

# 2026 Arkansas Emergency Management Conference

	<b>Rogers Convention Center, 3303 S Pinnacle Hills Pkwy, Rogers, AR 72758</b>		
	<b>Date:</b>	Monday August 31, 2026	
	<b>Location:</b>	Embassy Suites by Hilton Rogers Hotel, Spa & Convention Center, Ambassador A; Creeks Golf Course, 1499 S Main St Cave Springs, AR 72718	

<u>Start</u>	<u>End</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Contact</u>
8:00 AM	5:00 PM	AWR376 Understanding a Cyber targeted Attack	Ambassador A	<b>TEEX ADEM Training Branch</b>
11:30 AM	6:00 PM	5th Annual Arkansas Emergency Management Association Scholarship Golf Tournament	Creeks Golf Course, 1499 S Main St, Cave Springs, AR 72718	<b>AEMA Board Members</b>

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<b>Date:</b>	Tuesday September 1, 2026
<b>Location:</b>	Rogers Convention Center

<u>Start</u>	<u>End</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Contact</u>
9:00 AM	10:30 AM	Morning Meet and Greet	Ambassador A	Various ADEM Staff
10:00 AM	4:00 PM	Registration / Check-in Opens	Grand Registration	<b>AEMA Board Members</b>
10:00 AM	4:00 PM	Vendor Registration/Setup begins	Grand Ballroom V	<b>AEMA Board Members</b>
1:00 PM	2:00 PM	Opening Ceremony	Grand Ballroom VI	Various listed below
		Posting of the Colors		
		National Anthem & Pledge of Allegiance		<b>LeBryant Crew</b> Arkansas Native The Voice Season 16, Team Adam
		Invocation		<b>Anthony Coy</b> Director Craighead County Emergency Management Northeast Area Representative Arkansas Emergency Management Association
		AEMA Welcome and Introductions		<b>LeeAnn Smith</b> Southeast Area Coordinator Arkansas Division of Emergency Management President, Arkansas Emergency Management Association
		ADEM Welcome and Introductions		<b>A.J. Gary</b> Director and State Homeland Security Advisor Arkansas Division of Emergency Management
		Department of Public Safety Welcome		<b>Mike Hagar</b> Secretary, Department of Public Safety Director, Arkansas State Police

		Benton County Welcome		<b>The Honorable Barry Moehring</b> Benton County Judge
		City Of Rogers Welcome		<b>The Honorable Greg Hines</b> Mayor of the City of Rogers
		Rogers-Lowell Chamber Welcome		<b>J.R. Shaw, IOM</b> Executive Director, Destination Rogers Executive Vice President, RLC
2:00 PM	2:15 PM	State of ADEM Address		<b>A.J. Gary</b> Director and State Homeland Security Advisor Arkansas Division of Emergency Management
2:15 PM	2:45 PM	FEMA Region VI Update		<b>Arsany Thomas</b> Acting Region VI Director Federal Emergency Management Agency
2:45 PM	3:00 PM	Break		
3:00 PM	4:00 PM	The Disasters Response Coordination System: Providing NASA Data and Expertise for Emergency Response	Grand Ballroom VI	<b>William Stefanov</b> NASA Disasters Response Coordination System (DRCS) Center Response Coordinator, Johnson Space Center Senior Earth System Scientist
4:00 PM	4:30 PM	AEMA General Membership Annual Meeting	Grand Ballroom VI	<b>AEMA Membership</b>
7:00 PM		Hospitality Opens	Razorback Rm	<b>Onterris, Code 3, E3</b>

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**Date:** *Wednesday September 2, 2026*  
**Location:** *Rogers Convention Center*

<u>Start</u>	<u>End</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Contact</u>
8:30 AM	5:00 PM	Registration/Check-in Opens Vendor Hall Opens	Grand Registration Grand Ballroom V	<b>AEMA Board Members Vendors/Sponsors</b>
8:45 AM	9:00 AM	Morning Announcements and Door Prizes	Grand Ballroom VI	<b>AEMA Board Members</b>
9:00 AM	9:45 AM	First Baptist Church of Sutherland Springs - A Case Study	Grand Ballroom VI	<b>Jeff Murry</b> U.S. Secret Service National Threat Assessment Center - Program Manager
9:45 AM	10:00 AM	Break - Visit Our Vendors/Sponsors	Grand Ballroom V	<b>Vendors/Sponsors</b>
10:00 AM	10:45 AM	The use of AI in an integrated drone program for location missing persons	Ambassador A	<b>Robert Shepherd</b> Grant County SAR
10:00 AM	10:45 AM	ATU Advisory Board Meeting	Ambassador B	<b>Arkansas Tech University</b>
10:00 AM	10:45 AM	An overview of The Salvation Army Emergency Disaster Services	Ambassador C	<b>Kevin Chinault</b> Director of Emergency Disaster Services, The Salvation Army - Arkansas Oklahoma Division
10:00 AM	10:45 AM	AWIN TDMA and simulcast systems updates	Ambassador D	<b>AWIN Operations &amp; Jeremy Ranson</b>

