

Alabama Association of Emergency Managers

# Winter Workshop

December 10-11, 2024 | Renaissance Montgomery Hotel



# Tuesday, December 10

- 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. **Registration**  
Foyer C
- 10 a.m. - Noon **Opening General Session**  
Alabama C  
*Keith Barnett, AAEM President, presiding*
- 10:00 **Welcome**  
*Keith Barnett, AAEM President*
- 10:15 **State of the State Update**  
*Jeff Smitherman, Director, Alabama EMA*
- 11:00 **State Legislative Update**  
*Lauren Hodge, ACCA Assistant Executive Director*
- 11:30 **Federal Legislative Update**  
*Keith Barnett, AAEM President*  
*Roy Waite, AAEM Federal Legislative Committee Chair*
- Noon - 1 p.m. **Awards Lunch**  
Alabama E  
*David Martin, AAEM First Vice President, presiding*
- 1:15 - 4:45 p.m. **Afternoon General Session**  
Alabama C  
*David Martin, AAEM First Vice President, presiding*
- 1:15 **Emergency Management Assistance Compact 101**  
*Ricky Adams, Director of Field Operations, Alabama EMA*
- 2:00 **Mutual Aid & How It Benefits the Local  
Emergency Manager**  
*Blake Farmer, EMA Director, Marshall County*
- 2:45 **Break**
- 3:00 **Building Relationships with Your 911 Centers**  
*Shawn Rogers, 911/EMA Director, Cherokee County*
- 3:30 **Mentorship Program Update**  
*Kim Bouler, AAEM Mentorship Committee Chair*
- 4:00 **National Weather Service Update**  
*John De Block, Warning Coordination Meteorologist,  
National Weather Service - Birmingham*
- 4:30 **Break**
- 4:45 - 6:15 p.m. **AAEM Board Meeting**  
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# Wednesday, December 11

- 7 - 8 a.m.      **Breakfast**  
*Alabama E*
- 8 a.m. - Noon      **Closing General Session**  
*Alabama C*  
*Keith Barnett, AAEM President, presiding*
- 8:00      **Morning Remarks**  
*Keith Barnett, AAEM President*
- 8:15      **Certification Program Update**  
*Chris Tate, AAEM Certification Committee Chair*
- 8:45      **Emergency Management Assistance Compact  
Panel Discussion: Lessons from the Field**  
*Facilitator: Dr. Laura Myers, Center for Advanced  
Public Safety Director & Senior Research Scientist,  
The University of Alabama*
- 9:30      **Combatting Misinformation &  
Identifying Artificial Intelligence**  
*Melissa Sizemore, EMA Officer, Jefferson County*
- 10:00      **Break**
- 10:15      **Lessons Learned from the Butler County EMA Facility Fire**  
*Rosie Till, EMA Director, Butler County*
- 11:00      **Modernizing Your Emergency Operations Plan  
& Making It a Useful Document**  
*Rita Smith, EMA Director, Lee County*
- 11:30      **School Safety Committee Update**  
*Chris Tate, AAEM School Safety Committee Co-Chair*
- Noon      **Adjourn**

## AAEM 2024-2025 Board of Directors

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<b>1st Vice President</b> .....	<b>David Martin</b> , Russell County
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## AAEM 2024-2025 Standing Committee Chairs

<b>Federal Legislative</b> .....	<b>Roy Waite</b> , Clarke County
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<b>Membership</b> .....	<b>Charity Mitcham</b> , St. Clair County
<b>Constitution &amp; Bylaws</b> .....	<b>David Brunson</b> , Elmore County
<b>Certification</b> .....	<b>Chris Tate</b> , Jefferson County
<b>Training</b> .....	<b>Myles Chamblee</b> , Calhoun County
<b>Conference</b> .....	<b>Melissa Sizemore</b> , Jefferson County
<b>Nominations &amp; Credentials</b> .....	<b>Margaret Bishop-Gulley</b> , Sumter County
<b>Awards &amp; Recognition</b> .....	<b>David Martin</b> , Russell County
<b>Internal Communications</b>	
<b>Social Media</b> .....	<b>Rita Smith</b> , Lee County
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