

March 31 - April 3, 2014

Renaissance Montgomery Hotel
and Convention Center
Montgomery, Alabama

Hotel Reservations in Montgomery

- When you register for the conference with a valid email address, you will receive a confirmation email with a link to make your hotel reservations.
- The deadline for making hotel reservations is February 28, 2014.
- The standard room rate is \$139.00.

State of Alabama Governor's Preparedness Conference

Hosted by the Alabama Emergency Management Agency

Mark your calendars for the 2014 Governor's Preparedness Conference to be held March 31 - April 3 at the Renaissance Montgomery Hotel and Convention Center in Montgomery, Ala.

The Conference will bring together local, state and federal partners to prepare for the next disaster or emergency, while building a comprehensive network that ensures all understand their key role in the process of managing an emergency.

Enclosed in this registration packet, is a full conference agenda. As you can see from the topics listed, much preparation has been put into making sure the conference is relevant for all areas of emergency and disaster preparedness.

Early registration is \$100 through March 7. After March 7 registration

will be \$150. Cancellations will not be refunded after March 17.

PLEASE NOTE: All registrations must be completed through the Association's online registration system. No paper registrations will be accepted. Instructions on the online registration system are located on page 2 of this packet. In addition, as of Oct. 1, 2011, the ACCA Board of Directors voted to require payment before events, so you will be required to pay by credit card or PayPal account. If you are a state agency that cannot pay by credit card, please call Jennifer Datcher at 334-263-7594.

If you have any questions, please feel free to give me a call at (334) 263-7594 or send email to dkey@alabamacounties.org.



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Registration Instructions

- Registrations will not be accepted via any other method. You MUST register through the online system.
- Go to www.alabamacounties.org
- Click on Events on the top left hand side of the page. Choose the month of March on the calendar and click on State of Alabama Governor's Preparedness Conference. At the bottom of the page click on the red tab that says REGISTER FOR THIS EVENT. (This will open a separate window.)
- On the Upcoming Events page, scroll down and click on the event you would like to register for.
- Click on Register for this Event and it will ask you to enter your primary email address. You must be logged in to register for an event.
- If you have never used our system before you will need to create an account. Go up to New Visitor Registration to create an account. You'll need to enter your contact information and hit Create Account. From there continue on to the next step.
- At any point you can click on Upcoming Events on the left hand side of the page to register for an additional event.
- Select whether you are registering for yourself or a group.
- Look over the badge information provided. From there click on Register Now.
- If you need to register for an additional event (such as an exhibit booth AND sponsorship), click on Continue Shopping.
- When you are ready, hit the Proceed to Checkout button in the shopping cart and follow the directions on the screen.
- Make sure you go through all of the screens until you submit order and receive a confirmation number.
- You will be required to enter payment information because as of October 1, 2011, the ACCA Board of Directors voted to require payment on all transactions by credit card or PayPal account at the time of registration.
- Once you complete your registration you will receive a confirmation and receipt detailing your purchase via email.
- If you have any problems at all, please call or email Jennifer or Donna in the ACCA Office.
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Monday, March 31, 2014

- 11 a.m. - 7 p.m. Registration Desk Open
- 1 - 5 p.m. Opening General Session
- 1 - 1:15 p.m. Welcome, *Montgomery Mayor Todd Strange, invited*
- 1:15 - 1:30 p.m. Welcome, *Art Faulkner, Director Faulkner, Alabama Emergency Management Agency*
- 1:30 - 2 p.m. Opening Remarks, *Governor Robert Bentley, State of Alabama*
- 2 - 2:30 p.m. FEMA: Changes & Adjustments, *Administrator Craig Fugate, FEMA (invited)*
- 2:30 - 3 p.m. Alabama Law Enforcement Agency: What the Consolidation Means, *Spencer Collier, Secretary, Ala. Law Enforcement Agency*
- 3 - 3:30 p.m. *Networking Break*
- 3:30 - 4 p.m. Serve Alabama: Giving & Receiving, *Director Jon Mason, Serve Alabama*
- 4 - 4:30 p.m. NWS: Predicting, Forecasting & Preparing, *Jim Stefkovich, Meteorologist-in-Charge, NWS*
- 4:30 - 5 p.m. Closing Remarks, *Art Faulkner, Director, AEMA*
- 5 - 7 p.m. Strolling Reception

