

IDAHO OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT'S

2025 ANNUAL PREPAREDNESS AND CYBERSECURITY CONFERENCE

SCHEDULE AT-A-GLANCE

ALL TIMES ARE PACIFIC; SCHEDULE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE



TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2025

- 6:30 am Breakfast - University Inn Breakfast Room
- 7:00 am Registration Opens
- 8:15 am Opening Remarks - Ben Roeber
- 8:25 am Opening Ceremony - Nez Perce Tribe
- 8:45 am Room Introductions
- 9:00 am VOAD Fair Opens
- 9:10 am Keynote: Oregon District Shooting in Dayton, Ohio - Chuck Balaj
- 10:45 am Networking Break
- 11:10 am General Session: Idaho VOAD: Who We Are, When to Activate, and Why It Matters - Jeremy Maxand
- 12:00 pm Lunch Buffet
- 1:00 pm General Session: What Does Increased Disaster Tempo Mean for Idaho? - Scott O'Connell
- 1:45 pm Networking Break - Transition to Breakouts
- 2:00 pm Breakout Sessions
 - Amplifund: Project Submission and Q&A - IOEM
 - Fail to Plan and You Plan to Fail - IOEM
 - Red Cross Regional Staff Panel and Questions
- 2:45 pm Networking Break - Transition to General Session
- 3:15 pm General Session: When Local Events Become National News - Sarah Long, Nick Mechikoff, Jodi Walker, Tiffany Westbrook
- 4:00 pm VOAD Fair Closes

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2025

Cyber Day

- 6:30 am Breakfast - University Inn Breakfast Room
- 7:30 am Registration Opens
- 8:30 am Opening Remarks: State of Emergency Management - Ben Roeber
- 9:00 am General Session: Generative AI in a Hybrid Threat Landscape - Rian Davis
- 9:45 am Networking Break
- 10:00 am General Session: Operation Cyber Idaho: Whole of State Approach to Securing Idaho's Networks - Jerred Edgar
- 11:00 am General Session: Offense vs Defense: AI Doomers and Boomers - Andrew Bochman
- 12:00 pm Lunch Buffet

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- 12:45 pm General Session: Innovative Readiness Training - Idaho's Military Building Community Resiliency through Training - COL Dan Lister & WO1 Seth Gaskins
- 1:30 pm Networking Break - Transition to Breakouts
- 1:45 pm Breakout Sessions
 - Amplifund Reimbursements - IOEM
 - Engaging Your Private Sector: A Force Multiplier for Disasters - Jon Hanian & Don Lynn
 - Humanitarian Response to Cyber Disruptions - Rodney Cooper
- 2:30 pm Breakout Sessions
 - Fail to Plan and You Plan to Fail - IOEM
 - WebEOC Nexus - Moving WebEOC to the Cloud - IOEM
 - Workforce Development - U of I
- 3:15 pm Networking Break - Transition to Keynote Session
- 3:30 pm Keynote: Real World Disaster Response - Information Technology Emergency Management Partnership - Rick Schute & Jaime Wascalus
- 4:45 pm Networking Social

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2025

- 6:30 am Breakfast - University Inn Breakfast Room
- 7:30 am Registration Opens
- 8:30 am Opening Remarks - Ben Roeber
- 8:40 am General Session: Understanding Evacuation Zones: Planning, Safety, and Community Preparedness - Juan Bonilla
- 9:30 am General Session: Wildfires - Strategic Planning, Mitigating and Relationship Building - Tyre Holfeltz
- 10:30 am Networking Break
- 11:00 am General Session: Idaho Fires 2025 Lessons Learned, Looking to 2026 - Rob Feeley, Bob Howard, Corrie Ivey, Brian Nickerson, Christine Wendlesdorf
- 11:45 am Closing Ceremony - Nez Perce Tribe
- 12:00 pm Closing Remarks - Ben Roeber
- 12:00 pm Box Lunches Available



Read the full conference agenda and learn more about speakers and presentations by scanning the QR code and downloading the [Whova](#) app.

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