour Duration: Approximately 90 minutes.
- Transportation Needs: Bus transportation will depart the Convention Center at 1030 and 1045 hours. Busses will return at 1230 and 1245 hours. The tour is also within walking distance of the Convention Center (.6 miles/approximately 12 minutes).
- Tour Limit: Unlimited
- Other Limits: None

TARGETED ATTACKS ON HOUSES OF WORSHIP (TAHOW) New Mexico Tech – 1.5-hour case study

The case study provides an overview of the escalating concerns for potential threats of harm against religious institutions and Houses of Worship. Recent intelligence information suggests the potential for attacks against Houses of Worship within the United States has increased, and there is a greater need for vigilance. This case study reviews some of the most prominent religious targets and provides background information about the most likely methodology for those attacks. A brief review of several domestic and international incidents demonstrates the potential magnitude these events can have within a community.



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INTEGRATING UAS INTO DISASTER RESPONSE

Summary:

Workshop designers and facilitators from CNA's Institute for Public Research will provide a workshop to NHSC 2022 attendees, which will be a unique and challenging addition to the conference agenda. Using realistic scenarios, a facilitator will lead participants through a series of questions and challenges that will generate ideas about how stakeholders use and could use UAS both during day-to-day operations and during disaster response. If time allows, the scenario will also examine the use of UAS for illicit, illegal, or terrorism-related purposes, allowing stakeholders to consider the law enforcement challenges that might result from more prevalent UAS use. Doing a UAS Integration Workshop provides a unique opportunity to gather diverse stakeholders and tackle problems that can best be solved by the community as a whole. Misconceptions will be dispelled, and participants will test their beliefs and ideas against a realistic scenario, which will bring to light additional questions and topics that should be addressed in future or current plans. Diverse stakeholders (e.g., emergency management, law enforcement, fire, and private sector) will discuss and understand each other's UAS capabilities, leading to more detailed thinking about operational coordination and technological requirements. And finally, participants will leave the workshop with access to a How-To guide and template for developing their own integrated UAS CONOPS.

Learning Objectives:

- How to spot the signs of CSEC and report it
- How to provide victims and survivors with better resources and opportunities within your own agencies
- How to build more capacity within their organization to better understand human trafficking and CSEC

Targeted Audience:

- All Conference Attendees

2022 THIRA/SPR METHODOLOGY UPDATE WORKSHOP

The FEMA National Preparedness Assessment Division will provide updates to the 2022 THIRA/SPR process, followed by a facilitated panel discussion with representatives from local, tribal, and state organizations who will share their approaches, best practices, and challenges for completing the process. The session will close with an opportunity to ask your burning THIRA/SPR questions. Panelists include Alison Belcher (Houston UASI), Yvonne Dorantes (Cal OES), Mathew Doughtie (City of Chicago), Ashley Larrow (Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency), Nicola Mammes (Philadelphia UASI), Samantha Peterson (St. Louis Area Regional Response System), Amy Ramirez (SF Bay Area UASI), Jason Zimmerman (Washington State Emergency Management).

CISA PANEL DISCUSSION (TENTATIVE)

In this panel discussion, CISA provides updates on infrastructure and cybersecurity capabilities, including updates from CISA 2020. The first part of the discussion will focus on HQ capabilities, discussing capabilities CISA 2020 offers to state and local stakeholders. The second part then concentrates on Regional assets, such as the role of the Regional PSAs and CSAs, and the support they can provide state and local jurisdictions.



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CRISIS LEADERSHIP & DECISION MAKING (MGT-340) - Texas A&M Engineering Extension Services (TEEX) National Emergency Response and Rescue Training Center

This seminar uses one of four Harvard University, Kennedy School of Government case studies to examine the dynamics of crisis leadership and decision making from an elected or senior official's perspective. The four-hour seminar uses the case study to frame the discussion on ways to overcome leadership challenges in planning and responding to a large-scale incident. The final outcome of the seminar is the development of an individual and jurisdiction plan of actions needed to improve preparedness and emergency response.

Training Level: Management and Planning

Seminar Topics:

- **Planning for Effective Disaster Response:**

The plans that are in place at the outset of a disaster have a significant impact on the success of the response and recovery. In order to be effective, plans must be adequate, feasible, adoptable, and all-hazards based. It is imperative that leaders, both elected and appointed, understand the role they play in the planning process.

- **Leadership and Decision Making During a Crisis:**

Senior officials must recognize their roles and responsibilities as leaders in advance, rather than discovering their obligations for the first time in the midst of a crisis. They must also identify ways in which they will develop the situational awareness necessary for decision making in a disaster.

