



Register Today!

AHEPP ANNUAL 2025

February 24-26, 2025
Hilton Doubletree at the
Entrance of Universal Studios
Orlando, FL

AHEPP ASSOCIATION OF HEALTHCARE
EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS
PROFESSIONALS

Monday, February 24 • Pre-Conference

8:00 - 9:00 Pre-Conference Sessions Check In

<p>9:00am - 4:00pm</p>	<p>All pre-conference sessions run concurrently. Please register for only 1 session.</p>	<p><i>Achieving Regulatory Compliance by Preparing for Crisis Response: A Workshop for Healthcare Leaders and their Emergency Managers</i></p> <p><i>Presented by: Greg Santa Maria</i></p> <p><i>AHEPP Professional Standard: Compliance, Law, Regulatory</i></p>	<p>Leadership Solutions. The Why, How and What of building, growing, and excelling in your career and EM program</p> <p>Presented by Phil Chaffe</p> <p><i>AHEPP Professional Standard: Leadership</i></p>
	<p>Pediatric Response Planning for Hospital Emergency Preparedness</p> <p>Presented by: Kevin Arthur</p> <p><i>AHEPP Professional Standard: Strategic Planning</i></p>	<p>Resilient Hospitals: Mastering IT Downtimes Preparedness</p> <p>Presented by: Mark VanDyke</p> <p><i>AHEPP Professional Standard: Strategic Planning</i></p>	<p>The 2025 AHEPP Annual Pre-Conference Sessions have been approved for 6 HcEM Re-certification Continuing Education Units</p>

12:00- 5:00pm Exhibit Hall Set Up/Registration Desk Open

Tuesday, February 25 • Conference

7:00 - 8:00am Registration, Breakfast & Networking				
8:00 - 8:30	Welcome and Opening Remarks			
8:30 - 9:45	Healthcare Preparedness and Resilience in the Face of Climate Change Presented by Paul Biddinger, MD <i>AHEPP Professional Standard: Leadership</i>			
9:45 - 10:00am Break & Networking				
10:00 - 11:15	Collaborate with Colleagues Presented by: Andrew Moull & Anna Hansen <i>AHEPP Professional Standard: Communication</i>			
11:20 - 12:10	Building on the Fly by Design By Jeffrey Freeman, PhD, MPH & Lauren Sauer, MSc	I know a Guy - Leveraging Partnerships to Increase Resilience in Disasters By Christopher Blomgren, RN, BS, MS, MEP	System Level Unified Command: A Case Study of a Healthcare System's Response to the CrowdStrike Incident By Julie Bulson, DNP, JMMPA, RN, NE-BC, HcEM-M	Critical Infrastructure Failure: When Standing Water Brings Surgeries to a Standstill By Donald L. Grubb III, BSPH, PN, CHEP & Elizabeth M. Garrasi, HcEM-P
				When Things go Boom in the Basement By Richard Howlett & Joshua Cook
12:10 - 1:30pm Lunch & Networking with Vendors				
1:30 - 2:00	An EF-4 Tornado and the Resolve of a Critical Access Hospital By Erica McAllister, MPH, CHSP, CHEP, CHFM, CLSS-HC & Megan Stephens, RN, BSN	Armed Intruder Spot Drills: A beneficial way to engage front line workers By Kim Eischeid, MPA, CHEP, RRT-ACCS, CCP-C & Joel Haman, Emergency	Limited Resource Healthcare Facility Considerations for Disaster Preparedness By Caren Herring, DNP, MSN, RN, NHDP-BC & Joel Evans	
2:05 - 3:05	Managing Population Influx: Emergency Preparedness and Response in High-Traffic Destinations Presented by Mark VanDyke, Eric Albers, and Keila Walker			
3:05 - 3:30 Break and Networking with Vendors				
3:30 - 4:20	An AED for your EM Program: Rebuilding an Emergency Management Program from the Ground Up By Deb Teske, HcEM-M, CEM	Mass Casualty Incident Response Planning Consideration Workshop By Paul A. Mikita II, HcEM-M, MA-EDM, RN, CEN, CEM	Minimizing the RISC to your Healthcare Facility By Rachel Lehman & CDR Thomas Christl	
4:25 - 5:15			Enhancing Objectivity of the HVA: Lessons Learned in HVA Strategy, Data Management, and Execution By Leanna Molnar, MS & Caitlin Flynn, CHSP, CHPCP	
5:30 - ?? Collaborate with Colleagues				
Please make and effort to network with colleagues. Dinner is on your own				

Wednesday, February 26 • Conference

8:00 – 8:30 Welcome, Announcements, and Introductions			
8:30 – 9:30	<p align="center">Behavioral Threat Assessment In Healthcare: Views from the Field Presented by Lynn VanMale <i>AHEPP Professional Standard: Hazard, Vulnerability, Risk Management</i></p>		
9:30 – 10:00am Break & Networking			
10:00 – 10:50	<p>Designing and Expanding a Business Continuity Program for a Healthcare System By Julie Bulson, DNP, MPA, RN, NE-BC, HcEM-M</p>	<p>Violent Threats in Healthcare - A Multidisciplinary Response Team Approach By Matt Van Voorhis, MBA, CHEP</p>	<p>Elderly Vulnerability and Disaster-Associated Psychological Trauma: Considerations for Facility Decision Making By Jacquelyn Marchand, PhD</p>
11:00–12:00	<p align="center">An Introspective Analysis of the March 22, 2024 Deadly Children's Bus Crash in Austin, Texas Presented by: Donald Denson, MS <i>AHEPP Professional Standard: Response Operations</i></p>		
12:10 - 1:30pm Lunch & Networking with Vendors			
1:30 - 2:30	<p align="center">When Disaster Strikes Back to Back: Lessons Learned Emory Midtown Hospital Presented by: Kyesha L. Turner, MPA, AEM Manager, Emergency Management, Emory University Hospital <i>AHEPP Professional Standard: Response Operations</i></p>		
2:40-3:00	<p align="center">Final Announcements & Prizes</p>		
3:05-3:55	<p>Using Serious Safety Events Tabletop Exercises as a Tool for Decreasing Patient Safety Events By Elizabeth M. Garrasi, MS, CHEP, CEDP, HcEM-P</p>	<p>Planning for the "Party" - Lessons Learned from the RNC By Lisa M. Hass-Peters, RN, NHDP-C</p>	<p><u>Cyber Crisis Rx: Tools for Healthcare Resilience</u> By Nicole Ziogas, MPH & Andrew Dahl</p>
4:00 – 4:50	<p>Building a Resilient Future: Developing an Effective Emergency Management Program in Healthcare By Adam Lee, MBA, MS, CEM</p>	<p>Reframing Healthcare Downtimes Incidents as Patient Safety Emergencies - Lessons Learned from CrowdStrike By Jennifer Shearer, MPH & Gabriela Dolagaray, MD</p>	<p>Achieving a Culture of Zero Violence: Leadership Strategies to Reduce the Risk and Anxiety of Patients, Staff, and Visitors By Brian Uridge, MPA, CHPA, CPP, CTM</p>

The 2025 AHEPP Annual Conference has been approved for 12 HcEM Re-certification Continuing Education Units. Conference Registration Includes breakfast and lunch on February 25 & 26, 2025.