The 6th Annual
Pennsylvania Emergency Preparedness
and Homeland Security Conference

2023

KEYSTONE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION

MEETING THE CHALLENGE OF TOMORROW

PENNSYLVANIA EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND HOMELAND SECURITY CONFERENCE 2023

Call for Speakers & Presentations

October 15 – 17, 2023

Blair County Convention Center

Altoona, PA

www.KEMAConference.com

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The Keystone Emergency Management Association (KEMA) invites you to submit a proposal for the 6th Annual Pennsylvania Emergency Preparedness and Homeland Security Conference (#KEMACon2023), presented by KEMA, on October 15th through the 17th in Altoona, Pennsylvania. The conference will provide an outstanding mix of educational workshops and presentations to showcase concepts, technology, processes, and evidence-based practices in emergency management around the theme: "Meeting the Challenge of Tomorrow."

Over 300 emergency management professionals are expected for #KEMACon2023. Educate your peers and contribute to the field by submitting a presentation proposal for consideration.

The Theme of the Conference

Meeting the Challenge of Tomorrow

Speaker Call

The Call for Speakers runs from January 25, 2023 through April 30, 2023. All applications must be submitted by April 30, 2023 at 5:00pm U.S. (Eastern Time) to be considered. There will be no exceptions to this deadline. If submitting for multiple presentations, please fill out a new application for each presentation. Breakout sessions will be limited to 90 minutes maximum and you should structure your presentation(s) to allow time for Q&A within the time allocated.

Presentations longer than 90 minutes will not be considered.

Conference Focus

Use the theme of this year's Conference, "**Meeting the Challenge of Tomorrow**" as a tool to craft your presentation. Presentations should explore challenges faced by the emergency preparedness and homeland security community and how we, as a profession, can overcome those challenges. Furthermore, your presentations should also be applicable to a wide audience range to include, but not limited to:

- Emergency managers (municipal, county, state, other)
- Disaster planners
- Homeland security professionals
- Communications system specialists
- Crisis and risk managers
- Contingency planners
- Business continuity planners
- Health and human services providers
- Public safety chief officers/directors
- Healthcare disaster professionals
- Meteorologists
- EM/terrorism educators
- VOADS (Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster

Conference Dates and Location

October 15th, 16th, and 17th, 2023 at the Blair County Convention Center in Altoona, PA.

As a thank you for presenting at the 6th Annual Pennsylvania Emergency Preparedness and Homeland Security Conference, up to two speakers per presentation will receive a complimentary Conference registration. **Presenters are responsible for all cost's associated with their accommodations, travel, and food. KEMA does not provide an honorarium and all presentations must be "pro bono."**

Tips for Completing the Application

- Read all instructions carefully
- Complete all fields – incomplete applications will be disqualified
- Double check for typos before you submit – they will decrease your score

Important Dates

- Submissions are due by April 30, 2023
- KEMA will notify speakers of selections by May 22, 2023
- Presenters must be registered before August 14, 2023

Scoring Applications

Applications are scored based on: A complete and accurate application – **INCOMPLETE SUBMISSIONS WILL BE DISQUALIFIED AND REMOVED FROM REVIEW**

- Quality of submitted presentation
- Speaker experience and qualifications related to the topic
- Compelling presentation "story" that will engage the audience
- Adherence to the theme, "Meeting the Challenge of Tomorrow"

The results of the 2022 KEMA Conference survey indicated the following topics are most requested and thus, presentations related to these topics may receive preference:

- Safe Schools
- Climate Change/Adaptation
- Grants
- VOAD
- Mass Communication Notification
- Social Media
- Resilience
- Cybersecurity
- Use of Drones
- THIRA Development

- Private Sector Integration and Partnerships
- Whole Community Diversity and Inclusion

- Volunteer Engagement
- Mass Care

Proposal Submission

Online Application: https://bit.ly/KEMA2023_PresenterSubmission

Use the worksheet at the end of this document to assure you have everything you need to fill out the online application.

After Your Proposal is Selected

Presenters and alternates will be contacted by April 28, 2023. All accepted presenters must register for the conference before **August 14, 2023**. Presenters not registered by this date will not be included in the program and an alternate presenter will be selected.

It is recommended that the presenter commence all travel and accommodation arrangements after receiving notification that their presentation was accepted. **Presenters are responsible for all cost's associated with their accommodations, travel, and food. KEMA does not provide an honorarium and all presentations must be "pro bono."**

Chosen presenters (up to 2 per topic) will receive a free Conference registration.

Presenters will be provided a "conference themed" PPT template for their presentation. Presenters **MUST** use this template for all presentations. This does not apply to specific government and non-profit organizations. Contact the Conference Chair to determine eligibility.

Non-Commercial Nature of Sessions: Under **NO CIRCUMSTANCES** are presentations to be used as a place for direct promotion of a speaker's product(s) or service(s).

KEMA will provide a PC compatible computer, projector, and screen. Any additional items: speakers, easel board, etc. must be provided by the presenter.

By submitting an application, you agree to the terms and agreements as set forth by the Keystone Emergency Management Association.

Contact

All inquiries regarding speakers and presentations shall be directed to:

- Robert Gerlach, E-mail: Robert.Gerlach@AlleghenyCounty.US
  Phone: 412-473-7071

KEMA Conference
ATTN: Robert Gerlach
150 Hookstown Grade Road
Coraopolis, PA 15108

About KEMA

The objective of the Keystone Emergency Management Association (KEMA) is to foster and promote a high degree of capability and competency of the Emergency Management professionals and volunteers in every political subdivision of the Commonwealth by contributing to the common cause of protecting lives and property from both man-made and natural disasters through education, sharing of information and encouragement of partnerships with emergency response organizations.

KEMA aims to be recognized by the Pennsylvania emergency management community as a results-driven organization of emergency management professionals.

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Online Application Worksheet

Primary Contact:

First & Last Name	
Company	
Title	
E-Mail/Phone	

Presenter 1:

First and Last Name	
Degrees (if applicable) Ph.D, M.A., etc	
Company	
Position	
E-Mail	
Phone	
Street Address	
City, State, Zip Code	
Presenter Biography (up to 200 words)	

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Presenter 2:

First and Last Name	
Degrees (if applicable) Ph.D, M.A., etc	
Company	
Position	
E-Mail	
Phone	
Street Address	
City, State, Zip Code	
Presenter Biography (up to 200 words)	

Presentation:

Title of Presentation	
Session Description (up to 200 words)	
Training Objectives (list at least three)	1.) 2.) 3.)
Mission Area(s) the Presentation Addresses https://www.fema.gov/emergency-managers/national-preparedness/mission-core-capabilities	_____ Prevention _____ Protection _____ Mitigation _____ Response _____ Recovery
Community Lifeline(s) the Presentation Addresses https://www.fema.gov/emergency-managers/practitioners/lifelines	_____ Safety and Security _____ Food, Water, Shelter _____ Health and Medical _____ Energy _____ Communications _____ Transportation _____ Hazardous Materials

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