- **Crisis Communications:**

Disasters present unique communications challenges, from coordinating the response efforts of multiple agencies to ensuring the information needs of both the press and the public are met. Developing strategies for planning, conducting, and managing public information and warning - to include the role social media plans – can be vital to successful response and recovery efforts.

- **Recovery:**

The recovery process can best be described as a sequence of interdependent and often concurrent activities that progressively advance a community toward a successful recovery. The process begins with pre-disaster preparedness and continues well beyond the restoration of a community's physical structures; hence the importance of stakeholders understanding their roles and responsibilities in ensuring a successful recovery.

- **Developing a Jurisdiction Preparedness Action Plan:**

From the lessons learned during seminar discussions and reading of the case study, a broad personal and jurisdictional action plan will be developed to guide future emergency preparedness planning.

Training Level:

- Management and Planning

Targeted Audience:

- Mayors/council members
- County executive Office
- County commissions
- Senior appointed officials
- Private sector executives

Continuing Education Credits:

- IACET – 0.4 CEUs



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INCIDENT RESPONSE TO TERRORIST BOMBINGS (IRTB) New Mexico Tech – 4-hour course

The course is designed for all levels of first responders who may respond to or become involved in terrorist attacks and incidents that involve explosives or improvised explosive devices (IEDs). The course emphasizes recognition and identification of commercial explosives, military explosives, IEDs, and their components as well as readily available explosive formulations that terrorists could use to perpetrate a terrorist attack. Participants will also develop the ability to respond to an array of pre-detonation, post-detonation and continuing explosive incidents safely and effectively.

HISTORY OF TERRORISM New Mexico Tech – 1.5-hour case study

Terrorism is not a new concept and has been around as early as the first century. Many past terrorist attacks have also included suicide bombing. Learning about the past history of terrorism will provide some insight into how terrorism has progressed since the beginning. High profile terrorists are discussed, along with the execution of methods used, that continues into modern terrorism. This case study will illustrate how terrorism is both of domestic and international concern.

TOUR 10 – SECURITY TOUR OF FIRSTENERGY STADIUM – HOME OF THE CLEVELAND BROWNS

Brief Description: Attendees will witness a mock security presentation similar to the ones conducted before any event at the stadium. Attendees will then break into nine groups of 25 and participate in a guided tour of the stadium, focusing on security measures.

- Tour Start Time: Tour will commence at 1500 hours
- Tour Duration: Approximately 2 hours
- Conditions: Law enforcement officers may carry their service weapon as long as it is declared at the magnetometers
- Transportation Needs: Bus transportation will depart the Convention Center at TBD hours. Buses will return at TBD hours. The tour is also within walking distance of the Convention Center (.x miles/approximately x minutes).
- Tour Limit: 225
- Other Limits: None

THE EVOLUTION AND STATE OF THE ART OF THE DEFINITION OF HOMELAND SECURITY IN FEDERAL STRATEGIES, PLANS, AND RELATED DOCUMENTS

Best practice is based on conceptual clarity, which the homeland security enterprise as a national effort still lacks. While valuable analyses of how homeland security pre-dates and transcends 9/11 have increased, systematic study of how the concept and meaning of homeland security have evolved over the past 20 years continues to be scarce. This presentation will introduce results from a recently conducted empirical study (quantitative systematic review) of the 2001-2021 evolution of official homeland security definitions from related federal strategies, frameworks, guidelines, the QHSRs, enterprise agencies' FY strategic plans, and pertinent legislation. Continuing and changing ingredients of the sprouting public policy and strategy definition of homeland security will be identified. The findings are of relevance for policymakers, practitioners, analysts, and scholars alike, who all need to understand the empirical picture of defined strategic priorities for homeland security beyond its high-level boilerplate language. A more detailed conceptual understanding of the very term of homeland security also offers new opportunities for contributors across the whole community to position and reassure themselves as active parts of the widely distributed homeland security enterprise.

Learning Objectives:



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- Understand the evolution of the concept of homeland security Explain the development and shifting of homeland security goals and principles
- Apply empirical homeland security semantics to your own day-to-day work in the enterprise

Targeted Audience:

- Homeland security and emergency management planners and practitioners
- Academics/training instructors
- General audience

CASE STUDY: HOW CLEVELAND IMPLEMENTED A UNIFIED PUBLIC SAFETY TECHNOLOGY PLATFORM FOR INTELLIGENCE SHARING

In 2021 the Cleveland Division of Police kicked off a project to modernize their intelligence infrastructure and create a true real-time intelligence center. This project involved the unification of all city and transit cameras, gunfire detectors, automatic vehicle locators, CAD, and other critical systems onto a single platform. This project also integrated community resources into Cleveland's public safety net, bringing in community cameras and floorplans from locations ranging from FirstEnergy Stadium to local small businesses.

