

Emergency Management Association of Georgia
2026 Emergency Management & Training Sessions
Training Sessions Agenda

Wednesday, April 1st, 2026

10:15 AM – 11:30 AM

- Session: **Case-Based HAZMAT Decontamination: Right Decision at the Right Time!**
Presenters: Ziad Kazzi, Tyler Lopachin, Emily Kiernan, Esther Hwang
Location: Meeting Room #3

- Session: **“What the App” – Not just information...Action powered by Connection.**
Presenters: Kate Liepins and Michael Cooper
Location: Meeting Room #4

- Session: **Coordinating the Unthinkable: Emergency Management Strategies for Mass Fatality Incidents.**
Presenters: Randy Graham and Nick Bailey
Location: Meeting Room #5

- Session: **Avengers Assemble: Building Your Emergency Management Team**
Presenter: Spencer Hawkins
Location: Ben Porter Oceanside Salon/Meeting Room #6

- Session: **Psychological Consequences of Climate-Driven Disasters in Georgia: Emerging Trends and Preparedness Needs.**
Presenter: Kalie Burke
Location: Meeting Room #7

- Session: **Tabletop to Reality: Lessons from Recent Exercises and How They Translated (or Didn't) to Real-World Active Threat Events.**
Presenters: Jen Wade and Chuck John
Location: Meeting Room #8

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1:30 PM – 2:45 PM

- Session: **Cybersecurity in Critical Infrastructure for Emergency Management**
Presenter: Timothy Haigh
Location: Meeting Room #3

- Session: **Family Preparedness for First Responders**
Presenters: Paul Purcell and Gary Glemboski
Location: Meeting Room #4

- Session: **BC Eddy LODD/Reefer Awareness Training**
Presenter: Rodney Wiggins
Location: Meeting Room #5

- Session: **Strengthening Disaster Recovery with Crisis Track**
Presenter: Blake Shephard, Cynthia Mihelich, Tim Reeve, Jonathan Jones
Location: Ben Porter Oceanside Salon/Meeting Room #6

- Session: **Yay! You're finally a planner! Now what?**
Presenter: Allison Juarez
Location: Meeting Room #7

- Session: **Marketing Matters: Marketing and Communication Strategies for Healthcare Entities**
Presenters: Erin Mumper and Alyssa Ragan
Location: Meeting Room #8

- Session: **The Voice of the Incident: School Call Centers During Crisis**
Presenters: Christina Byrd, Kristina Horsley, and Richard Knox
Location: Meeting Room #9

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3:15 PM – 4:30 PM

- Session: **GDOT Update**
Presenter: Matt Needham
Location: Meeting Room #3

- Session: **Responding to Dementia in the Field**
Presenter: Alexis Williams
Location: Meeting Room #4

- Session: Dual Power: **Strengthening Georgia's Emergency Managers through IAEM Certification**
Presenter: Lanita Lloyd
Location: Meeting Room #5

- Session: **Emergency Management Assistance Team: An Overview**
Presenters: Landon Hendrix, Courtney Bourgoquin, Seth Sawyer, and Alec Eaton
Location: Ben Porter Oceanside Salon/Meeting Room #6

- Session: **Friend-Working: How Conferences Turn Strangers into State-Wide Success Stories**
Presenters: Janine Edelen and Randy Graham
Location: Meeting Room #7

- Session: Dual Power: **4th Civil Support Team Capabilities Brief**
Presenter: Justin Jones
Location: Meeting Room #8

- Session: Dual Power: **Building a Mission-Ready Telehealth Strike Team for MRC Units**
Presenter: Stephanie Payne
Location: Meeting Room #9

Thursday, April 2nd, 2026

8:30 AM – 9:45 AM

- Session: **GEMA/HS Training Update**
Presenter: Melissa Slocumb
Location: Meeting Room #3

- Session: **AI Today in Preparation for Tomorrow - Building a Sustainable AI Engagement Model for Emergency Management**
Presenters: Jeremy Bersin and Alec Eaton
Location: Meeting Room #4

- Session: **Insight into Action: Leveraging your HIRA for a Stronger Emergency Management Program.**
Presenter: Matt Stanley
Location: Meeting Room #5

