



AAEM Today

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Take Advantage of Your “Down Time”

To all AAEM members...How is everything going in your county and at the state? I hope and pray that things are well and that the disasters and incidents are few. We all could really use some non-disaster time to work on our planning, identifying resources, and don't forget developing those relationships with the various businesses, elected officials and departments that can 'be there' for you during those disasters!



Ellen Haynes
St. Clair County
President, AAEM

To update you on a few items: Your AAEM Board of Directors is already hard at work, having met for two days in Montgomery the first week of October. Several issues were finalized and many more are in the works. Please visit our Associations' Web site often for news and updates that will be useful to you. The Committees are listed with the Chair and Vice-Chair for each. I encourage you to make contact with them if you have ideas

and especially if you want to serve your Association by joining a committee.

The **AAEM Winter Conference** is fast approaching, so **please register now**. (We've included a registration form in this copy of the newsletter for your convenience, or you may log online to www.acca-online.org and go the the AAEM page of the Affiliates Section for more details.) The Conference will be on the **University of Alabama** campus (home of the Mighty Crimson Tide) at the **Four Points by Sheraton Tuscaloosa Capstone**. The dates are **Jan. 27-29, 2009**, with **Monday, Jan. 26** offering a special 'Command and WMD Response Course.' This training encompasses Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD)-related topics and hands-on training on pre-incident planning and response development. There is only room for 60 class participants so sign up early if you want to attend!

Also included in this newsletter is information about the Association of

County Commissions of Alabama's **Annual Legislative Conference** that will be held at the **Renaissance Ross Bridge** in Hoover on **Dec. 10-11**. All of our EMA programs need the support of our county commissioners and I feel that it helps to grow that relationship by supporting the ACCA's conferences and especially there legislative efforts. There is a special breakout session for AAEM members. Please make plans to attend.

To close, please know that each of you have a vital role in your county and states' welfare. Your hard work is appreciated by your fellow emergency managers, your commissioners, elected officials and especially the citizens that you serve. AAEM offers you a way to develop a bond with others in your profession and also to further your knowledge, your training, and therefore your program!

*With care,
Ellen Tanner Haynes
AAEM President*

HAVE YOU MADE YOUR PLANS?

ACCA's Legislative Conference is just around the corner. Have you made your plans to attend? If not, we've included a registration form in this newsletter for your convenience. Registration is **\$150** per person, and registration cancellations after **Friday, Nov. 28**, will not be refunded.

While the deadline to acquire rooms at the Renaissance Ross Bridge Resort has already passed, accommodations have been made at the Hyatt Place Hoover, which is about 10 miles from the host hotel. Rooms are **\$129** and can be reserved by calling (205) 988-8444. The deadline for hotel reservations at Hyatt Place is **Tuesday, Nov. 18**.

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When you are mailing **anything** to AAEM, especially your membership dues or conference registrations, please make sure that the address your county commission office (particularly your accounts payable office) has on file is **100 N. Jackson Street, Montgomery, Ala. 36104**. Thank you for your help!

ACCA Announces Dates for District Meetings and County Commission Days

With the 2009 Legislative Session just around the corner, the Association staff wants to make sure all ACCA members are prepared for what's ahead in the coming months.

During the three-week period set aside for **ACCA's District Meetings**, county officials and employees gather to discuss legislative and other important issues.

Please mark your calendars for the meeting that is most convenient for you. **All meetings will begin at 6 p.m.** A registration form and specific locations will be available soon. All county commissioners, chairpersons, clerk/administrators, engineers, county attorneys, EMA directors, county revenue officers, and 9-1-1 directors should plan to attend the district meetings.

Monday, Jan. 5, 2009Jasper, Ala. (Walker County)

Tuesday, Jan. 6, 2009.....Decatur, Ala. (Morgan County)

Thursday, Jan. 8, 2009.....Gadsden, Ala. (Etowah County)

Monday, Jan. 12, 2009.....Linden, Ala. (Marengo County)

Tuesday, Jan. 13, 2009Clanton, Ala. (Chilton County)

Tuesday, Jan. 20, 2009Clayton, Ala. (Barbour County)

County Commission Days are scheduled during the Legislative Session to give counties the opportunity to come to Montgomery and lobby on Association measures. *This is your county's opportunity to have a sure presence in Montgomery during the Regular Legislative Session.*

Mark your calendar to attend your district's County Commission Day. Participants should convene at the ACCA office for a briefing before visiting the State House.

Tuesday, Feb. 17, at 11 a.m. – District 8: Bullock, Chambers, Clay, Coosa, Lee, Macon, Randolph, Russell and Tallapoosa Counties

Thursday, Feb. 19, at 9 a.m. – Districts 10 and 12: Baldwin, Butler, Choctaw, Clarke, Conecuh, Escambia, Marengo, Mobile, Monroe, Washington and Wilcox Counties

Tuesday, March 24, at 11 a.m. – Districts 7 and 9: Autauga, Calhoun, Cleburne, Elmore, Lowndes, Montgomery, Shelby and Talladega Counties

Tuesday, March 31, at 11 a.m. – District 11: Barbour, Coffee, Covington, Crenshaw, Dale, Geneva, Henry, Houston and Pike Counties

April 8 and 9 – County Day at the Legislature at the Alabama Activity Center in Downtown Montgomery

Tuesday, April 21, at 11 a.m. – Districts 2 and 4: Blount, Cullman, Lawrence, Limestone, Madison, Morgan and St. Clair Counties

Tuesday, May 5, at 11 a.m. – Districts 5 and 6: Bibb, Chilton, Dallas, Greene, Hale, Jefferson, Perry, Pickens, Sumter and Tuscaloosa Counties

Thursday, May 7, at 9 a.m. – Districts 1 and 3: Cherokee, Colbert, DeKalb, Etowah, Fayette, Franklin, Jackson, Lamar, Lauderdale, Marion, Marshall, Walker and Winston Counties



2009 WINTER Conference

Jan. 27-29, 2009 • Four Points by Sheraton Tuscaloosa Capstone • Tuscaloosa, Ala.

