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Emergency Management Confronts New Realities at Innovative Conference

Washington, DC— Today, the Executive Advisory Committee of the 2018 Emergency Management Leaders Conference (EMLC) announced the initial speaker line-up. The Conference is June 12-13, 2018 at the Saddlebrook Resort in Tampa, Florida.

The Conference's inaugural year will feature a gathering of world renowned emergency management speakers, moderators, and panelists from the federal, state and local public sectors as well as the private sector and non-profit partners to ask the biggest questions faced by the emergency management community. More information on the conference can be found [here](#).

"The purpose of EMLC is to present a national forum where some of the most distinguished experts in the field of Emergency Management and disciplines related to disaster preparedness, response, recovery, and mitigation can convene for 2 days of policy discourse and problem solving, best practices and lessons learned while engaging in forward thinking," said Elizabeth Zimmerman, EMLC's Executive Advisory Chair. "Given the extended efforts of emergency management professionals addressing global events, EMLC also welcomes a multi-national audience and assembly of speakers representing some of the brightest minds and sharpest talent whose actions and policies shape the landscape of emergency management."

Highlights of the Conference include Craig Fugate who served as President Barack Obama's FEMA Administrator from May 2009 to January 2017; Mike Sprayberry, North Carolina's State Emergency Management Director and the President of the National Emergency Management Association (NEMA); and Lt. Gen Daniel R. Hokanson, Vice Chief of the National Guard Bureau.

EMLC will also feature four current FEMA Regional Administrators. In a moderated panel by Bryan Koon, IEM's Vice President of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, FEMA Regional Administrators Gracia B. Szczech, James K. Joseph, Tony Robinson and Mike O'Hare will share their thoughts regarding how their region is preparing for the events of tomorrow based on what they have learned through recent events in their region -- from public-private partnerships to community level responsibilities.

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