

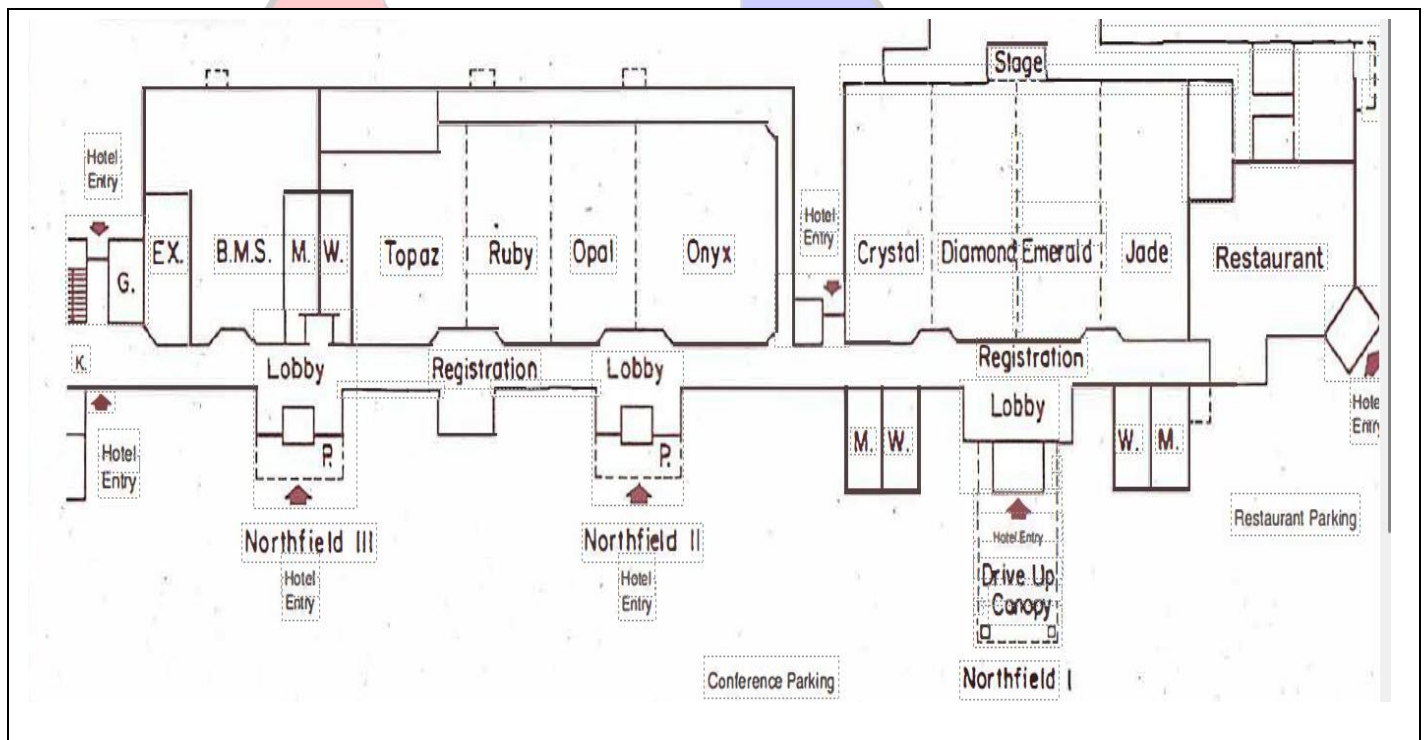
Welcome to the  
61st  
Illinois Emergency Services  
Management Association  
Summit