MONDAY, JANUARY 26 (Optional)

8 a.m. – 5 p.m. **Command and WMD Response Course**
(Optional course and max registration is 60)

10 – 10:30 p.m. Morning Break

11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. Lunch on your own

2:30 – 3 p.m. Afternoon Break

5 p.m. Adjourn

3 – 3:15 p.m. Afternoon Break

• 3:15 – 4:15 p.m. Examiners Update
Mike Scroggins, Chief,
County Audits, Alabama
Department of
Examiners of Public
Accounts

• 4:15 – 5 p.m. What is Your Persona?
Buddy Sharpless, ACCA
Executive Director

10 – 10:15 a.m. Break

• 10:15 – 12 p.m. Mass Shelter Task
Force Update

12 – 1:30 p.m. AAEM Awards Lunch
and Business Session
(Coat and Tie)

1:30 – 4:45 p.m. **Afternoon General Session**

• 1:30 – 2:30 p.m. Critical Incident Stress
Management (CISM)

• 2:30 – 3:30 p.m. Stress Management for
Responders

3:30 – 3:45 p.m. Afternoon Break

• 3:45 – 4:45 p.m. A Personal Story from
the Oklahoma City
Bombing

TUESDAY, JANUARY 27

9 a.m. **Board of Directors Meeting**

10:30 a.m. **Committee Meetings**

12 – 5:30 p.m. Registration

1 – 5 p.m. **Opening General Session**

• 1 – 1:15 p.m. Welcome and
Announcements

• 1:15 – 2 p.m. AEMA Update
Brock Long, Director,
AEMA

• 2 – 2:30 p.m. National Weather
Service Update

• 2:30 – 3 p.m. Bid Law Changes
Mary Pons, ACCA Staff
Attorney

5 – 6:30 p.m. AAEM Business After
Hours

8 p.m. Hospitality Suite opens

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28

8 – 10:30 a.m. Registration

8 a.m. – 12 p.m. **AAND Breakout Session**

8 a.m. – 12 p.m. **AAEM Morning General Session**

• 8 – 8:05 a.m. Welcome and
Announcements

• 8:05 – 9:15 a.m. VOAD
Becky Booker, Executive
Director, United Way of
Ala.

• 9:15 – 10 a.m. 211 Program
Susan Carter

6 p.m. Conference Dinner

8 p.m. Hospitality Suite opens

THURSDAY, JANUARY 29

8 a.m. – 12 p.m. **Alabama Department of Homeland Security General Session**

12 p.m. Adjourn

2009 AAEM Winter Meeting Registration Form

Name: _____

County or Organization: _____

Address: _____

City / State / Zip: _____

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

E-mail Address: _____

Conference registration fee is **\$175** per person until **Jan. 9**. After Jan. 9, conference registration is \$200. Fee for optional course alone is **\$50** per person if not registering for the conference. A registration packet and hotel information may be found online at www.acca-online.org.

\$_____ Total amount enclosed. **Please do not ask AAEM to bill you.**

List the names and titles of those registering for the Winter Meeting. _____

Please note that cancellations will not be refunded after Friday, Jan. 9.

2008 LEGISLATIVE Conference

Dec. 10-11, 2008 • Renaissance Ross Bridge • Hoover, Ala. • REGISTER TODAY!

AAEM BREAKOUT AGENDA

- **State EMA Update on Salary Subsidies, Future Initiatives and a State Level Disaster Fund**
Brock Long, Jimmy Lee and Sandra Lucas, Alabama Emergency Management Agency
- **AAEM Legislative Update**
Mike Evans, Mobile County EMA, and Max Armstrong, Blount County EMA
- **President's Update**
Ellen Haynes, President, Alabama Association of Emergency Managers



2008 ACCA Legislative Conference Registration Form

County or Company Name: _____

Person Completing Form: _____

Address: _____

City / State / Zip: _____

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

E-mail Address: _____

ACCA member registration is **\$125** per person **before Nov. 14**. (After Nov. 14, registration is \$150 per person.) *Company registration is \$175 per person.*

\$_____ Total amount enclosed. **Please do not ask ACCA to bill you.**

List below those you are registering for the conference. Please indicate if each person is a (C) Commissioner, (CA) Clerk/Administrator, (CE) County Engineer, (ACE) Assistant County Engineer, (EIT) Engineer in Training, (AAEM) Emergency Management, (CROAA) County Revenue Officer, (AAND) E-911, (G) Guest or (S) Spouse.

Please note that cancellations will not be refunded after Friday, Nov. 28.

Please return completed form and check payable to ACCA by Nov. 14, 2008, to:

ACCA Legislative Conference • 100 N. Jackson Street • Montgomery, Ala. 36104 • Fax (334) 263-7678