



**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

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 Grand Ballroom 5-10
 Guest Speaker: Mayor Brandon Scott (invited)
 Recognition of NEMA Diamond Sponsors

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

Thurs., October 3, 2024

7:15-8:30 am Breakfast Buffet w/Program Grand Ballroom 5-10
 Program begins at 8 am

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 Grand Ballroom 5-10
 Program begins at 12:30 pm and lunch service ends.

- NEMA 50th Anniversary Recognition
- Lacy E. Suiter Distinguished Service Award
- Recognition of President Russell Strickland

1:45 -3 pm The Homeland is No Longer a Sanctuary: Key Lessons for Catastrophic Wartime Planning 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