Tuesday, April 1, 2014

- 7:30 - 8:30 a.m. Registration and Continental Breakfast
- Session I**
- 8:30 - 9:15 a.m. Alabama Emergency Management Divisions Goals & Priorities, *Jeff Byard, Executive Operations Officer, AEMA*
- 8:30 - 9:15 a.m. Preventing a Cyber Disaster, *Jack Doane, Dept. of Finance, Information Services Div.*
- Session II**
- 9:20 - 10:05 a.m. Overview of the EMPG Guidelines, *TBD AEMA*
- 9:20 - 10:05 a.m. How to Communicate with Non-English Speaking Residents, *Julia Sosa, ADPH*
- 10:05 - 10:20 a.m. *Networking Break*
- Session III**
- 10:20 - 11:05 a.m. How to Include the Private Sector in Your Plans, *Phil Strouse, Private Sector Liaison, FEMA*
- 10:20 - 11:05 a.m. How to Protect Your Constituents from Theft/Scams During Disasters, *Dan Lord, Alabama Security Commission*
- Session IV**
- 11:10 - 11:55 a.m. Managing a Disaster without Federal Assistance, *Mike Bryant, EMA Director, Etowah County*
- 11:10 - 11:55 a.m. Declaration Process, *Benjie Abbott, Recovery Division Chief, AEMA*
- 12 - 1 p.m. Lunch Break
(Strolling Lunch in the Vendor Area)
- 1 - 5 p.m. Afternoon General Session

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- 1 - 1:45 p.m. **Preparing for an Active Shooter**, *Chance Corbett, Auburn University*
- 1:45 - 2:30 p.m. **Furthering Your Education in Emergency Management**, *Dr. Jeff Ryan, Jacksonville State University*
- 2:30 - 3 p.m. *Networking Break*
- 3 - 3:45 p.m. **Communicating with Functional and Access Needs Communities**, *Graham Scission, Director, Governor's Office of Disability*
- 3:45 - 4:45 p.m. **Social Media: How to Make the Tools Useful**, *Brian Glaviano, FEMA RIV*

Wednesday, April 2, 2014

- 7:30 - 8:30 a.m. **Legislative Breakfast & Discussion**
- 8:30 - 8:45 a.m. *Networking Break*
- 8:45 - 10:15 a.m. **General Session for Mayors and Commissioners**
Role of Elected Officials as the Incident Commander, *Governor Robert Bentley*
- 8:45 - 9:30 a.m. **General Session for Everyone Else**
Statewide Debris Contract & Common PA Mistakes)
Michael Johnson, AEMA
Bryan Prescott, AEMA
Mary Pons, ACCA
Richie Beyer, Elmore County

9:30 - 10:15 a.m. **Building Safer in Alabama**, *Ed Paulk & Scott Pilgreen, Alabama State Fire Marshal*

10:15 - 10:30 a.m. *Networking Break*

Session I

10:30 - 11:10 a.m. **The American Red Cross Structure**, *Jack Morgan, Division Disaster Executive, American Red Cross*

10:30 - 11:10 a.m. **Center for Domestic Preparedness**, *Tom Tidwell*

Session II

11:15 a.m. - 12 p.m. **Disaster Impact on Mental Health**, *Acquanetta Knight, Mental Health*

11:15 a.m. - 12 p.m. **Disability Rights and Resources**, *Dan Kessler, Executive Director, Disability Rights and Resources*

11:15 a.m. - 12 p.m. **Making Your Plans Operational**, *Jonathan Gaddy, Calhoun County EMA Director*

12 - 1:25 p.m. **Lunch, Crisis Communication: Sandy Hook Elementary Shooting**, *Lt. Paul Vance, Connecticut State Police, Public Information Officer*

Session III

1:30 - 2:15 p.m. **Your Role During Disasters**, *Brett Howard, AEMA*

1:30 - 2:15 p.m. **Mitigation Changes Post DR-1971**, *Kelli Alexander, AEMA*

1:30 - 2:15 p.m. **Gun Law vs. Disaster Shelters**, *Jason Swann, ALE*

Session IV

2:20 - 3 p.m. **Expectations: Needs vs. Want**, *Jeff Byard, AEMA*

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- 2:20 - 3 p.m. **Helping Alabama Seniors Get Prepared,**
Commissioner Neal Morrison, Alabama Senior Services
- 2:20 - 3 p.m. **The Role of the ALNG in your Community,**
LTC. Jim Hawkins, Director of Military Support, Alabama National Guard
- 3 - 3:15 p.m. *Networking Break*
- Session V**
- 3:15 - 3:55 p.m. **DPS Bomb Squad Capabilities,** *Al Mattox, DPS*
- 3:15 - 3:55 p.m. **How to Manage Donated Goods,** *Brooke Mills, Serve Alabama*
- 3:15 - 3:55 p.m. **The Immigration Law & Disasters,** *Attorney General Luther Strange, invited*
- General Session**
- 4 - 5 p.m. **IPAWS and EAS – How the Changes Impact You**
Jeb Hargrove, AEMA
Sharon Tinsley, Alabama Broadcaster's Association
John DeBlock, National Weather Service

Thursday, April 3, 2014

- 7:30 - 8:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast
- 8:30 - 10:30 a.m. **Lessons Learned from Long Term Disaster Recovery**
Panel Discussion
Jim Byard, Director, ADECA
Ken Suneri, Mayor, Haleyville
Robert Craft, Mayor of Gulf Shores
Kenneth Boswell, Mayor of Enterprise, invited
- 11:00 a.m. **Closing Remarks**
Art Faulkner, Director, AEMA
- Noon **Conference Drawing**
Must be present to win

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