



**NEMA 2024 Annual Forum
October 1 – 4, 2024
Baltimore Marriott Waterfront Hotel
Baltimore, MD**

Agenda

October 1 Pre-Meetings Are Closed

8:30 am - 4 pm	EMAC Advisory Group/Executive Task Force (closed)	Waterview Ballroom
9 – 11:30 am	Deputy Directors Meeting (closed)	Grand Ballroom 7-8
3 - 4:30 pm	State Hazard Mitigation Officers (closed)	Harborside Ballroom B
3:30- 5:30 pm	State Director Executive Session (closed)	Grand Ballroom 9-10

Tues., October 1, 2024

9 am – 4 pm	Registration	Boardroom, 3rd Floor
10 - 11:15 am	Legal Counsel Committee	Harborside Ballroom B
11:30 am - 1:30 pm	Buffet Luncheon	Grand Ballroom 5-6
1-3 pm	NEMA Board of Directors Meeting	Grand Ballroom 7-8
4 – 8:30 pm	Exhibitor Set-up	Grand Ballroom 5-10
6-7 pm	New State Director Welcome Reception (by invitation)	Waterview Ballroom
8-10 pm	Hospitality Suite <i>Hosted by ICF</i>	Waterview Ballroom

Wed., October 2, 2024

7 – 7:45 am	Continental Breakfast	Grand Ballroom 5-10
7 am - 3 pm	Exhibits	Grand Ballroom 5-10
7 am – 3 pm	Registration	Boardroom, 3rd Floor
8-11:30 am	General Session Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance Welcome <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Russell Strickland, NEMA President • Governor Wes Moore, Maryland Roll Call of the States	Harborside Ballroom

8:30 – 9 am	Hon. Deanne Criswell, Administrator Federal Emergency Management Agency	
9 – 9:30 am	Ken Graham, Director, National Weather Service	
9:30 – 10 am	Francisco Sanchez, Jr., Associate Administrator, Office of Disaster Recovery and Resilience, U.S. Small Business Administration	
10 – 10:15 am	Break	Grand Ballroom 5-10
10:15 – 11:30 am	Survivor’s Perspective: Navigating Disaster Response and Recovery	Harborside Ballroom

This panel discussion will delve into the firsthand experiences of disaster survivors with various response and recovery programs. Attendees will hear compelling stories that highlight the strengths and weaknesses of current systems, providing invaluable insights into how these programs impact lives on the ground. Focusing on survivor narratives, the session aims to uncover practical improvements and foster a more empathetic approach to disaster management.

Moderators:

- MaryAnn Tierney, Regional Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency Region 3
- Russell Strickland, Secretary, Maryland Department of Emergency Management

Panelists:

- Kimberly Noel-Clark, Maryland
- Steve Hewitt, Kansas
- Jonathan “Jonny” Varona, Hawaii

11:30 am – 1:30 pm	Buffet Luncheon Guest Speaker: Mayor Brandon Scott (invited) Recognition of NEMA Diamond Sponsors	Grand Ballroom 5-10
1:45 -2:45 pm	EMAC Committee	Harborside Ballroom
2:45 - 3 pm	Break	Grand Ballroom 5-10
3-4:30 pm	Resilience Committee	Harborside Ballroom
5:45 pm	Depart hotel lobby to walk to National Aquarium	
6 – 7:30 pm	NEMA President’s Reception	National Aquarium

Thurs., October 3, 2024

7:15-8:30 am	Breakfast Buffet w/Program Program begins at 8 am	Grand Ballroom 5-10
7:30 am - 3:30 pm	Exhibits	Grand Ballroom 5-10
7:30 am – 3:30 pm	Registration	Boardroom, 3rd Floor
8:30 – 9:45 am	Homeland Security Committee	Harborside Ballroom
9:45 – 10 am	Break	Grand Ballroom 5-10
10 am – 11:30 am	Response and Recovery Committee	Harborside Ballroom

