

Schedule - May 28th

4:00-6:00

Pre-registration for attendees and presenters

All pre-registrants will receive a gift!

Exhibitor Booths Open

5:30-7:30

Networking Event

sponsored and hosted by
*Maine Association of Local
Emergency Managers
(MALEM)*



Maine Prepares is an online resource presented by the Maine Emergency Management Agency and its partners. This website offers helpful information for your home, family, business, service organization, school, and community. You'll find tips for staying safe in all types of situations. Plus, you'll find information about recovery, like cleaning up after a flood, volunteering, or donating to help others. Be prepared!

Schedule - May 29th

*Continental breakfast is available in the auditorium.

7:30

Registration

- Lobby

8:00

Opening Remarks

- Banquet area

Peter Rogers, Director
Maine Emergency Management Agency

National Anthem - Evelyn Lacroix
Color Guard Presentation

Evelyn LaCroix is 16 years old from Skowhegan, Maine. She is currently a junior in high school. She is homeschooled and also attends the Skowhegan Area Highschool for Advanced Music classes. She enjoys traveling around the state singing the National Anthem. She sings for sporting events, for our State Capital, and for the Travis Mills Foundation to mention a few.

8:30

Exhibitors

- Auditorium

Hazmat Challenge

- South Parking Lot

Emergency Management Vehicle Display

- North Wing Parking Lot

LifeFlight Class

- Howard/Arnold

9:30-10:30

Open Office - Public Assistance, Individual Assistance, and Mitigation
- Androscoggin/Aroostook

Stop The Bleed Training

- Fort Western

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10:30-12:00

Keynote

“Mastering Decision-Making Under Pressure”

Chris Scott, Crisis Service Manager
CHEMTREC

12:00-1:00

Lunch & Awards

- Auditorium

*Lunch is provided free of charge

Breakout Session 1

1:00 - 2:00



HazMat

Pine Tree/
Capitol

“Understanding the Railroad’s Role”

A response overview of the phases of a derailment.

David Scoons - CSX Rail



Homeland
Security

Cumberland

“Election Security”

Please join us for a chat style session on how Maine’s Department of the Secretary of State’s Office will support election security efforts in Maine.

Shenna Bellows - Maine Secretary of State



Whole
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Resiliency

Howard/
Arnold

“Tribal Nations and Preparedness in Maine”

The audience will walk away with a greater understanding of Native history, Tribal EM capabilities, capacities, and challenges, and general information about the Tribes in Maine.

Regina Marotto - FEMA



Preparedness

Fort Western

“Community Preparedness - Being Wildfire Resilient”

This program intends to provide detailed information on what a community can do to be prepared for multiple wildfire starts or a large extended wildfire.

Robbie Gross - Maine Forest Service



Mitigation
& Recovery

Augusta

“Mitigate Before the Disaster Occurs”

Explore natural hazard mitigation, posturing for success, and Maine's best practices.

Heather Dumais - Maine Emergency Management Agency

2:00-2:15

Snack and Networking Break

- Exhibit & Banquet Areas

Breakout Session 2

2:15 - 3:15



HazMat

Pine Tree/
Capitol

"Maine CDC Laboratory Response Network and Maine 11th WMD Civil Support Team Partnership"

Explore the LRN Chemical Terrorism program in Maine, understand the role of the 11th WMD Civil Support Team, and discover how their partnership fosters enhanced preparedness.

Lauren Jakub – Maine CDC & LTC Ian Hepburn – 11th CST



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"Homeland Security Grants Program Town Hall"

An interactive session on understanding allowability, amendments, LETPP projects, National Priority Areas, special requests, and controlled equipment (sUAS), along with basic information on the Nonprofit Security Grant Program and the Operation Stonegarden Program.

Dale Finney & Kerry Thomas – FEMA



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"Building Stronger Together"

Maine VOAD's Collaborative Approach to Disaster Mitigation, Response and Recovery.

