

## NJ Office of Emergency Management



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**NJOEM ENCOURAGES EMERGENCY PLANNERS, RESPONDERS  
TO REGISTER FOR NJEPA CONFERENCE**  
*NJOEM personnel will host extensive training courses at the  
New Jersey Emergency Preparedness Conference, in May*

( WEST TRENTON ) - Local and county emergency managers from across New Jersey will benefit from the latest emergency preparedness training at the Eighth Annual New Jersey Emergency Preparedness Conference, to be held May 8-12 at the Tropicana Casino and Resort in Atlantic City.

The annual conference is held by the New Jersey Emergency Preparedness Association, an independent, not-for-profit corporation. The event's charter sponsors include New Jersey Office of Emergency Management (NJOEM), State Farm Insurance, PSE&G, Atlantic City Electric, New Jersey Forest Fire Service, North American Catastrophe Services and Emergency Preparedness Partnerships.

Colonel Rick Fuentes, Director of NJOEM, announced today that NJOEM and other New Jersey State Police officials will provide several training opportunities at the Conference, along with other top instructors from New Jersey and across the country.

"The Conference provides an excellent opportunity to reinforce relationships between our state and local homeland security partners," Fuentes said. "It also allows us to share the most current training for local emergency managers. Our training sessions will cover issues from ensuring good communications between agencies during a disaster, to essential skills on organizing and managing the response from an Emergency Operations Center."

Registration for the conference is now open at [www.njepa.org](http://www.njepa.org). Space is limited. Emergency management professionals from the public and private sectors are encouraged to register as soon as possible.

More than 1,500 emergency planners and responders from across the Mid-Atlantic region are expected to attend. The first three days will include 22 training sessions, each ranging from four to 24 hours of total class time. May 11 and 12 will feature a general session, panel discussion and 25 breakout sessions of 75 minutes each. The conference is designed to provide a variety of topics of interest to emergency management professionals. More than 100 exhibitors will also be in attendance to display and discuss the latest technologies and services.

For information on NJOEM programs and on basic emergency preparedness for families, businesses and local government officials, visit NJOEM's website, [www.nj.gov/njoem](http://www.nj.gov/njoem).

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