

# TIEMS-USA Annual Conference Schedule

February 20-22, 2024  
Kennesaw State University Center,  
3333 Busbee Drive, NW  
Kennesaw, Georgia 30144

This conference will be held in hybrid mode. Registration is not required. **WE ENCOURAGE IN-PERSON ATTENDANCE.** The virtual links are available at <https://tiemsusa.com> and <https://tiems.info>. The list of restaurants near the KSU Center is at the end of this schedule.

<b>TUESDAY 2/20/24</b>		
Time	Event	Speaker(s)
9:00 AM	<b>Welcome &amp; Overview of the Conference</b>	Harald Drager George Markowsky James Westbrook
9:30 AM	<b>Artificial Intelligence and Emergency Management</b>	Thomas Robertson
10:15 AM	<b>About TIEMS Certification: TQC and TQAC</b>	Larry Porter
11:00 PM	COFFEE BREAK	
11:15 AM	<b>KEYNOTE Building Sustainable and Resilient Communities</b>	Harald Drager
12:00 PM	<b>LUNCH – On Your Own, see restaurant list.</b>	
1:30 PM	<b>Active Shooter Workshop Atlanta FBI Office</b>	Mark Gibbons FBI Training Coordinator
2:30 PM	<b>Resilience &amp; Recovery</b>	Shayla Clarke Kristine Sinkez
3:00 PM	COFFEE BREAK	
3:15 PM	<b>Community Safety &amp; Resilience Workshop</b>	Craig Anz Ray Godfrey
5:00 PM	END OF DAY	

**WEDNESDAY 2/21/24**

Time	Event	Speaker(s)
9:00 AM	<b>Emergency Management in South Africa TIEMS 2023 Annual Conference</b>	Roman Tandlich
9:30 AM	<b>Emergency Management in India TIEMS 2024 Annual Conference</b>	Vinod Menon
10:00 AM	<b>Cybersecurity Workshop</b>	George Markowsky
11:00 AM	COFFEE BREAK	
11:15 AM	<b>KEYNOTE: Critical Infrastructure</b>	Warren Shephard GEMA
12:00 PM	<b>LUNCH – On Your Own, see restaurant list.</b>	
1:30 PM	<b>Local Emergency Management Panel James Westbrook, Moderator</b>	Daniel Westbrook CJ Worden Shayla Clarke Cassie Mazloom
3:00 PM	COFFEE BREAK	
3:15 PM	<b>Emergency Management &amp; K-12 Panel James Westbrook, Moderator</b>	Andy Altizer Mark Muma Mark Ruple
5:00 PM	END OF DAY	

**THURSDAY 2/22/24**

Time	Event	Speaker(s)
9:00 AM	<b>Keynote: Mental Health of Emergency Management Personnel</b>	Brian Moore
10:00 AM	<b>Keynote: Moment of Truth: The Nature of Catastrophes and How to Prepare for Them</b>	Kelly McKinney
11:00 AM	COFFEE BREAK	
11:15 AM	<b>Tornado &amp; Public Warnings Done Right</b>	Bret Albright National Weather Service
12:00 PM	<b>LUNCH – On Your Own, see restaurant list.</b>	
1:30 PM	<b>Flooding</b>	Todd Hamill National Weather Service
2:30 PM	<b>Assessing Climate Losses and Damages: Applying Experience from Disaster Management</b>	Joe Leitmann
3:00 PM	COFFEE BREAK	
3:15 PM	<b>Atlanta Section Organizational Meeting Conference Wrap Up</b>	George Markowsky James Westbrook
5:00 PM	END OF DAY	