April 14 – 17, 2026

Northfield Inn, Suites & Conference  
Center  
Springfield, Illinois

Current as of April 2, 2026

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



<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>April 15, 2026</b>
0700 – 0800	<b>Registration</b> – Northfield 1 Lobby
0800 – 0830	<b>Opening Ceremony</b> – Northfield 1 Ballroom John Dwyer, President Michael Graves, Executive Director Presentation of Colors; Pledge of Allegiance; Dignitary Comments
0830 – 0930	<b>IEMA-OHS Update</b> – Northfield 1 Ballroom Ted Berger, Beth Windisch, Clayton Kuetemeyer & Adnan Khayyat
0930 – 1000	<b>Break with Exhibitors</b> – Exhibition Hall – Northfield 2 <b><i>Sponsored by Ameren Illinois</i></b>
1000 – 1100	<b>Using Public-Private Partnerships to Build Resilience</b> – Northfield Ballroom 1 Dr. Brian Gerber
1100 – 1200	<b>Rolling for Resilience: Gamifying Emergency Management</b> – Northfield 1 Ballroom – Victoria Kluge
1200 – 1300	<b>Lunch</b> – Northfield 1 Ballroom <b><i>Sponsored by Ericsson Enterprise Wireless Solutions</i></b>
1300 – 1400	<b>Homeland Security and Resilient Communities</b> – Northfield 1 Ballroom Beth Windisch and Elana Kahn
1400-1415	<b>Break with Exhibitors</b> – Northfield 2 <b><i>Sponsored by Ameren Illinois</i></b>
1415 – 1515	<b>Multi-Jurisdictional Emergency Management - Two Approaches</b> – Crystal Mat Schnepfle & Mick Fleming
1415 – 1515	<b>Integrity, Trust, and Partnerships: Shared Purpose</b> – Diamond Tammy Schneider
1415 – 1445	<b>WIU's EM Program: Preparing the Future Emergency Managers</b> – Emerald Franco Perez
1445 – 1515	<b>WIU IESMA's Club Chapter - Who We Are</b> – Emerald Rori Bowne, Aylah Hopson, and Jalen Fenner
1415 – 1515	<b>From Static Plans to Living Tools: Modernizing Incident Action Planning for Schools and Communities</b> – Jade Joseph Gasparich
1515 – 1530	<b>Break with Exhibitors</b> – Exhibition Hall – Northfield 2 <b><i>Sponsored by Ameren Illinois</i></b>
1530 – 1630	<b>IESMA Annual Membership Meeting</b> – Northfield 1 Ballroom
1630 – 1730	<b>President's Reception</b> – <i>Your Favorite College</i> – Northfield 2
1730 – 2000	<b>President's Banquet and Awards</b> – Northfield 2 <b><i>Sponsored by IEM</i></b>

# NOTES



<b>Thursday</b>	<b>April 16, 2026</b>
0730 – 0745	<b>President’s Address</b> – Northfield 1 Ballroom - Daniel Eder
0745 – 0800	<b>Executive Director’s Update</b> – Northfield 1 Ballroom - Michael Graves
0800 – 0815	<b>EMCOM Update</b> – Northfield 1 Ballroom - Vic Martinek
0815 – 0830	<b>IAEM Update</b> – Northfield 1 Ballroom - Mick Fleming
0830 – 0900	<b>From Policy to Practice: Implementing State and Local Qualification &amp; Credentialing in Illinois</b> – Northfield 1 Ballroom Bob Flemming & Michael Graves
0900 – 1000	<b>Getting Left of Bang &amp; Preparing an Uncertain Future</b> – Northfield 1 Ballroom - Patrick van Horne
1000 – 1030	<b>Break with Exhibitors</b> – Exhibition Hall – Northfield 2 <i>Sponsored by Ameren Illinois</i>
1000 – 1030	<b>Food Drive Pick-Up</b> - Central IL Food Bank – Drive up Canopy Karleen Wagoner
1030 – 1100	<b>What to do at Legislative Day</b> – Northfield 1 Ballroom David Christensen, Allison Anderson, Mick Fleming, & Michael Graves
1100 – 1115	<b>Break with Exhibitors</b> – Exhibition Hall – Northfield 2 <i>Sponsored by Ameren Illinois</i>
1115 – 1215	<b>Debris Planning and Interagency Coordination</b> – Crystal Nicole Sprague & Mark Doerfler
1115 – 1215	<b>We Had a Tornado? Is It Bad? How Bad Is It?</b> – Diamond Phil McCarty
1115 – 1215	<b>2-1-1 Disaster Box Card</b> – Emerald Chelsea Bowen, Loren Yaksich & Sarah Oprzedek
1115 – 1215	<b>Disaster Considerations for Children and Youth with Special Needs (CYSHN)</b> – Jade – Erica Popovsky & Vishal Naik
1215 – 1315	<b>Lunch</b> on your own
1200 – 1700	<b>Legislative Day</b> at the Capitol and Stratton Building
1315 – 1415	<b>DuSMART-DuPage School Mutual Aid Response Team</b> – Northfield 1 Ballroom – Geoffrey Cooker & Amber Quirk
1415 – 1515	<b>Moving From Parallel to Integrated: A Hands-On Workshop for Integrating Public Health and Emergency Management</b> – Northfield 1 Ballroom – Michael McPeck
1515 – 1545	<b>Break with Exhibitors</b> – Exhibition Hall – Northfield 2 <i>Sponsored by Ameren Illinois</i>
1545 – 1645	<b>Growth after Trauma: Prepare now, so you are Ready Later</b> – Northfield 1 Ballroom – Gwen Martin
1700 – 2000	<b>Hospitality Room</b> – Northfield 2 <i>Sponsored by Sierra Public Safety Group</i>

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



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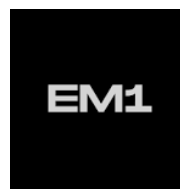
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