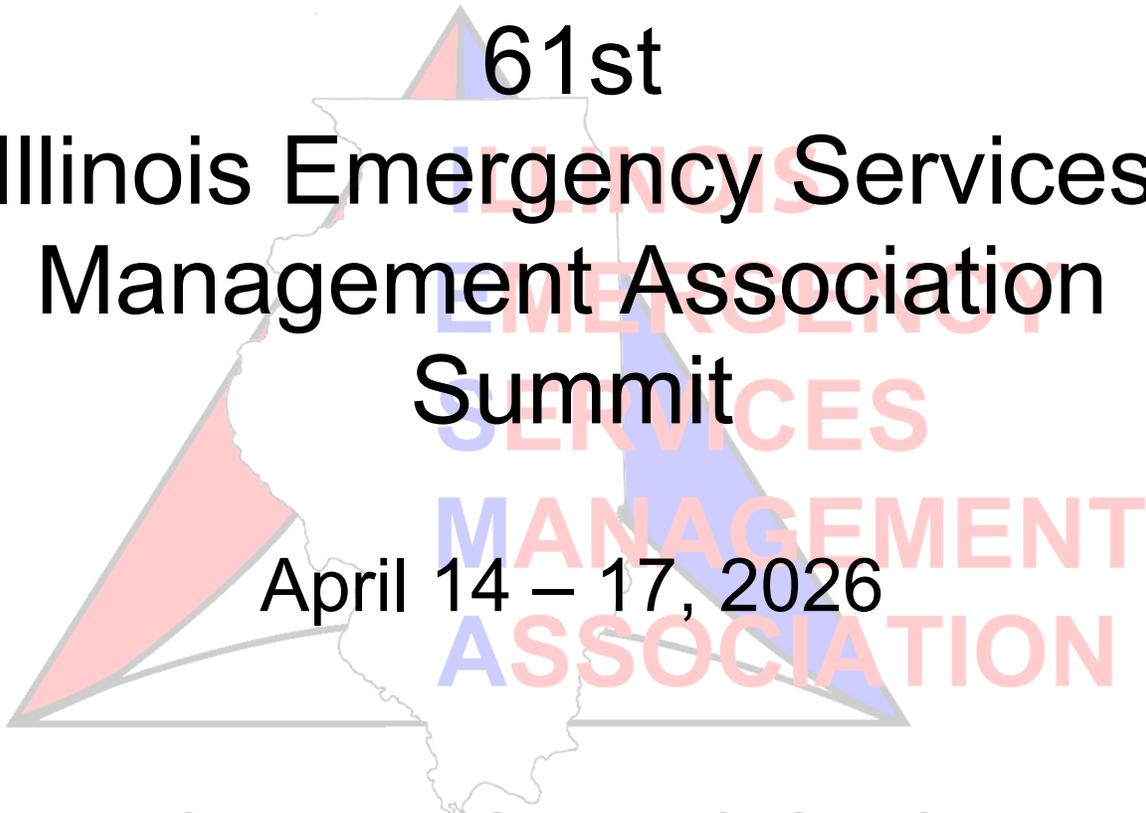


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Welcome to the
61st
Illinois Emergency Services
Management Association
Summit



April 14 – 17, 2026

Northfield Inn, Suites & Conference
Center
Springfield, Illinois

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Tuesday	April 14, 2026
0700 – 1000	Pre-Summit Registration – Northfield 1 Lobby
0800 – 1200	Transportation Incident Management – Topaz Joseph Gasparich & Gino Koehler
0800 – 1500	AWR-330 – Whole Community Emergency Management Planning – Opal Nici English & Roni Fraser
0800 – 1500	Protecting Houses of Worship – Northfield 1 Ballroom John Dwyer, Steve Lyddon, Anthony Schuble, Katelyn Trunnel, Mia Ray
0900 – 1500	Build an EOC Escape Room Workshop – Ruby Victoria Kluge
1130 – 1230	Lunch – Northfield 1 Ballroom <i>Sponsored by E-Environmental Solutions, LLC</i>
1500 – 1800	Exhibitor Set Up – Exhibition Hall – Northfield 2 Dan de Grazia
1800 – 2100	Game Night Hospitality Room – Exhibition Hall – Northfield 2 Bring your own Emergency Management game – or – play someone else's. <i>Sponsored by Juvare</i>