- Session: **Warming and Cooling Centers: A multi-tiered approach**
Presenter: Meredith Barnum
Location: Ben Porter Oceanside Salon/Meeting Room #6

- Session: **Healthcare Operational Status Tracking in WebEOC: A Collaborative Approach**
Presenter: Frank Daniell
Location: Meeting Room #7

- Session: **Strengthening Resilience Through Community Partnerships, LTRGs, and Individual Assistance Programs**
Presenters: Amanda Fowler and Na Bullock
Location: Meeting Room #8

- Session: **Preparedness and Prevention: All Hands on Deck**
Presenters: Alyssa Ragan and Gretchen Alexander
Location: Meeting Room #9

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- Session: **Choosing Your Own Mass Care Adventure**
Presenter: Steven Meyer
Location: Meeting Room #3

- Session: **Emergency Management Assistance Team: An Overview**
Presenters: Landon Hendrix, Courtney Bourgouin, Alec Eaton, and Seth Sawyer
Location: Meeting Room #4

- Session: **National Weather Service Transformation and Future EM Support Needs**
Presenter: National Weather Service
Location: Meeting Room #5

- Session: **IPAWS For Everyone**
Presenter: Savannah Roberts
Location: Ben Porter Oceanside Salon/Meeting Room #6

- Session: **Succession Planning for Emergency Management: Building Continuity and Legacy**
Presenter: Tiffany Yearwood
Location: Meeting Room #7

- Session: **Mouflage! Rouge! Adding makeup to your exercises to enhance realism**
Presenters: Jana Tolleson and Mac McCormick
Location: Meeting Room #8

- Session: **The Southern Regional Disaster Response System: Progress Toward Strengthening Region 4's Preparedness and Response Framework**
Presenter: Dr. Alex Isakov
Location: Meeting Room #9

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- Session: **Pandemic Preparedness and Emerging Threats**
Presenter: Dr. James O’Neal
Location: Meeting Room #3

- Session: **Enhancing Event and Infrastructure Protection through Deployment of a Vehicle Barrier System**
Presenter: Warren Shepard
Location: Meeting Room #4

- Session: **A New Era of Messaging & Support – A Look Back at How Probabilistic Weather Information Helped Prepare for Several High-Impact Weather Events Across Georgia**
Presenter: National Weather Service
Location: Meeting Room #5

- Session: **Building Relationships in Local EM One BBQ Sandwich at a Time**
Presenter: Robby Westbrook
Location: Ben Porter Oceanside Salon/Meeting Room #6

- Session: **Living Shorelines: A Resilient Approach to Erosion**
Presenters: Meghan Angelina and Jennifer Kline
Location: Meeting Room #7

- Session: **Coordinated Care and Campus Continuity: Lessons from the GT FAC and UGA UAC Models**
Presenters: Paul Link, William Smith, and Adam Fouche
Location: Meeting Room #8

- Session: **Develop and execute a region-wide Emergency Preparedness Program for 400+ sites across multiple cities, integrating hazard analysis with innovative education, training, and planning solutions to ensure operational readiness.**
Presenter: Jane Wade
Location: Meeting Room #9

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- Session: **Strengthening Cross-State Disaster Response: Developing a Regional MOCC**
Presenter: Madeleine Nuebel
Location: Meeting Room #3

- Session: **Navigating Hard Conversations with Your Community**
Presenter: Sarah Lux
Location: Meeting Room #4

- Session: **Listening Session: Navigating Disaster Financial Aid Requirements**
Presenter: Katie Hill
Location: Meeting Room #5

- Session: **FEMA Public Assistance: Emergency and Permanent Work**
Presenter: Dionne Askew
Location: Ben Porter Oceanside Salon/Meeting Room #6

- Session: **From Crisis to Care: Accessing Georgia's Office of Public Safety Support Peer Program**
Presenters: Ashley Tye and Wes Horne
Location: Meeting Room #7

- Session: **From Surge to Solutions: Disaster Virtual Care**
Presenter: Stephanie Payne
Location: Meeting Room #8