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AUGUST 26 - AUGUST 29



# ARKANSAS

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT  
CONFERENCE

2025

*Thank You*

TO OUR ESTEEMED GUESTS

———— KEYNOTE SPEAKER ————

## Kris “Tanto” Paronto

Keynote Speaker

Former Army Ranger & CIA Security Contractor  
Founder, 14<sup>th</sup> Hour Foundation

Keynote Lunch

Wednesday, August 27, 2025 - 11:15 a.m.



**Inspiring Hero of the 2012 Benghazi Attack & Subject  
of the Book and Major Motion Picture, 13 Hours**



## Colonel Mike Hagar

Arkansas Department of Public Safety  
Arkansas State Police

Department of Public Safety Welcome  
Tuesday, August 26, 2025 - 1:30 p.m.

## Director A.J. Gary

Arkansas Division of Emergency Management  
State Homeland Security Advisor

ADEM Welcome & Introductions  
State of ADEM Address

Tuesday, August 26, 2025 - 1:30 & 2:30 p.m.



# ARKANSAS EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION



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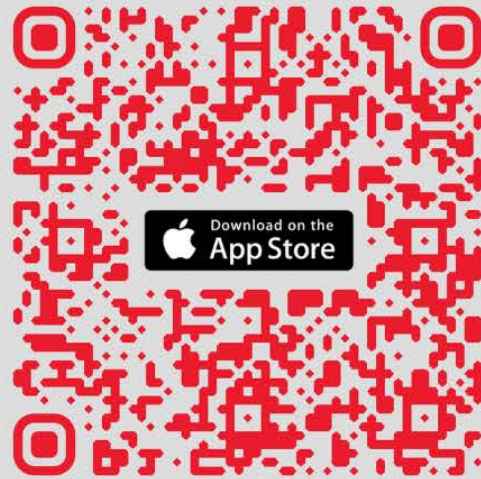
*ADEM Rep*    **Justin Vint** - Deputy Director of Infrastructure & Support, ADEM

# MONDAY, AUGUST 25, 2025

TIME	DESCRIPTION	LOCATION	CONTACT
8:00-4:00	AR-26 Guide to Points of Distribution (POD)	Ambassador A	ADEM Training Branch
7:30-4:00	4th Annual Arkansas Emergency Management Association Scholarship Golf Tournament	Creeks Golf Course, 1499 S Main St, Cave Springs, AR 72718	AEMA Board Members



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# TUESDAY, AUGUST 26, 2025

TIME	DESCRIPTION	LOCATION	CONTACT
8:00-12:00	AR-26 Guide to Points of Distribution (POD)	Ambassador A	ADEM Training Branch
10:00-4:00	Attendee Registration - Vendor Registration Setup	Grand Registration / Grand Ballroom V	AEMA Board Members
1:30-2:30	Opening Ceremony	Grand Ballroom VI	Various - Listed Below
	Posting of Colors	Grand Ballroom VI	Rogers Fire Department Honor Guard
	National Anthem & Pledge of Allegiance	Grand Ballroom VI	LeBryant Crew: The Voice Season 16, Team Adam
	Invocation	Grand Ballroom VI	Anthony Coy: EM Director, Craighead County - NE Area Representative, AEMA
	AEMA Welcome & Introductions	Grand Ballroom VI	LeeAnn Smith: SE Area Coordinator, ADEM - President, AEMA
	ADEM Welcome & Introductions	Grand Ballroom VI	Director A.J. Gary: ADEM - State Homeland Security Advisor
	Department of Public Safety Welcome	Grand Ballroom VI	Colonel Mike Hagar: Secretary, DPS - Director, Arkansas State Police
	Benton County Welcome	Grand Ballroom VI	The Honorable Barry Moehring: Benton County Judge
	City of Rogers Welcome	Grand Ballroom VI	The Honorable Greg Hines: City of Rogers Mayor
	Rogers-Lowell Chamber Welcome	Grand Ballroom VI	J.R. Shaw, IOM: Executive Director, Destination Rogers Executive Vice President, RLC
2:30-2:45	State of ADEM Address	Grand Ballroom VI	Director A.J. Gary: ADEM - State Homeland Security Advisor
2:45-3:15	FEMA Region VI Update	Grand Ballroom VI	Gerard Stolar: Acting Regional Administrator, U.S. Dept. of Homeland Security, FEMA Region VI

3:15-3:30	Break		
3:30-4:30	Use of Artificial Intelligence in Emergency Management	Grand Ballroom VI	Jason Rincker: Stronghold Data
4:30 - 5:00	AEMA General Membership Annual Meeting and Bi-Annual Election	Grand Ballroom VI	AEMA Membership
7:00	Hospitality Opens	TBA	CTEH, E3

## WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27, 2025

TIME	DESCRIPTION	LOCATION	CONTACT
8:30-5:00	Registration / Vendor Hall Opens	Grand Registration / Grand Ballroom V	AEMA Board Members Vendors / Sponsors
8:45-9:00	Morning Announcements, Weather Briefing, & Door Prizes	Grand Ballroom VI	AEMA Board Members, NWS Partners
9:00-9:45	Community Preparedness & Resiliency in a Changing Media Landscape	Grand Ballroom VI	Skot Covert: Chief Meteorologist, 5NEWS
9:45-10:00	Break - Visit with Vendors/Sponsors	Grand Ballroom V	Vendors / Sponsors
10:00-10:45	AWIN Talkgroups	Ambassador A	JM Rowe: AR ICTU Committee Chair, AR SHARES/AUXCOMM/ESF 2 Liason Michael Hollinger: AWIN Operations
10:00-10:45	How Do We Encourage Adult Learners?	Ambassador B	Rodney Foster: VFIS of Arkansas Education, Training & Consulting Team
10:00-10:45	Not Your Grandpa's EMAC Deployment	Ambassador C	Michael Kelly: Staff Maintenance Engineer, ArDot ESF 1 Liason
10:45-11:15	Break - Visit with Vendors/Sponsors	Grand Ballroom V	Vendors / Sponsors
11:15-1:15	Keynote Lunch - "Crucible of Crisis: Resilience in the Face of Adversity"	Grand Ballroom VI	Kris "Tanto" Paronto: American author, Businessman, Former Army Ranger and CIA Security Contractor 14 <sup>th</sup> Hour Foundation, Founder

1:15-1:30	Break - Visit Our Vendors / Sponsors	Grand Ballroom V	Vendors / Sponsors
1:30-2:15	The First Ten Minutes	Ambassador A	<b>Kyle Curry:</b> Deputy Director Washington County OEM
1:30-2:15	Next-Generation Response: The Roles of GIS, Fire Services & the 911 Board	Ambassador B	<b>CJ Engel:</b> Arkansas 911 Board <b>Louis Eckelhoff:</b> Arkansas Fire Services <b>Katy Hattenhauer:</b> Arkansas GIS
1:30-2:15	Exploring State-Led Efforts in the Evolving Disaster Landscape	Ambassador C	<b>Jodi Lee:</b> ADEM Deputy Director, Recovery & Mitigation <b>JoAnn Agee:</b> ADEM Individual Assistance Officer <b>Paige Brown:</b> ADEM Public Assistance Officer
1:30-2:15	Becoming the Trusted Source: Designing Impactful Crisis Communications	Ambassador D	<b>Andrea Davis, CEM, CBCP:</b> President & CEO, The Resiliency Initiative
2:15-3:15	Break - Visit Our Vendors/Sponsors *Refreshments Available*	Grand Ballroom V	Vendors / Sponsors
3:15-3:30	Announcements & Door Prizes	Grand Ballroom VI	AEMA Board Members
3:30-4:30	Integrating Private Sector Resources into Emergency Management Operations	Grand Ballroom VI	<b>CDR Joseph Leonard, MS, CEM:</b> President & Chief Operating Officer, United Services Consulting Group, LLC
4:30-5:00	Break - Visit with Vendors/Sponsors	Grand Ballroom V	Vendors / Sponsors
7:00	Hospitality Opens	TBA	CTEH, E3

## THURSDAY, AUGUST 28, 2025

TIME	DESCRIPTION	LOCATION	CONTACT
8:45-4:00	Registration/Check-in Opens	Grand Registration	AEMA Board Members

8:45-1200	Vendor Hall Opens	Grand Ballroom V	Vendors / Sponsors
9:00-9:15	Morning Announcements, Weather Briefing, & Door Prizes	Grand Ballroom V	AEMA Board Members NWS Partners
9:15-11:45	Network with Vendors *Refreshments Available*	Grand Ballroom V	Vendors / Sponsors
11:30-11:45	Vendor Giveaways & Door Prizes	Grand Ballroom V	AEMA Board Members Vendors / Sponsors
12:00-1:00	Awards Luncheon	Grand Ballroom VI	AEMA Board Members
1:00-1:30	Break - Board Bus for Wal-Mart EOC Tour # 1	Grand Registration	
1:30-3:00	Wal-Mart EOC Tour #1	Wal-Mart EOC	AEMA Board Members
1:30-2:30	Arkansas 911 Board Meeting	Ambassador A	Arkansas 911 Board Members
1:30-2:30	Cyber-Physical Threats, Vulnerabilities, & CISA's No-cost Resources Available	Ambassador B	Gayle Combs, Cybersecurity Advisor Glenn Moore, Supervisory Protective Security Advisor
1:30-2:30	Beyond the Forecast: An Interactive Tabletop Exercise for Campground Safety Including Flood Inundation Maps & Evacuation Preparation	Ambassador C	Tabitha Clark: Senior Service Hydrologist, National Weather Service
1:30-2:30	Is an IMT in your Future?	Ambassador D	James Mason: Incident Management Teams Association Incident Qualifications Committee Chair
2:30-3:00	Break - Board Bus for Wal-Mart EOC Tour # 2	Grand Registration	
3:00-4:30	Wal-Mart EOC Tour #2	Wal-Mart EOC	AEMA Board Members

