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Are YOU Plugged In to AAEM's 2007's Mid-Year Conference and Trade Show?

If you haven't already made your plans to attend AAEM's 2007 Mid-Year Conference and Trade Show, you don't know what you'll be missing! This year's event is already promising to be filled with great speakers...plus a few surprises that we have waiting in the wings...just for our members!

The conference will be at The Hotel at Auburn University and Dixon Conference Center at the heart of Auburn University beginning Tuesday, March 20 through Thursday, March 22, 2007.

Our speakers this year include AEMA Director Bruce Baughman, ACCA President Rhondel Rhone, Mike Scroggins from the Office of Public Examiners, ACCA Assistant Director Sonny Brasfield, Bruce Freeman from ADEM, Dennis Wright with Alabama Department of Homeland Security, Kevin Reuter of the U.S. Air Force Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Larry Anderson with Compass Bank, Margaret Bentle with Alabama Power, several guests with National Weather Service, plus several of our own county emergency management directors...we have a little something for everyone!

The Exhibit Hall will open with the Opening Reception on Wednesday at 5 p.m., and we encourage everyone to join us for lots of fun as you enjoy some good food and fellowship with our special guests. The Exhibit Hall will remain open for a strolling breakfast and strolling lunch on Thursday before closing at 1 p.m. – giving each member plenty of time to visit the vendors and explore what they have to offer.

Conference registration is \$150 per person until March 2. After March 2, conference registration will be \$165. If you haven't already faxed your registration forms to (334) 263-7678, then save your county a few bucks, and use the enclosed registration form on page 2. Registration is just that simple!

Rooms at The Hotel at Auburn University are \$95 until Sunday, Feb. 18. After this date, the room block we reserved will be released, and you will pay regular rate for your rooms, and a room at the hotel will not be guaranteed. So, **please call the hotel at 800-228-2876 and ask for the EMA Directors Conference to get the special room rate.** *It is imperative that we fill the number of rooms that we reserved so that we do not have to pay a penalty.*

If you have any questions about the conference, or with registration, please call Lori Quiller, director of public relations, at (334) 263-7594, or send an e-mail to lquiller@acca-online.org. We look forward to seeing you in Auburn!

2007 AAEM Mid-Year Conference CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

GET PLUGGED IN

GET PLUGGED INTO THE 2007 AAEM MID-YEAR CONFERENCE! Join us at the Hotel at Auburn University and Dixon Conference Center on March 20-22, 2007, for our annual spring training conference.

Hotel reservations must be made by **Sunday, Feb. 18, 2007**. To make your reservations, call AUHCC at 800-228-2876 and ask for the **EMA Directors Conference**. Rooms are **\$95** a night and will go quickly, so act fast!

Don't forget to register for the conference itself! **Conference registration is \$150 per person until March 2. After March 2, registration is \$165.** Everything you need is included in this packet. First, complete this form, and fax it to **(334) 263-7678**. Next, mail your registration payment and a copy of this registration form to the address at the bottom of the form. Also included in this packet is a tentative agenda for the weeks' activities and a golf tournament registration form.

If you have any questions, please call Lori Quiller, director of public relations, at (334) 263-7594. We look forward to seeing you in Auburn in March!

PLEASE PRINT

County Name: _____

Address: _____

City / State / Zip: _____

Phone: (____) _____ Fax: (____) _____

E-mail Address of Contact: _____

Persons Attending: _____

PRE-REGISTER by faxing this form **ASAP** to **(334) 263-7678**.
Please return completed form and payment by **Friday, March 2, 2007**, to
AAEM • 100 N. Jackson Street • Montgomery, Ala. 36104

2007 AAEM Mid-Year TENTATIVE Conference Agenda

The Hotel at Auburn University and Dixon Conference Center

March 20-23, 2007

TUESDAY, MARCH 20, 2007

8 – 9 a.m.

Board of Directors Meeting

9 – 11 a.m.

Committee Meetings (Scheduled by Chairpersons)

10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Conference Registration

1 – 1:30 p.m.

Welcome and Introductions

Brett Howard, AAEM President and Dallas County EMA Director

1:30 – 2:15 p.m.

AEMA Report

Bruce Baughman, AEMA Director

2:30 – 3:15 p.m.

National Weather Service Report

3:30 – 4 p.m.

ACCA Report

Hon. Rhondel Rhone, ACCA President and Clarke County Commissioner

4 – 4:30 p.m.

