



2023 KEMA Conference Schedule  
September 12-15, 2023  
Kansas Star Event Center  
Mulvane, KS

**Tuesday 12 Sept 2023:**

**Pre-Conference Workshops\*:**

**1300-1500 GRLevel3**

Jeff Hutton, Warning Coordination Meteorologist (Retired), NWS Dodge City, KS  
Mike Moritz, Warning Coordination Meteorologist, NWS Hastings, NE

**1300-1700 EM-101**

Chuck Magaha, Director of Emergency Management, Leavenworth County  
Jillian Rodrigue, Deputy Director, Douglas County

**1300-1700 National Traffic Incident Management for First Responders**

Keith Lindemann, Instructor, Kansas Fire & Rescue Training Institute  
Rusty James

*This National Program is gaining traction in Kansas and is a "Must Have" certification for Emergency Responders. The program was designed by responders, for responders and focuses on clearing roadway incidents safely and quickly.*

*During this valuable training, responders will learn to work with the other agencies on scene more efficiently, while knowing the other agencies' priorities during an incident.*

*Firefighters, EMS, Law Enforcement, Tow Operators, Dispatchers, Public Works, Departments of Transportation are highly encouraged to attend.*

**1500-1700 Public Assistance & Individual Damage Assessment in the Orion Damage Assessment Tool**

Jonathan York, Response & Recovery Bureau Director, KDEM  
Devan Tucking-Strickler, Recovery Section Chief, KDEM  
Heidi Hessler, CEO, Futurity IT  
Colleen Bresnahan, Business Development, Futurity IT

*Kansas Division of Emergency Management has procured the Orion Damage Assessment Tool through Futurity IT to assist counties and the state with public assistance and individual assistance damage assessments after an emergency or disaster occurs.*

*The Orion Damage Assessment Tool will be used for gathering information for a damage assessment in areas impacted by an emergency or disaster, so that KDEM can determine whether the damages meet thresholds for federal disaster assistance under a major presidential disaster declaration. The Orion Damage Assessment Tool will allow local levels of government, eligible private non-profit organizations, and residents to submit storm damages at an address and give users the opportunity to add specialized information such as maintenance records for road infrastructure and photos of disaster damaged facilities. This breakout will highlight capabilities of the Orion Damage Assessment Tool for county emergency managers that were unable to attend the regional trainings or that want a refresher.*

## **Pre-Conference Social Event:**

**1800 –**

Pizza and Social Activities

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

## **Wednesday 13 Sept 2023:**

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

**0900-0945**     **Opening Ceremony**

**0945-1045**     **Keynote: Leadership Decency in a Crisis Storm**

Dr. Joseph Trahan, III, APR, Fellow PRSA

President & CEO, Trahan & Associates

This presentation will present strategies & tactics for Leaders to use during a Crisis. The Four Pillars of Crisis Communication Leadership that are critical in order for any organization to survive a Crisis are:

1. The Leader must provide HOPE that their organization will emerge stronger through & after this Crisis.
2. The Leader must communicate and demonstrate with clearly defined actions that they will provide true STABILITY to their organization-before-during & after the crisis.
3. The Leader must show true COMPASSION for all those impacted by the Crisis.
4. The Leader must speak Truth to Power in order to gain & keep TRUST.

**1045-1100**     **Break & Visit Exhibitors**

**1100-1200**     **Plenary: State Emergency Management Update**

Angee Morgan, Deputy Director, KDEM

**1200-1300**     **Lunch (Provided)**

**1300-1400**     **Breakouts**

**1.1: Stand-Up & Shout – Presentation Skills**

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**1.2: Emerging Advanced UAS Technology for First Responders**

Roger Powers, President & CEO, Flint Hills Solutions, a Division of Engineering, Inc.  
*Discuss the current state of sUAS technology, FAA rules, Blue UAS emerging compliance at the State and Local Level, and Opportunities to help define First Responder requirements.*