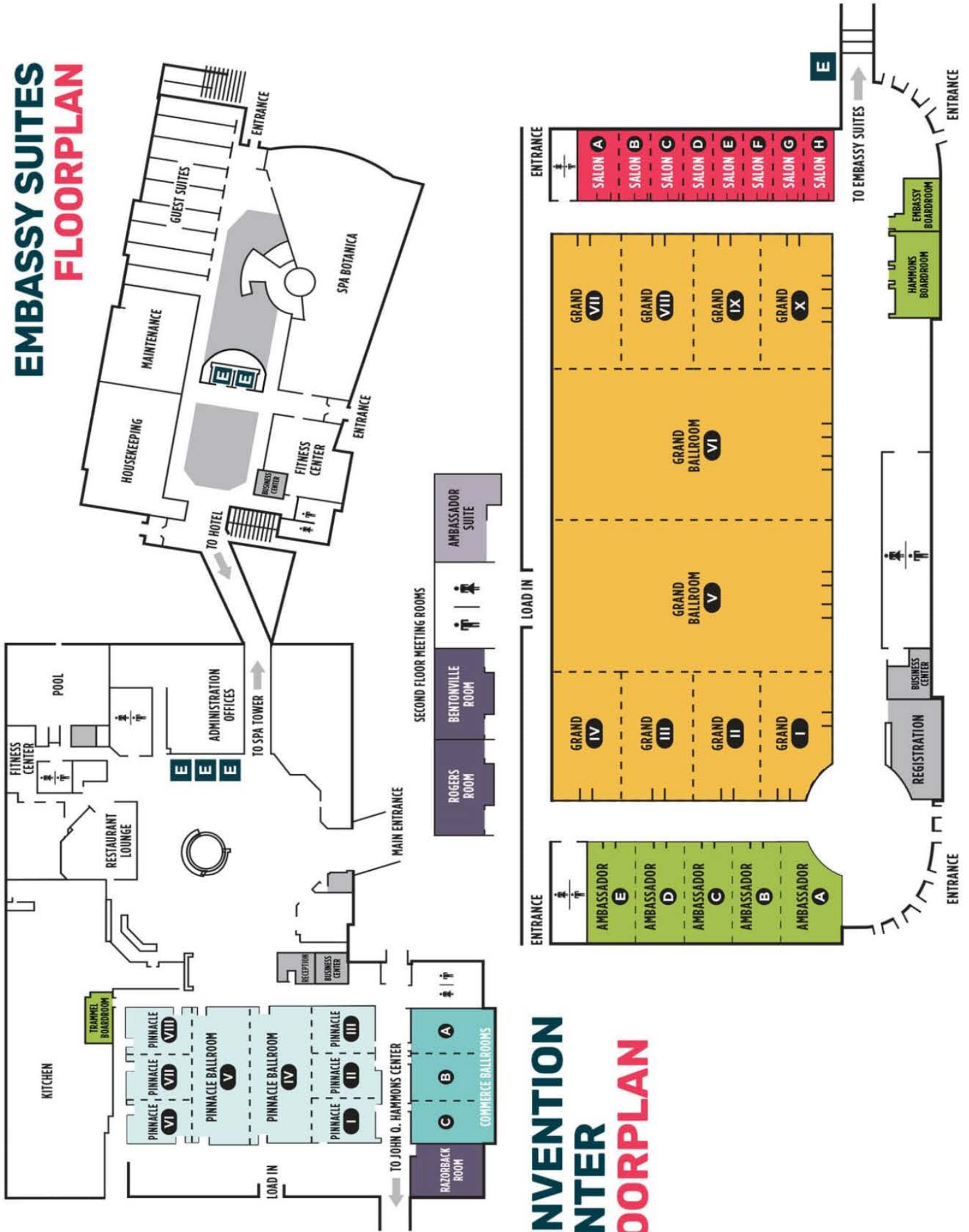
3:00-4:00	Introductions / Q&A	Ambassador A	IAEM - USA Region 6
3:00-4:00	Cyber-Physical Threats, Vulnerabilities, & CISA's No-cost Resources Available	Ambassador B	<b>Gayle Combs:</b> Cybersecurity Advisor <b>Glenn Moore:</b> Supervisory Protective Security Advisor
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3:00-4:00	The Local Emergency Manager & a Missing Person	Ambassador D	Arkansas Search & Rescue Association
6:30-10:00	The Fast Track *A Shuttle Service will be available starting at 6:20PM at the Embassy Suites Hotel Entrance*	<b>K1 Raceway</b> 2107 W Walnut St, Rogers AR 72756	Pafford, Motorola, The Resiliency Initiative, & Smith Two-Way Radio
7:00	Hospitality Opens	TBA	CTEH, E3