The goal of this project was to implement a holistic and community-centered public safety ecosystem in the City of Cleveland, as well as to create a highly efficient situational awareness network for command staff, officers, and investigators.

Join us for an interactive session to learn how agencies can leverage lessons from the Cleveland Police Department to implement their own technology and community-centered policing strategies and create better public safety outcomes.

Learning Objectives:

- How to build a community-centered public safety ecosystem.
- Leveraging new technologies to create affordable real-time intelligence centers.
- Breaking down silos to improve situational awareness and power crime mitigation efforts.

PREPAREDNESS GRANTS MEET UP FOR STATE ADMINISTRATIVE AGENCIES REPRESENTATIVES

The presentation will actually be a discussion among representatives of the FEMA Preparedness Grants State Administrative Agencies (SAA's). FEMA hosts a town hall each year at the NHSC to discuss topics and provide information from the federal government perspective related to the FEMA Preparedness Grant Programs. The meeting request that is being submitted today would be for representatives from SAA's to have a discussion among their fellow SAA colleagues in order to meet, discuss best practices, and form a working group that will facilitate further colleague discussion, and assist new colleagues. The basic format is to identify an experienced colleague for each of the FEMA Preparedness Grant Programs as a subject matter expert, which could facilitate discussion, or answer questions for their program of expertise. The request for this session should take place hopefully prior to the FEMA Town Hall so that SAA's can assist other colleagues with items related to state administration that don't involve matters related to FEMA. Hopefully this session will allow the FEMA town hall to be more focused on those strictly federal government to SAA related matters.

Objectives:

- Meet fellow colleagues through ought the states and territories who administer FEMA Preparedness Grants at State Administrative Agencies.



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- Discuss issues and best practices by other states and territories for administering FEMA Preparedness Grants across programs.
- Develop a working group among states and territories colleagues in order to assist new SAA employees in the future, and facilitate further discussion related to how SAA 's administer FEMA Preparedness Grants programs.

WEDNESDAY'S GENERAL SESSION ADDRESSES

“NOT JUST ADAPTING...BUT PERSEVERING”, with NICK GATTO – MOTIVATIONAL SPEAKER

Many people ask, “What is your handicap?” Your handicap may be challenges you face; setbacks or limitations you find yourself encountering; or the excuses you tell yourself why you can't achieve something. What you tell yourself in a negative way ultimately limits your ability to achieve your true potential.

Learning Objectives:

- 1.) How do YOU overcome the limitations you've placed on others?
- 2.) How do YOU plan to help them overcome the challenges they face?
- 3.) How do YOU personally find a way to look internally to erase any limitations or challenges you face to help others?

“DOMESTIC TERRORISM IN A POST-JANUARY 6TH WORLD: IMPLICATIONS FOR HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PROFESSIONALS, with DR. CHRISTOPHER RODRIGUEZ, DIRECTOR OF THE HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY, WASHINGTON, DC (HSEMA)

The events of January 6, 2021 represented an inflection point in our nation's history—one that shifted the threat landscape in ways that yielded new and enduring challenges for homeland security and emergency management professionals across the federal, state, and local spectrums. Drawing on firsthand accounts of executive decision-making in the weeks and days leading up to the US Capitol riot, as well as the tense hours that unfolded that day, Dr. Rodriguez will provide conference attendees with unique insight into the event's planning, preparedness, and response. He will provide a candid assessment of the intelligence and information-sharing mechanisms that existed prior to January 6, how they succeeded or failed, and how HSEMA has adapted to the new threat landscape in the Nation's capital. As a former CIA officer, Dr. Rodriguez will also assess what the future looks like on the domestic terrorism front and how, as homeland security and emergency management professionals, we can best prepare for what is likely to come in the years ahead, especially as the 2024 presidential election looms on the horizon.



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THURSDAY'S GENERAL SESSION ADDRESS AND POST-CONFERENCE IN-DEPTH DISCUSSION

CHRISTMAS DAY 2020 NASHVILLE BOMBING – AN IN-DEPTH DISCUSSION; WHAT HAPPENED, WHY IT MATTERS, AND HOW TO PREVENT OR MITIGATE A SIMILAR ATTACK”

The goals of this in-depth discussion will be to illuminate to the community the broadly applicable lessons learned about the Nashville bombing, particularly around continued threats, and common vulnerabilities of terrorism, increasing cyber-physical consequence dynamics, and how cascading impacts can occur in unexpected ways that highlights the interrelationship between critical infrastructure security and regional or even national resilience. Since the Nashville bombing, the importance of those lessons took on new urgency due to passage of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) and associated opportunities to leverage infrastructure investment as a means to build-in security and resilience.