### **1.3: Local Emergency Planning 101 and Spill Reporting**

Robert Parker, SERC/LEPC Coordinator, KDEM

Michael Seastrom, KDHE

*Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPCs) are an integral part of forming partnerships between the public and private sector to enhance all-hazards preparedness. LEPCs exist at the county level of government and are responsible for implementing the provisions of the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA). LEPC membership is approved and appointed by the board of county commissioners for each county in the state. Your County LEPC is responsible for serving as a repository for hazardous materials information, preparing and reviewing local emergency operations plans, and performing outreach activities to increase public awareness of the hazards within your county. This breakout will provide greater detail regarding the roles and responsibilities of LEPCs, how to maintain compliance, and spill reporting requirements.*

**1400-1415 Break**

**1415-1515 Breakout Sessions:**

#### **2.1: Stand-Up & Shout – Presentation Skills**

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#### **2.2: American Red Cross: Prepare, Respond, Recover**

Sara Magnasco, Disaster Program Manager for South Central/Southeast Kansas Chapter,  
American Red Cross

Shawnee Montgomery, Senior Disaster Program Manager, American Red Cross

*The purpose of the American Red Cross Disaster Cycle Services Plan is to provide a system to prepare for, respond to, and recover from the effects of a disaster.*

*The goal of American Red Cross Disaster Cycle Services is to build resilience by: preparing for and mitigating the impact of disasters on clients, meeting urgent human needs during disaster responses, and facilitating recovery through both direct action and by leveraging and supporting community engagement. This sets the strategic direction for aligning outcomes by supporting business and operational practices and processes with those of government agencies in support of the Disaster Cycle Services core mission and mission-enabling areas.*

*Disasters begin and end locally. The American Red Cross's goal is to develop local volunteers to support the community based on the size and scope of the needs. Local volunteers know the community and develop and enhance preparedness, response and recovery capabilities. Local volunteers will be provided with training and support to make decisions concerning the entire disaster cycle within the scope of the Red Cross mission.*

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**1515-1530: Break**

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### **3.3: CRMCS & Logistics Update**

Brian Rogers, Logistics Section Chief, KDEM

*This seminar will provide both logistical and sustainment updates based on recent KDEM initiatives, including sustaining the KDEM warehouse operation and lessons learned from the recent pandemic. This seminar will also focus on providing updates and information to emergency management professionals regarding the State of Kansas Comprehensive Resource Management Credentialing System (CRMCS),*

*including personnel and asset management, resource typing, and credentialing statewide deployable resources.*

**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 bars. 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 14 Sept 2023:**

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

**0800-0900 Keynote: Large Event Planning for NCAA Men's Basketball Celebrations**

John Stipetich, Emergency Management Specialist, University of Kansas

Jillian Rodrigue, Deputy Director, Douglas County

*This seminar will highlight planning, response and lessons learned for the 2022 NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament celebrations in Lawrence, Kansas. This event brought tens of thousands of people to the downtown area of the city which required significant preparation, collaboration, and management.*

**0900-1000 Plenary KAC**

Bruce Chladny, Executive Director, Kansas Association of Counties

Jay Hall, Deputy Director & General Counsel, Kansas Association of Counties

**1000-1015 Break**

**1015-1115 Plenary: National Weather Service**

**1115-1200 KEMA Annual Membership Meeting**

**1200-1300 Lunch** (*Provided*)

**1300-1400 Breakout Session**

**4.1: Sedgwick County WEA Test Results**

Jon Marr

Cody Charvat

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**4.2: Exercise 101**

Robert Cox, Exercise Program Manager, KDEM

### **4.3: KDEM Planning Update**

#### **Dirk Christian, Planning & Mitigation Bureau Director, KDEM**

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**1430-1530 Breakout session**

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### **1830-2100: Awards Banquet**

*Thursday Evening Social: Hampton breakfast nook for networking and social after the banquet.*

### **Friday 15 Sept 2023:**

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

**0900-1015**     **“Parking Lot” Panel Discussion**  
**Jonathan York, KDEM; John Stradal, KEMA**

**1030- 1100**     **Conference Conclusion and Wrap Up**