11:30 am – 1:30 pm	NEMA Awards Luncheon Program begins at 12:30 pm and lunch service ends. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NEMA 50th Anniversary Recognition • Lacy E. Suiter Distinguished Service Award • Recognition of President Russell Strickland 	Grand Ballroom 5-10
1:45 -3 pm	The Homeland is No Longer a Sanctuary: Key Lessons for Catastrophic Wartime Planning <i>Nation-state actors maintain the capabilities to conduct complex disinformation campaigns and attacks on our infrastructure to influence our public and disrupt or destroy critical services. Attacks on our energy, water, transportation, financial, and communication sectors present tremendous challenges in coordinating emergency consequence management and recovery operations. In partnership with FEMA, Virginia convened a large cross-section of interagency partners to establish a state plan to manage this complex scenario. A panel of experts will discuss the project's initial lessons learned.</i>	Harborside Ballroom
Moderator: Shawn G. Talmadge, State Coordinator, Deputy Homeland Security Advisor, Virginia Department of Emergency Management		
Panelists:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dawn H. Thomas, Managing Director, Institute for Public Research, CNA • Jason T. Ogden, Senior Advisor to Principal Deputy Director of National Intelligence, Office of the Director of National Intelligence • Dr. Clark Ritz, Senior Research Scientist, Center for Naval Analyses, CNA 		
3 – 3:30 pm	Sponsors & Snacks <i>Enjoy snacks while networking with each other and NEMA’s sponsors to learn how they can support your mission.</i>	Grand Ballroom 5-10
3:30 - 4:15 pm	AI for EM: Challenges and Opportunities of Next-Generation Solutions <i>Emergency management is rapidly evolving, driven by more frequent and intense disasters that demand quick data sharing and analysis. New technologies, like AI, offer both opportunities and challenges. The U.S. Department of Homeland Security’s Emergency Management of Tomorrow Research Program, led by Pacific Northwest National Laboratory, is exploring AI’s role in emergency management. This panel will bring together leaders from government, research, and industry to discuss how new technologies can aid emergency managers in addressing applications and policy and privacy challenges.</i>	Harborside Ballroom
Moderator: Ann Lesperance, Director, Northwest Regional Technology Center, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory		
Panelists:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jonathan Barr, Senior Research Engineer, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory • Dan Cotter, Executive Director, Office of Science and Engineering, Science & Technology Directorate, U.S. Department of Homeland Security • Carrie Speranza, President, USA Council of the International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM-USA) • Russell Strickland, Secretary, Maryland Department of Emergency Management; NEMA President 		
4:30-5 pm	State Director Action Meeting (closed)	Waterview Ballroom
6 pm	Past Presidents Committee (closed)	Ruxton
6 – 7:30 pm	Sponsors & Spirits Reception	Grand Ballroom 5-10
7:30 – 9:30 pm	Hospitality Suite GardaWorld Federal Services	Waterview Ballroom

7:30 pm	Exhibitor Tear-Down	Grand Ballroom 5-10
<u>Fri., October 4, 2024</u>		
7:30-8:30 am	Continental Breakfast	Grand Ballroom 5-10
7:30 am – 12 pm	Registration	Boardroom, 3rd Floor
8:30 -10 am	Diversity and Equity Committee	Harborside Ballroom
10 – 10:15 am	Break	Harborside Ballroom Foyer
10:15 - 11:15 am	Private Sector Committee	Harborside Ballroom
11 am – 12:30 pm	Buffet Lunch	Grand Ballroom 5-10
12:30 – 1:45 am	Legislative Committee	Harborside Ballroom
1:45 – 2 pm	Break	Harborside Ballroom Foyer
2 – 2:30 pm	Closing Business Session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NEMA Officer Reports (on app) • Adoption of Updated Strategic Plan (on app) • NEMA 2024-2025 Officer Elections • Remarks by Incoming President Lynn Budd (WY) 	Harborside Ballroom
2:45 – 4 pm	State Director Executive Session (closed)	Essex Room