



2026 Oklahoma Emergency Management Conference

February 17, 2026 – February 20, 2026

OKANA Conference Center

Monday, February 16, 2026

6:00-7:30 pm Early Check-in & Registration

Tuesday, February 17, 2026

7:00-9:00 am Check-in & Registration

7:00-9:00 am Breakfast in Conference Hallway

9:00-11 am

General Session 1

Opening Ceremony

Presentation of Colors: Chickasaw Nation Honor Guard
Oklahoma Fire Pipe & Drums
Invocation, David Johnson, Garvin County Emergency Management
Pledge of Allegiance
Secretary Everest, Oklahoma Secretary of Public Safety
Clint Langford, OEMA President

Keynote: Ruidoso, New Mexico Fires & Flooding

Eric Queller, Village of Ruidoso Emergency Management
Adam Woodard, City of Tulsa Emergency Management

11-11:30 pm

Break/Vendors/Networking

11:30-1:30 pm

OEMA Awards Luncheon

1:30-2:30 pm

Breakout Sessions 1

- Weatherford Ammonia Leak - Mike Karlin, Weatherford Emergency Management Director, NTSB Representative
- OHP Child Abduction Team & ESU – OHP
- RMRS Interface – Zakia Yazdanipour, RMRS Director Region 6/8
- NWS Flood Inundation Mapping – Nicole McGavock, NWS Tulsa



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Breakout Sessions 2

- Esri GIS Services
- Wildfire Mitigation – Erin Brazel and Aaron Williams, Oklahoma Forestry Services
- Improving Severe Weather Communications Beyond Traditional Watches & Warnings - David Hogg and Miranda Silcott
- Sponsor Presentation: Warriors Rest

3:30-4pm

Break/Vendors/Networking

4-5 pm

General Session 2

US Senator James Lankford (R-OK)

5-6 pm

Last call for memberships

6:00-8:30 pm

Vendor Night

Live Music and Refreshments in Vendor Hall with Dani Carson



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Wednesday, February 18, 2025

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| 8:00-10 am | OEMA Business Meeting with Breakfast---Members Only!
(Breakfast served in Conference Hallway for all attendees) |
| 10:00-10:30 am | Break/Vendors/Networking |
| 10:30-11:30 am | General Session 3 <ul style="list-style-type: none">- OEMA Update, Clint Langford, OEMA President- OEM Update – Annie Mack Vest, Executive Director Oklahoma Department of Emergency Management |
| 11:30-12:30 pm | Lunch |
| 12:30-1 pm | Break/Vendors/Networking |
| 1-2 pm | Breakout Sessions 3 <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Clara Robinson Search Response in Sherman, Texas – Chief Billy Harstfield and Deputy Chief Bart Bowman, Sherman Tex. Fire- Disaster Legal Issues – Christa Figgins, Oklahoma Legal Aid- A Birds Eye View: Supporting Disaster Response with NASA's Open Satellite Data - William L. Stefanov, NASA- Sponsor Presentation: OmniWarn (30 min), Looks Great (15 min), BELFOR Property Restoration (15 min) |
| 2-3 pm | Breakout Sessions 4 <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Preparedness, Response, and Recovery: A Review of the Texas Hill Country Floods – Rick Smith, NWS Norman and Dr. Kim Klockow McClain, UCAR/NOAA- First 10 Minutes of an Incident - Kyle Curry, Washington County, Ark. Emergency Management- American Red Cross – Rene Beezley, American Red Cross- Communications Basics for Emergency Management |



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Break/Vendors/Networking

3:30-5 pm

General Session 4

Emergency Management at a Strategic Crossroads: Thoughts from Voices of Experience

- Deanne Criswell,
- Tony Robinson,
- Mark Cooper,
- Moderated by Annie Mack Vest

5:00-6:00 pm

Closing Session and remarks



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TRAINING DAY 1

Thursday, February 19, 2026

7:00-8:00 am	Check-in & Registration
8:00-11:30 am	Morning Class Session
11:30-12:30 pm	Lunch
12:30-5:00 pm	Afternoon Class Session

TRAINING DAY 2

Friday, February 20, 2026

7:00-8:00 am	Check-in & Registration
8:00-11:30 am	Morning Class Session
11:30-12:30 pm	Lunch
12:30-5:00 pm	Afternoon Class Session