

2026 SAFE-D Annual Conference **Tentative** Schedule

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28			
10 am	Apparatus Move-In		
2-8 pm	Exhibitor Move-In		
5-8 pm	Attendee Registration Opens		
THURSDAY, JANUARY 29			
8 am	Registration Open/Exhibitor Move-In		
TRACK:			
9-10 am	ESD 101 3 hours		
10-11 am		Strategic Planning 2 hours	Personnel Problems and Litigation Prevention 2 hours
11 am- 12 pm			
12-2 pm	Lunch on your Own		
2-3 pm	OMA Basic Training 1 hour	Sales Tax Basics 1 hour	Cyber Security 2 hours
3-4 pm	PIA Basic Training 1 hour	Winning a Sales Tax Election 1 hour	
4 pm	Exhibit Hall Preview		
5-7 pm	Meet and Greet in the Exhibit Hall		

FRIDAY, JANUARY 30				
7-8 am	Breakfast in the Exhibit Hall			
8-9:30 am	General Session • 1 hour			
9:30-10:30 am	Exhibit Hall Power Hour			
TRACK:				
10:30- 11:30 am	Gulf Coast Region Meeting 1 hour	Central Region Meeting 1 hour	South Region Meeting 1 hour	Southeast Region Meeting 1 hour
11:30 am	Lunch in Exhibit Hall			

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Disaster Preparedness 2 hours	Texas Intrastate Fire Mutual Aid System (TIFMAS) 2 hours	EMS Workshop 2 hours
Lunch on your Own		
County OEMS & ESDs 2 hours	Leadership and Administrative Understanding of ESDs 2 hours	TCFP Workshop 2 hours
Exhibit Hall Preview		
Meet and Greet in the Exhibit Hall		

FRIDAY, JANUARY 30				
Breakfast in the Exhibit Hall				
General Session • 1 hour				
Exhibit Hall Power Hour				
Northeast Region Meeting 1 hour	North Central Region Meeting 1 hour	Northwest Region Meeting 1 hour	ESD Administration Roundtable 1 hour	ESD Fire Chiefs Roundtable 1 hour
Lunch in Exhibit Hall				

FRIDAY, JANUARY 30 continued				
TRACK:				
1-2 pm	Robert’s Rules of Order 1 hour	Overview of Sample Policies for ESD Boards and ESDs 1 hour	Engaging Emergency Personnel in Legislative Advocacy 1 hour	Mental Health & Wellness: Perspectives from the Frontline 1 hour
2:15-3:15 pm	Nuts and Bolts of an ESD 1 hour	Budgeting Basics 1 hour	TBD	Hypervigilance and Emergency Services 1 hour
3:15 pm	Refreshment Break in the Exhibit Hall			
4-5 pm	Records Retention 1 hour	SAFER Grants 1 hour	Social Media 1 hour	Health & Wellness: NFPA 1580 1 hour
5 pm	Recess: Evening on Your Own			

SATURDAY, JANUARY 31		
7:30 am	Breakfast	
8:30 am	General Session • 1 hour	
TRACK:		
9:45-10:45 am	Ethics 101 1 hour	Chief, Association & Board: Building Trust Through Communication 1 hour
10:45 am	Refreshment Break	
11 am-12 pm	Legislative Task Force 1 hour	TBD
12 pm	Conference Adjourns	

FRIDAY, JANUARY 30 continued				
Contracting for Emergency Services 1 hour	Cybersecurity Compliance in EMS 1 hour	Overlapping ESDs 1 hour	Why ESDs Should Adopt a Fire Code 1 hour	Transitioning from a VFD to an ESD Service Provider 1 hour
Pre-fire Planning 1 hour	Investing in Care 1 hour	Data Driven: Understanding Your ESD 1 hour	Community Engagement & Risk Reduction 1 hour	Transitioning from a City Dept. to an ESD 1 hour
Refreshment Break in the Exhibit Hall				
Annexation Issues 1 hour	TBD	TBD	Enforcing a Fire Code 1 hour	TBD
Recess: Evening on Your Own				

SATURDAY, JANUARY 31		
Breakfast		
General Session • 1 hour		
Legal Issues with Construction Projects 1 hour	Just Culture in Emergency Services 1 hour	Ask an Attorney Anything <i>Part 1</i> 1 hour
Refreshment Break		
Building Smart: Budgeting for Your Next Station 1 hour	Fostering New Leaders in Emergency Services 1 hour	Ask an Attorney Anything <i>Part 2</i> 1 hour
Conference Adjourns		