



2015 Illinois Emergency Management Conference

CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS

All Proposals shall be submitted by May 1, 2015

Proposals will be accepted for:

Presentations - Sessions will run one hour and fifteen minutes, allowing in-depth presentation and Q&A.

Panels - Panel discussions will be considered. They may be organized and submitted as a group by a panel coordinator, or an individual may submit a proposal to become part of a panel.

Hands-on Labs - Sessions featuring real world scenarios and advanced techniques will be considered based on applicability and logistical needs.

Presentation Rules:

Content – The conference seeks to educate its audience on best practices and proven advanced techniques, and not promote any specific products. Exhibit space is available for all promotional activity. Only presentations that are product-neutral will be considered. Presentation selections will be made by the conference planning committee based upon desired topics, flow of content, educational value and understanding of the content. All selected content will be published in conference publications and online.

Agenda Schedule – The conference organizers will set the day and time for each presentation, in order to optimize the sequencing and flow of content and tracks. *IEMA will notify all selected speakers by May 30, 2015.*

When & Who Attends?

The 2015 Conference will be held September 8 – 11. More than 1,100 first responders from across Illinois typically attend this conference, including:

- Emergency Management
- Public Health/Medical
- Fire Service
- Law Enforcement
- Public Works
- Elected Officials
- School and Campus Security

Presenter Benefits:

All speakers will receive the following: access to all portions of the Conference including the keynote session, all breakout sessions, panels, and lunch on Thursday. Speakers will be featured in the Conference publication and on the IEMA conference website.

Suggested Presentation and Workshop Topics

- **Cybersecurity:** Intelligence sharing, community and public safety risk communications; network protection; and training and planning;
- **Disaster Recovery:** Short-, intermediate-, and long-term recovery planning; regional or local economic impact; disaster housing; restoration of community lifelines (electric, water, etc);
- **Social Media:** Use of social media in disaster preparedness, response and recovery; and partnerships with the private sector;
- **Hazardous Materials Transportation:** Local Emergency Planning Committee best practices; Bakken crude oil planning and training; commodity flow studies; rail transportation response and recovery;
- **Whole Community:** Engagement of elected officials; utilization of faith-based organizations; public/private partnerships; strategies for community preparedness; managing disaster donations; and functional needs planning;
- **School and Campus Preparedness:** Emergency operations plans, emergency alerting/notification; school/campus and public safety planning teams; behavioral threat and mental health; and facility and community exercises;
- **Local Emergency Management:** Developing volunteer resources; multi-jurisdictional planning; community and individual preparedness; multi-discipline planning teams; rural emergency planning (including utilization of volunteers); and emergency risk communications;
- **Public Health Emergencies:** Partnerships within the public safety community in the prevention, protection, mitigation, response and recovery from a public health emergency involving a highly infectious disease;
- **Other Related Topics:** The Conference Committee will review other topic suggestions presented by prospective speakers

What to Include in Your Proposal:

All speakers must submit the following documents. Incomplete submissions will not be considered.

- Session narrative that includes: targeted topic from aforementioned list, session type (presentation, panel, hands-on), length, full description, and targeted audience
- 3-5 sentence session description (to be used on Conference website and brochure),
- Speaker(s) biography,
- Room set-up requirements,
- Audio/Visual requirements and other IT needs,
- 1-2 professional references or
- Copies of 1-2 prior presentations delivered by speaker(s).

Completed proposals, questions, concerns or comments should be directed to the Conference inbox at:
ema.conference@illinois.gov