Alabama DPS Aviation Operations

Kris Helton, Chief Trooper Pilot

4:30– 4:45 p.m.

Closing Announcements

Brett Howard, AAEM President

Dinner on your own

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21, 2007

7:15 – 7:45 a.m.

Devotionals

8 – 8:45 a.m.

Update on Alabama's Bid Laws

Mike Scroggins, Office of Public Examiners

9 – 9:45 a.m.

Ethics in Alabama's County Government

Sonny Brasfield, ACCA Assistant Director

10 – 10:45 a.m.

Sheltering in Place

Phil Hastings, Decatur Board of Education

Brett Howard, Dallas County EMA

Bruce Freeman, ADEM

11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Effective Public Outreach Programs

Panel Discussion

Deborah Gaither, Gadsden/Etowah County EMA

Don Hartley, Tuscaloosa County EMA

Yasamie Richardson, Alabama EMA

12 – 1:30 p.m.

Lunch/Business Meeting

1 – 5 p.m.

Vendor Set-Up and Registration in Exhibit Hall

1 – 5 p.m.

Homeland Security Training

Various speakers

5 – 7 p.m.

Opening Reception in Exhibit Hall

Dinner on your own

THURSDAY, MARCH 22, 2007

7:15 – 7:45 a.m.

Devotionals

8 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Exhibit Hall Open

8 – 9 a.m.

Strolling Breakfast with Vendors

9 – 10 a.m.

FEMA FIRS Team

Wayne Randle has been invited to speak

9 – 10 a.m.

Time Management

Kevin Reuter, U.S. Air Force Senior

Noncommissioned Officer Academy

10:15 – 11 a.m.

Alabama Recovery Coalition Financial Section

Larry Anderson, Compass Bank

10:15 – 11 a.m.

Customer Relations

Margaret Bentle, Alabama Power

11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Strolling Lunch with Vendors

1 – 3 p.m.

Exhibit Hall Breakdown

1:15 – 2:15 p.m.

Services Evolution – Serving You Best During High-Impact Events

Ken Graham, National Weather Service

2:30 – 3:30 p.m.

Tornado or Downburst Damage? The Basics of Damage Surveys for Emergency Managers

National Weather Service

3:30 – 4:15 p.m.

Citizen Corps

Sydney Hoffman, Director, Governor's Faith-Based and Community Initiatives

4:15 – 5 p.m.

Long-Term Recovery

Bill Johnson, Director, ADECA

6 – 8 p.m.

Closing Banquet

FRIDAY, MARCH 23, 2007

Golf Tournament at Auburn University Club

DIRECTIONS TO FACILITY

From Montgomery:

Take I-85 North toward Auburn. Travel about 49 miles, and take Exit 51 (Auburn). At the end of the ramp, make a left onto College Street. Go about 3.5 miles. The hotel is located on the right side of the street, directly across from Draughon Library.

From Birmingham:

Take U.S. Highway 280 East about 110 miles. Make a right onto Highway 147, and follow it five miles to Auburn. The hotel is located on the left, directly across from Draughon Library.

From Atlanta:

Take I-85 South toward Montgomery. Travel about 103 miles, and take Exit 51 (Auburn). At the end of the ramp, bear right onto College Street. Travel another 3.5 miles. The Hotel is located on the right side of the street, directly across from Draughon Library.

Dust Off Your Clubs...

...and mark your calendars for the AAEM Golf Tournament in conjunction with the 2007 Mid-Year Conference in Auburn, Ala. The tourney will begin with a shotgun start at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, March 23, at the Auburn University Club. (Arrive at 7:30 a.m. for the continental breakfast.) The tourney will be a scramble format with four-person teams. Members and Associate Members play free, while non-members and companies may register for \$40, which includes lunch, greens fees, carts and range balls. Deadline for tourney registration is Friday, March 2. For more information, contact Lori Quiller, director of public relations, at (334) 263-7594.

2007 AAEM GOLF TOURNAMENT REGISTRATION

Golfer's Name _____ Handicap or Average Score _____

Member or Associate Member Non-Member / Company Member

County / Company Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone () _____ Fax () _____

Golfer's E-mail Address _____

Name of Person Completing Form _____

PRE-REGISTER by faxing this form ASAP to (334) 263-7678.

**Please return form and check (payable to AAEM) by Friday, March 2, to:
AAEM Golf Tournament / 100 N. Jackson Street / Montgomery, Ala. 36104**



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