Sam Michaud – Maine Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD)



Preparedness

Fort Western

"Marketing Manager or Emergency Manager? A Successful Public Preparedness Program Employs Both!"

As emergency managers, our goal is to educate the public on emergency preparedness and devise inventive methods to boost engagement in readiness initiatives. This course will equip you with fresh strategies to market emergency preparedness effectively and ignite genuine excitement among the public!

Megan Arsenault - York EMA



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& Recovery

Augusta

"FEMA Region 1's Interagency Recovery Coordination"

Explore IRC's structure, Recovery Support Function (RSF) roles, and community collaboration in disaster missions. Discover strategies for effective emergency response and recovery through local, state, and tribal relationships.

Shalissa Coutoulakis and Lynn Levin - FEMA

3:15-3:30

Snack and Networking Break

- Exhibit & Banquet Areas

Breakout Session 3

3:30 - 4:30



HazMat

Pine Tree/
Capitol

"Hazards of Butane Hash Oil (BHO) Extraction"

This class is designed to address recent explosions of Marijuana Extraction Labs, describe the purpose of Marijuana Oil Extraction, nomenclature, and extraction methods.

Al Nygren – Training Technologies International, Inc.



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"Physical Security Considerations to Protect Critical Infrastructure Facilities, Assets, and Personnel"

An overview of CISA online resources and services available in Maine – various levels of physical and cyber non-regulatory, confidential security assessments at no cost to the stakeholder with primary focus on critical infrastructure.

Talis Jordans – CISA



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"Cooling and Warming Center Best Practices"

Attendees will receive an overview covering Cooling and Warming Center Facility and Site Considerations, Staffing and Resource Needs, and Triggers for Opening and Closing

Bill Guindon – Maine Emergency Management Agency



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"2024 Overview"

Overview of the newly released 2024 Local Emergency Managers Handbook introduction to resources available to support Community Preparedness, Response, Recovery, and Mitigation.

Maine Association of Local Emergency Managers (MALEM)



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"When FEMA Comes to Town – Making Your Public Assistance Experience a Good One"

Maximize Public Assistance program success: document damages, navigate procurement/payment policies, ensure compliance with environmental/historic preservation requirements, and explore mitigation opportunities.

Sarah Fuller – Maine Emergency Management Agency

4:30 - 5:00

Closing Remarks

- Banquet Area

Keynote Speaker

Chris Scott

Crisis Service Manager, CHEMTREC



Chris Scott is a highly experienced crisis management professional with over 35 years of experience in the field.

Chris is a thought leader and pioneer in the field of operating in high pressure environments. A dynamic and engaging instructor of all crisis and emergency response related matters. He has an MSc in crisis management and emergency planning, supported by a BSc in Leadership and Management.

Chris's skillset was honed with a 23-year career in the UK Military and has engaged in special operations around the world. His management expertise is underpinned by unique qualifications as an instructor of Human Intelligence (HUMINT), a skillset in understanding how people think, act and feel in high pressure, demanding situations. This helps Chris to create and develop true, bespoke management offerings to our clients.

Chris has studied and written a number of white papers, delivered webinars and seminars on the importance of non-technical skillsets which underpin an individual's ability to deal with crisis and high- pressure situations.

Mastering Decision-Making Under Pressure

Emergency Response and Incident Command is a skill, it is stressful by default and places our brains under significant cognitive strain. Have you ever considered whether you are good at it? Do some people seem to excel at it whilst others seem to continually struggle? Have you ever wondered what lies beneath the surface of a perceived calm exterior. Are humans even capable of being good at it at all? Ultimately, we intend to explore why stress can hamper, hinder and hijack our ability to make effective decisions when we need it most, when we're faced with potentially lifesaving complexities. I look forward to working with attendees of the Maine Preparedness conference to explore, unpick and discuss how stress and pressure affects our decision-making capacity and capabilities. The presentation will explore key pitfalls and solutions to cope with the pressure and mitigate its impacts.