10:45 AM	11:15 AM	Break- Visit Our Vendors/Sponsors	Grand Ballroom V	<b>Vendors/Sponsors</b>
11:15 AM	1:00 PM	Keynote Lunch - Leading Before, During and After the Crisis	Grand Ballroom VI	<b>Dan Linskey</b> Chief, Boston Police Department (Ret.) Incident Commander, Boston Marathon Bombing Managing Director, Kroll
1:00 PM	1:30 PM	Break - Visit Our Vendors/Sponsors	Grand Ballroom V	<b>Vendors/Sponsors</b>
1:30 PM	2:15 PM	The Liar's Dividend: How AI generated deepfakes pose a serious and growing threat to disaster response.	Ambassador A	<b>Alan Sutton</b> Cyber Intelligence Analyst ASP/ Arkansas State Fusion Center
1:30 PM	2:15 PM	State Ground SAR Coordinators: Resources and Support for Local Agencies	Ambassador B	<b>Klay Rowbotham and Fred Mullen</b> State Ground SAR Coordinators
1:30 PM	2:15 PM	Working with VOAD Partners	Ambassador C	<b>Recovery Branch</b> <b>ADEM</b>
1:30 PM	2:15 PM	Rebuilding Fed-Aid Roads and Bridges after a disaster utilizing the FHWA Emergency Relief (ER) Grant Program.	Ambassador D	<b>Michael Kelly</b> Staff Maintenance Engineer, ArDOT ESF - 1 Liaison, ADEM
2:15 PM	3:15 PM	Break - Visit Our Vendors/Sponsors *Refreshments Available*	Grand Ballroom V	<b>Vendors/Sponsors</b>
3:15 PM	3:30 PM	Announcements and Door Prizes	Grand Ballroom VI	<b>AEMA Board Members</b>
3:30 PM	4:30 PM	How NextGen911 was leveraged statewide to provide uninterrupted 911 service to callers amidst one of the most catastrophic storms to impact North Carolina.	Grand Ballroom VI	<b>Pokey Harris</b> NC DIT/NC 911 Board - Executive Director <b>Tom Rogers</b> Network Engineer and Program Manager
4:30 PM	5:00 PM	Break-Visit Our Vendors/Sponsors	Grand Ballroom V	<b>Vendors/Sponsors</b>
7:00 PM		Hospitality Opens	Razorback Rm	<b>Onterris, Code 3, E3</b>

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**Date:** Thursday September 3, 2026  
**Location:** Rogers Convention Center

<u>Start</u>	<u>End</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Contact</u>
8:45 AM	4:00 PM	Registration/Check-in Opens	Grand Registration	<b>AEMA Board Members</b>
8:45 AM	12:00 PM	Vendor Hall Opens	Grand Ballroom V	<b>Vendors/Sponsors</b>
9:00 AM	9:15 AM	Morning Announcements and Door Prizes	Grand Ballroom V	<b>AEMA Board Members</b>
9:15 AM	11:45 AM	Network with the Vendors *Refreshments Available*	Grand Ballroom V	<b>Vendors/Sponsors</b>
12:00 PM	1:00 PM	Awards Luncheon	Grand Ballroom VI	<b>AEMA Board Members</b>
1:00 PM	1:15 PM	Break		
1:15 PM	2:15 PM	Certified Emergency Manager Exam	Ambassador A	<b>Azell J. Carter Jr., MSc, CEM®, TEM®</b> Emergency Management Coordinator Pasadena Office of Emergency Management
1:15 PM	2:15 PM	Working With VOAD Partners	Ambassador B	<b>Recovery Branch ADEM</b>
1:15 PM	2:15 PM	AI for Emergency Management	Ambassador C	<b>Jason Rinker</b> Stronghold Data
1:15 PM	2:15 PM	Why Won't They Just Do What I Tell Them To Do?	Ambassador D	<b>Chief Mike Alexander</b> - Managing Principal, LIOL Institute; Retired Law Enforcement <b>Beth Gray</b> - Professor of Emergency Management, ATU; Enneagram Specialist, Graymatters Enneagram

2:15 PM	2:30 PM	Break		
2:30 PM	3:30 PM	Enhancing Preparedness: Integrating the new NWS Ops Model with Emergency Management	Grand Ballroom VI	<b>Tabitha Clark</b> , Senior Service Hydrologist/Meteorologist <b>Jimmy Barham</b> , Meteorologist In Charge <b>Dennis Cavanaugh</b> , Warning Coordination Meteorologist
3:30 PM	4:30 PM	SARCOP - Situational awareness for tomorrow's disaster	Grand Ballroom VI	<b>Randel Green</b> - Captain, Conway Fire, EMS Division; AR-TF1 Planning Manager <b>Brad Sanders</b> - Captain - Rescue 2, Little Rock Fire Dept; AR-TF1 Search Team Member <b>Tommy Hall</b> - Captain - Engine 3, Jonesboro Fire Dept; AR-TF1 Search Team Member
7:00 PM	10:00 PM	"Eat, Drink, Play, Watch" *A Shuttle Service will be available starting at 6:30 PM at the Embassy Suites Hotel Entrance*	D&B 2203 S Promenade Blvd #6000, Rogers, AR 72756	<b>Pafford, Motorola, The Resiliency Initiative and Smith Two Way Radio</b>
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**Date:** *Friday September 4, 2026*

**Location:** *Rogers Convention Center*

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9:00 AM	9:15 AM	Morning Announcements and Door Prizes	Grand Ballroom VI	<b>AEMA Board Members</b>
9:15 AM	10:15 AM	Recovery Panel	Grand Ballroom VI	<b>Recovery Branch ADEM</b>
10:15 AM	11:00 AM	Disaster Preparedness Among Older Adult Populations	Grand Ballroom VI	<b>Peter Babatuyl</b> UAMS, Doctoral Student
11:00 AM	11:15 AM	Closing Remarks, Door Prizes, & Dismissal	Grand Ballroom VI	<b>A.J. Gary</b> Director and State Homeland Security Advisor Arkansas Division of Emergency Management & <b>LeeAnn Smith</b> Southeast Area Coordinator Arkansas Division of Emergency Management President, Arkansas Emergency Management Association