IOEM Annual Preparedness and Cybersecurity Conference (APCC)

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the Annual Preparedness and Cybersecurity Conference?
- The APCC is an education, outreach, and training event for local and state government officials including emergency managers, County Commissioners and Tribal Council Members, and cybersecurity professionals. Topics will include emergency preparedness, disaster recovery, mitigation activities, cyber preparedness/defense and more. Previously, the Annual Preparedness Conference and the Cybersecurity Conference were two different events. This year we are combining them into one preparedness event.

Why should I attend?
- This conference will give local and state government officials, emergency managers, County Commissioners and Tribal Council Members, and cybersecurity professionals the opportunity to hear from local, state, and national emergency management and cyber professionals, as well as engage with IOEM team members and their programs.

Who does IOEM sponsor?
- IOEM will sponsor the following persons from each jurisdiction:
    - One (1) County or Tribal Emergency Manager
    - Up to three (3) County Commissioners or Tribal Council Members
    - One (1) cybersecurity professional

What does sponsorship include?
- Sponsorship will include travel, lodging and per diem reimbursement when applicable.

Do I have to attend the whole conference?
- If you are being sponsored by IOEM, you are required to sign in and attend the following full days of the conference:
    - County / Tribal Emergency Managers – Day 1 and Day 2
    - County Commissioners / Tribal Council Members – Day 1 and Day 2
    - Cybersecurity Professional – Day 2 and Day 3

- We encourage everyone to attend all 3 days of the conference for a well-rounded emergency management / cyber security update.

Are there other learning opportunities?
- In addition, IOEM will be hosting a National Level Recovery Exercise on Thursday October 13th at the Idaho Response Center (IRC).   Emergency Managers, Commissioners and Tribal Council members have an additional opportunity to spend day three of the conference participating or observing the exercise at the new IRC. Cybersecurity sponsored attendees must attend day three on site at the APCC.

Why focus on cybersecurity?
- In the past, IOEM has hosted a separate one-day cyber event. However, with the growing connection between emergency management and cybersecurity, we will be combining the two events going forward.

When and where can I register?
- Registration will open soon. More information to follow.

When is the registration deadline?
- September 22nd, 2022

When will the conference take place? Where is it located?
- Location:
  - Riverside Hotel
  - 2900 Chinden Blvd Boise, ID 83714

- Date:
  - October 11-13, 2022

- Time:
  - Tuesday- 8:00 am – 4:30 pm
  - Wednesday- 8:00 am – 4:30 pm
  - Thursday- 8:00 am – 4:30 pm

Is this an open registration for all Emergency Managers or is this just for the County/Tribal Emergency Managers and Commissioners?
- Yes! Open to all, however IOEM will only sponsor the following persons from each jurisdiction:
  - One (1) County or Tribal Emergency Manager
  - Up to three (3) County Commissioners or Tribal Council Members
  - One (1) cybersecurity professional

Is there a cost for Non IOEM Sponsored attendees?
- Yes, the conference registration fee is $75, travel will be at your own expense.

How will reimbursement be handled?
- For those attendees being sponsored by IOEM, travel costs are to be reimbursed after the conference. Eligible costs for reimbursements include:
  - Airfare
  - Mileage
  - Per Diem for meals not provided at conference
  - Lodging will be paid directly by IOEM for up to three nights (Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday or Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday). Additional nights will be at your expense.

How do I make hotel reservations?
- For those attendees being sponsored by IOEM, you will be contacted by IOEM to finalize your lodging plans.

- For those attendees who are NOT sponsored by IOEM, you will need to make your own travel arrangements. IOEM has reserved a block of rooms at The Riverside Hotel in Boise. The reservation cutoff date is September 14th. To make your reservation, call the hotel directly and tell them you are with the Annual Preparedness and Cybersecurity Conference:

  - The Riverside Hotel
  - 208-343-1871
  - 2900 Chinden Blvd Boise, ID 83714

What are some topics that will be discussed?
- Non- Disaster Grants Management 101
- Emergency Management in a Small Community
- COVID-19 Pandemic – Lessons Learned
- Cybersecurity Misinformation, Disinformation and New Threats
- Update from Idaho Cybersecurity Taskforce Panel

Who are the keynote speakers?
- Brock Long - Former FEMA Administrator
- Idaho Governor Brad Little (invited)
- Mike Sprayberry – Former Director of North Carolina Emergency Management
- Frank Johnson - Former City CIO, battle-tested ransomware survivor

Are you having a vendor fair or sponsorships for the conference?

- No.

Is the conference schedule available?

- A draft conference agenda will be posted soon.

For additional information on sponsorship or any other questions, please email IOEMConference2022@imd.idaho.gov or contact, Administrative Specialist, Hope Allen at (208) 258-6591.