## FRIDAY, AUGUST 29, 2025

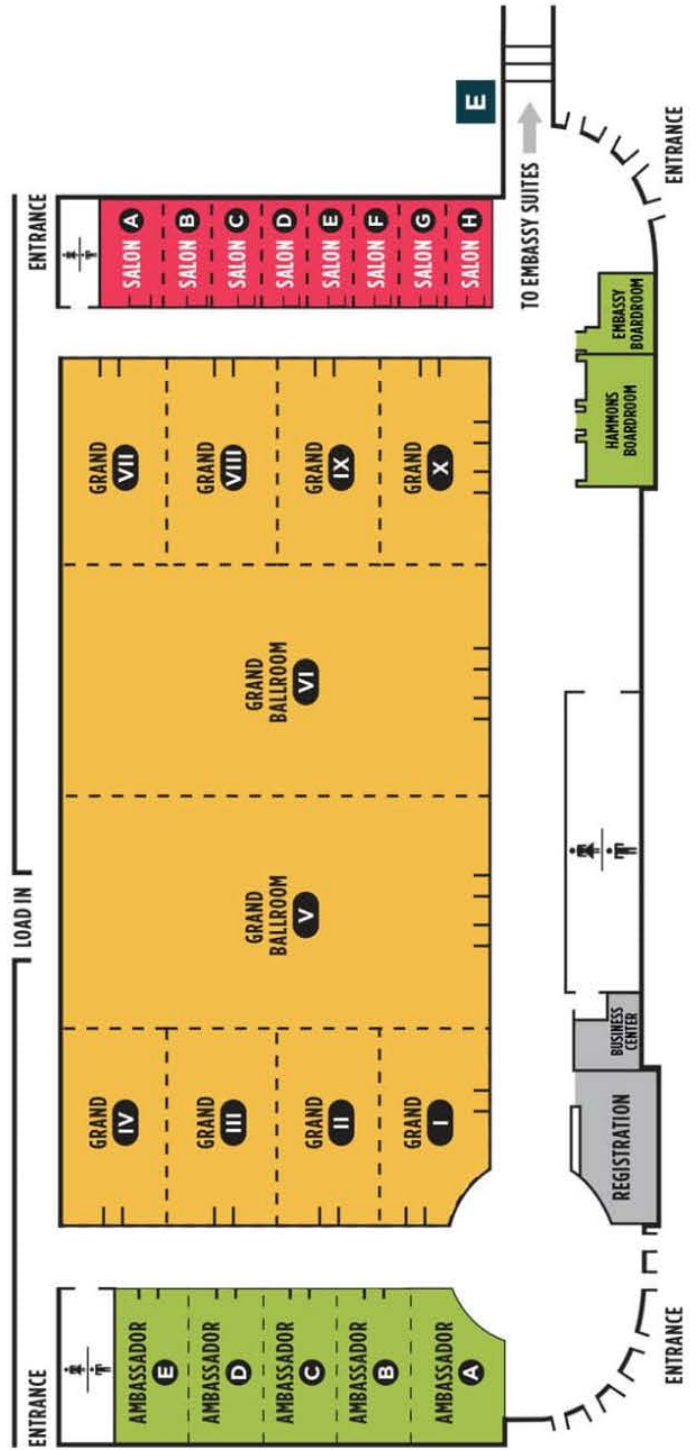
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9:00-9:15	Morning Announcements, Weather Briefing, & Door Prizes	Grand Ballroom VI	AEMA Board Members NWS Partners
9:15-10:15	Arkansas & the New Madrid Seismic Threat: Current Planning Status & Next Steps	Grand Ballroom VI	ADEM Operations Branch: Various Presenters
10:15-11:00	Arkansas Nuclear Planning & Response Program	Grand Ballroom VI	<b>Chris Meyers:</b> NPRP Supervisor/Expert <b>Shawn Howell:</b> NPRP Supervisor/Expert
11:00-11:15	Closing Remarks, Door Prizes, & Dismissal	Grand Ballroom VI	<b>Director A.J. Gary:</b> ADEM - State Homeland Security Advisor <b>LeeAnn Smith:</b> SE Area Coordinator, ADEM - President, AEMA

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