



Emergency Management Workshop

2026 LOC Conference

Friday, Oct. 16

Workshop Description:

Disasters are dynamic, unpredictable, and costly. They can't be controlled, are hard to contain, and leave a lasting impact on the landscape, communities, and people. What we can control is intentionally preparing, practicing, and streamlining recovery. Linking these phases' positions cities and regions to realize the best possible outcomes when disasters strike. Recovery begins with planning, and planning begins with recovery. This workshop will aid in making the best of the worst times.

	Topic	Title	Time
Segment 1	Preparedness		0830 - 1100
Session 1	Plan Development	"Crafting a Living, Breathing Emergency Operations Plan"	0830 - 0930
Description	Responding in real time to a dynamic emergency requires a plan. Learn the basic elements of an emergency operations plan, the development process, technical resources, and how to maintain it.		
Session 2	Table Topping	"Stress-Testing Strategy: How to Build & Excecute High-Impact Tabletop Excercises"	0930 - 1100
Description	Effectively implementing a plan requires practice. Learn how to test the plan while providing people, groups, and organizations the opportunity to rehearse actions and refine decision making processes.		

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Segment 2	Response		1115 - 1345
Session 3	Evacuation Case Studies	"Case Studies in Oregon Disasters"	1115 - 1215
Description	Evacuation is the decision of last resort for city officials and emergency managers. Learn from the experiences of fellow mayors as they approached, and in the case of Oakridge, made the decision to evacuate the city. Understanding the circumstances, decision points, thresholds, and how to implement an evacuation is invaluable information when developing plans and excercises.		
Session 4	PIO	"Who Says What: Aligning Elected Officials, Chief Executive Officers, and PIOs Under Pressure"	1215 - 1345 (working lunch)
Description	Communication is at the core of all successful emergency responses. Hear from experienced PIOs on how they managed dynamic events and learn strategies on how to effectively communicate with the public.		
	Segment 3	Recovery	1400 - 1600
Session 5	FEMA Reporting	"Navigating Recent FEMA Policy Shifts"	1400 - 1500
Description	Hear from experienced public officials on how to work best with FEMA and learn what to expect.		
Session 6	After Action Reports (AARs)	"The Post-Mortem: Why Effective After Action Reviews Save Lives and Resources Next Time"	1500 - 1600
Description	Learn how to conduct after-action briefings and write reports that will inform and improve the EOP.		