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Wednesday	April 15, 2026
0700 – 0800	Registration – Northfield 1 Lobby
0800 – 0830	Opening Ceremony – Northfield 1 Ballroom John Dwyer, President
0830 – 0930	IEMA-OHS Update – Northfield 1 Ballroom Ted Berger, Beth Windisch, Calyton Kuetemeyer, Adnan Khayyat
0930 – 1000	Break with Exhibitors – Exhibition Hall – Northfield 2
1000 – 1100	Using Public-Private Partnerships to Build Resilience – Northfield Ballroom 1 Dr. Brian Gerber
1100 – 1200	Rolling for Resilience: Gamifying Emergency Management – Northfield 1 Ballroom – Victoria Kluge
1200 – 1300	Lunch – Northfield 1 Ballroom <i>Sponsored by Ericsson Enterprise Wireless Solutions</i>
1300 – 1400	Homeland Security and Resilient Communities – Northfield 1 Ballroom Beth Windisch
1400-1415	Break with Exhibitors – Northfield 2
1415 – 1515	Multi-Jurisdictional Emergency Management - Two Approaches – Crystal Mat Schneppe & Mick Fleming
1415 – 1515	Integrity, Trust, and Partnerships: Shared Purpose – Diamond Tammy Schneider
1415 – 1515	WIU's EM Program: Preparing the Future Emergency Managers – Emerald Franco Perez
1415 – 1515	WIU IESMA's Club Chapter - Who We Are – Emerald Rori Bowne, Aylah Hopson, and Jalen Fenner
1415 – 1515	From Static Plans to Living Tools: Modernizing Incident Action Planning for Schools and Communities – Jade Joseph Gasparich
1515 – 1530	Break with Exhibitors – Exhibition Hall – Northfield 2
1530 – 1630	IESMA Annual Membership Meeting – Northfield 1 Ballroom
1630 – 1730	President's Reception – <i>Your Favorite College</i> – Northfield 1 Ballroom
1730 – 2000	Awards and Supper <i>Sponsored by IEM</i>

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Thursday	April 16, 2026
0730 – 0745	President’s Address – Northfield 1 Ballroom Daniel Eder
0745 – 0800	Executive Director’s Update – Northfield 1 Ballroom Michael Graves
0800 – 0815	EMCOM Update – Northfield 1 Ballroom Vic Martinek
0815 – 0830	IAEM Update – Northfield 1 Ballroom Mick Fleming
0830 – 0900	From Policy to Practice: Implementing State and Local Qualification & Credentialing in Illinois – Northfield 1 Ballroom Bob Flemming & Michael Graves
0900 – 1000	Getting Left of Bang & Preparing an Uncertain Future – Northfield 1 Ballroom Patrick van Horne
1000 – 1030	Break with Exhibitors – Exhibition Hall – Northfield 2
1000 – 1030	Food Drive Pick-Up - Central IL Food Bank – Drive up Canopy Karleen Wagoner
1030 – 1100	What to do at Legislative Day – Northfield 1 Ballroom David Christensen, Allison Anderson, Mick Fleming, & Michael Graves
1100 – 1200	Debris Planning and Interagency Coordination – Crystal Nicole Sprague & Mark Doerfler
1100 – 1200	We Had a Tornado? Is It Bad? How Bad Is It? – Diamond Phil McCarty
1100 – 1200	2-1-1 Disaster Box Card – Emerald Chelsea Bowne, Loren Yaksich, Michelle Allen, Sarah Oprzedek, & Dawn Evans
1100 – 1200	Disaster Considerations for Children and Youth with Special Needs (CYSHN) – Jade – Erica Popovsky & Vishal Naik
1200 – 1300	Lunch on your own
1200 – 1630	Legislative Day at the Capitol and Stratton Building
1300 – 1400	DuSMART-DuPage School Mutual Aid Response Team – Northfield 1 Ballroom – Geoffrey Cooker & Amber Quirk
1400 – 1500	The Calm Before the Storm - Communicating through Crisis – Northfield 1 Ballroom – Stacey Macchi
1500 – 1530	Break with Exhibitors – Exhibition Hall – Northfield 2
1530 – 1630	Growth after Trauma: Prepare now, so you are Ready Later – Northfield 1 Ballroom – Gwen Martin
1700 – 2000	Hospitality Room – Northfield 2 <i>Sponsored by Sierra Public Safety Group</i>

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Friday	April 17, 2026
0800 – 0900	From Curious to Competent, Practical AI Applications for EM – Crystal Sean Fierce and Tom Sivak
0800 – 0900	Monsters, Machines, and Mastery: Building Resilient Emergency Management for a World That Won't Wait – Diamond Natalie Wiza
0800 – 0900	Preparedness: Built by Communities, Not Just Guidelines – Emerald Christy Ciccotelli
0800 – 0900	Seeing the Disaster Clearly: Modern Disaster Assessment for Local Governments – Jade Brian Nestler & Fernanda Kuzuhara
0900 – 0930	Break with Exhibitors – Exhibition Hall – Northfield 2
0930 – 1000	Ins and Outs of the Illinois Professional Emergency Manager – Northfield 1 Ballroom Lisa Shelbourne & Mick Fleming
1000 – 1100	Community Organizations Active in Disaster – Northfield 1 Ballroom Brian Burgess & Orval Rowe
1100 – 1200	Leading in Uncertain Times – Northfield 1 Ballroom Tom Sivak
1200 – 1215	Closing Comments – Northfield 1 Ballroom Daniel Eder - President
1300 – 1500	Executive Board Meeting



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