

2022 KEMA Conference Schedule
September 13-16, 2022
Kansas Star Event Center
Mulvane, KS

Tuesday 13 Sept 2022:

Pre-Conference Workshops*:

1300-1700

EM-101

Jillian Rodrigue
Chuck Magaha

Planning for Hazardous Weather at Community Outdoor Events

Andy Bailey, National Weather Service & Jared Leighton, National Weather Service

A course designed to help local, county or state officials become better equipped to plan for and manage hazardous weather at outdoor community events. This course will include: The need to plan for weather vulnerable events; Planning considerations; Creating the Action Plan; Discussion on available weather resources; and implementing the plan or conducting a tabletop exercise.

Pre-Conference Social Event:

1800 –

Pizza and Social Activities. Bring yard games to be played outside or sit in the breakfast area and network! Please wear your favorite team shirt to show your “team” spirit!

**Participants in any of the above training or social events needed to sign up in advance.*

Wednesday 14 Sept 2022:

0800-0900 Breakfast (*Provided for those staying at the Hampton*)

0900-0945 Opening Ceremony

0945-1045: Keynote: A Tornado of Hellish Fury: The Northeast KS Storms of May 17, 1896

Bruce Jones, Meteorologist, Midland Radio Corporation

On May 17, 1896 an outbreak of strong tornadoes struck northeast Kansas, killing many people and inflicting damage to numerous communities from Clay County to Brown. Using newspaper accounts, plat maps, and site visits, it is possible to reconstruct this event, showing the impact of an enormous supercell storm that produced a tornado more than two miles wide.

1045: Vendor Area Opens

1045-1100: Break

1100-1200: Plenary: State Emergency Management Update

Angee Morgan, Deputy Director, KDEM

Highlights of activities and initiatives of the Kansas Division of Emergency Management for 2021-2022.

1200-1300: Lunch (Provided)

1300-1400: 2021 Laramie County Winter Storm Response

Jeanine West, Laramie County EM, WY

In March of 2021 the Capitol City of Wyoming, Cheyenne, the county it resides in, along with multiple other counties in Wyoming, experienced an almost record setting amount of snow within a three-day period. This presentation discusses the response and recovery efforts for this storm and the challenges faced within the Communities.

1400-1415: Break

1415-1500: 1st Breakout session:

1.1: Spill Reporting

Colby Gouge, KDHE

Spills happen, whether by accident or on purpose and this is where the responsibilities of the Spills Program begins. The intent of this session is to become familiar with spill reporting, what to do in case of a spill, and who is responsible for it.

1.2: Andover Tornado Panel

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1500-1515: Break

1515-1600: 2nd Breakout session

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1630-1900 Vendor Reception (*hors d'oeuvres provided, cash bar*)

19:30-23:00 Hospitality Room **located in the Mezzanine upstairs between casino floor and breakout rooms.*

Beer on tap provided by KEMA and a limited selection of other bottled drinks, all others are cash bar.

Conference attendees are invited to relax and network at the conference Social in the mezzanine area following conference activities on Wednesday sponsored by Kansas Pipeline Association and the KEMA Board of Directors.

Thursday 15 Sept 2022:

0700-0800 Breakfast (*Provided for those staying at the Hampton*)

0800-0900 Keynote: The Disaster Happened, What Now?

Rev. Hollie Tapley

During this presentation you will learn how this KSVOAD member can make your life easier immediately after a disaster! These volunteers are United Methodist Committee of Relief (UMCOR) trained, background approved, and badged Early Response Teams (ERTS). You have a need? We will make it happen!

0900-1000 Plenary KAC

Bruce Chladny & Jay Hall

1000-1015 Break

1015-1115 Plenary: NWS Update: KS Area WCMs

1115-1200 KEMA Annual Membership Meeting

1200-1300 Lunch (Provided)

1300-1415 3rd Breakout Session

3.1: Sources of Weather Information – Real and Fake and Lesson's Learned from the 2022 Andover Tornado

Jeff Hutton, National Weather Service

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3.2: Weather/Climate Reporting & Kansas Decision Support Tools

Chip Redmond, Assistant Meteorologist, Kansas State University

With changing short and long-term atmospheric conditions, staying current is critical for decision support. This presentation will introduce several tools to improve understanding of severe weather events and provide climatological perspective. Kansas Mesonet and State Climate Office tools such as precipitation summaries, rainfall recurrence intervals, and air quality are presented. In addition, we will introduce a method for local condition input that will influence drought decisions, fire preparedness, and documenting local impacts.

1400 Vendor Area Closes

1425-1540 4th Breakout session

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1550-1705 5th Breakout session

5.1: KDEM – Mitigation Planning

5.2: KDEM – Recovery Planning

1830-2100: Awards Banquet

Thursday Evening Social: Hampton breakfast nook for networking and social.

Friday 16 Sept 2022:

0800-0900 Breakfast *(Provided for those staying at the Hampton)*

0900-1015: “Parking Lot” Panel Discussion

1030- 1100: General Session - Conference Conclusion and Wrap Up