

Dept. of Military Affairs: Annual Governor's Conference on Emergency Management & Homeland Security to highlight communications in times of disaster

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MADISON, Wis. – The 52nd Annual Governor's Conference on Emergency Management & Homeland Security will take place March 21-22 at the Kalahari Resort & Convention Center in Wisconsin Dells. Among the many speakers at the event will be a keynote presentation on the response to the 2017 Las Vegas mass shooting, which killed 58 people and injured 851 others.

More than 400 people from emergency management, fire, law enforcement, homeland security, and other first responder agencies are expected to attend this year's conference. Some of the presenters and topics include:

- Former Clark County Emergency Management staff member Irene Navis and Misty Robinson, a senior public health preparedness planner for the Southern Nevada Health District. They will discuss lessons learned during the response and recovery to the 2017 mass shooting in Las Vegas.
- Sun Prairie Fire Chief Christopher Garrison, who will discuss the response to a gas leak explosion in downtown Sun Prairie that killed one person and destroyed multiple buildings.
- Emergency Management officials and first responders from Dodge County, where

an explosion at a Beaver Dam apartment building killed one person and forced officials to burn down the structure.

-Several breakout sessions featuring presentations from experts in fields such as cybersecurity, emergency communications, and public health, along with representative from the National Weather Service.

The conference agenda is available at <https://wiscot.eventsair.com/-wem2019/agenda>

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