2026 EMAO Spring Conference

Byxbe Campus Conference Room
1610 SR 521, Delaware, OH 43015
March 19, 2026

AGENDA

09:00 – 09:30 Registration / Meet with Vendors

09:30 – 09:45 Opening – Pledge of Allegiance
Remarks from the President
OCEM Awards

09:45 – 10:45 ***Emergency Management Standards and Statutes and Program Development***
Ryan Shackelford, Director – Portage County EMA

10:45 – 11:00 BREAK / Meet with Vendors

11:00– 12:00 ***The OFCA Emergency Response System***
William L. Houk, OFE, OFC – State Coordinator Ohio Fire Chiefs' Assn. ERS
Allen Scott, OFE – Asst. State Coordinator Ohio Fire Chiefs' Assn. ERS

12:00 – 13:15 LUNCH / Meet with Vendors

13:15 – 14:15 ***Building Stronger Response Teams Through Practical Team Building in Emergency Management***
Amy Seward, Dep. Director – Knox County EMA
Andrew Seward – Lead Youth Coordinator, Ohio National Guard

14:15 – 14:30 BREAK / Meet with Vendors

14:30 – 15:30 ***The New Reality of Public Assistance Eligibility: The Divergence in outcomes Between FEMA Appeals and CBCA Arbitrations***
Sam Van Kopp - Of Counsel, Cordatis LLP

15:30 Closing remarks