



# 2022 KEMA CONFERENCE

**September 13-15, 2022**

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# FROM THE KEMA PRESIDENT

KEMA Conference Attendees and Special guests:

Welcome to the 2022 KEMA Conference. It is with great pleasure that your KEMA Board members and I welcome you to this year's Conference. I am looking forward to having a chance to spend time with you over the next few days.

The Conference Committee has been working diligently the last year to put on an informational as well as enjoyable Conference for you. Hopefully you will gain knowledge that is useful to your profession as well as have several opportunities to converse with your peers, reconnect with old friends as well as establish new friendships and working relationships.

Again, I welcome you and hope you have an enjoyable 3 days.

Regards,

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KEMA President 2021-2022

## CONFERENCE DEDICATION



**Lonnie Buller**, March 6, 2022: *Harvey County, Emergency Management Coordinator for 35 years, Past KEMA President (three times), he served as Area Vice President and served on various committees.*

*Lonnie Buller*

# KEMA CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

**Tuesday, September 13, 2022**

## Pre-Conference Workshops:

### **1300 – 1700: Training:**

**“EM-101”:** Jillian Rodrigue and Chuck Magaha

This interactive session will cover highlights and lessons learned from the May 28, 2019 Lawrence / Linwood Tornado while incorporating how foundational aspects of Emergency Management aided in that response and recovery. Following that discussion, presenters will walk through several key emergency management program areas.

**Planning for Hazardous Weather at Community Outdoor Events** – Presented by NWS

Andy Bailey, NWS & Jared Leighton, NWS present a course designed to help local, county or state officials become better equipped to plan for and manage hazardous weather at outdoor community events. This course will include: The need to plan for weather vulnerable events; Planning considerations; Creating the Action Plan; Discussion on available weather resources; and implementing the plan or conducting a tabletop exercise.

### **1800 - : Pre-Conference Social Event** (*Please RSVP on the registration form, Payments Due at the Events*):

**Pizza and Social Activities** -Bring yard games to be played outside or sit in the breakfast area and network! Please wear your favorite team shirt to show your “team” spirit!

**\*Participants in any of the above training or social events need to be signed up in advance.**

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## **Wednesday, Sept. 14, 2022**

0800-0900: Breakfast (Provided at the hotel for those staying at the Hampton)

### **0900-0945 Opening Ceremonies:**

President declares the conference “open”

Honor Guard posts the Colors

National Anthem

Pledge of Allegiance

State, County, and City Welcome

Invocation

Dedication

### **0945-1045: Keynote: A Tornado of Hellish Fury: The Northeast KS Storms of May 17, 1896 - Bruce Jones, Meteorologist, Midland Radio Corporation**

On May 17, 1896, an outbreak of strong tornadoes struck northeast Kansas, killing many people and inflicting damage to numerous communities from Clay County to Brown. Using newspaper accounts, plat maps, and site visits, it is possible to reconstruct this event, showing the impact of an enormous supercell storm that produced a tornado more than two miles wide.

### **1045-1100: Vendor Area Opens/Break**

## Wednesday, Sept. 14, 2022 (cont):

### 1100-1200: Plenary: State Emergency Management Update - Angee Morgan, KDEM

Highlights of activities and initiatives of the Kansas Division of Emergency Management for years 2021 and 2022.

### 1200-1300: Lunch (Provided) with vendors

### 1300-1400: General Session: 2021 Laramie County Winter Storm Response - Jeannie West, Laramie County EM, WY

In March of 2021, the Capital City of Wyoming, Cheyenne, the county it resides in, along with multiple other counties in Wyoming, experienced an almost record setting amount of snow within a three-day period. This presentation discusses the response and recovery efforts for this storm and the challenges faced within the Communities.

### 1400-1415: Vendor Break

#### 1414-1500: 1st Breakout Session:

##### 1.1: Spill Reporting - Cody Gouge, KDHE

Spills happen, whether by accident or on purpose and this is where the responsibilities of the Spills Program begins. The intent of this session is to become familiar with spill reporting, what to do in case of a spill, and who is responsible for it.

##### 1.2: Andover Tornado Panel - Keri Korthals, Julie Stimson, Mark Stump

### 1500-1515: Vendor Break

#### 1515-1600: 2nd Breakout Session:

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### 1630-1800: Vendor Reception (hors d'oeuvres provided, cash bar)

**1930-2300: Hospitality Room** *\*located in the Mezzanine upstairs between casion floor and breakout rooms. Beer on tap provided by KEMA and a limited selection of other bottled drinks, all others are cash bar. Conference attendees are invited to relax and network at the conference Social in the mezzanine area following conference activities on Wednesday sponsored by Kansas Pipeline Association and the KEMA Board of Directors.*

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## Thursday, Sept. 15, 2022:

0700-0800: Breakfast (Provided at the hotel for those staying at the Hampton)

### 0800-0900: Keynote: The Disaster Happened, What Now? - Rev. Hollie Tapley

During this presentation you will learn how this KSVOAD member can make your life easier immediately after a disaster! These volunteers are United Methodist Committee of Relief (UMCOR) trained, background approved, and badged Early Response Teams (ERTS). You have a need? We will make it happen!

## Thursday, Sept. 15, 2022 (cont):

### **0900-1000: Plenary: An Update from the Kansas Association of Counties - Bruce Chladny & Jay Hall**

The KAC promotes effective, responsive county government through legislative representation, technical assistance, leadership development and professional education. We are a resource for Counties across the state. During this session we will discuss the association's response to the COVID-19 pandemic, legislative action affecting emergency managers, and what we will be working on in the coming months as an organization.

### **1000-1015: Vendor Break**

### **1015-1115: Plenary: NWS Update**

The WCMs serving Kansas will present their traditional session which will highlight The National Weather Service's (NWS) new initiatives and existing partnerships. These sessions reflect the strong cooperative bond, which exists in our state between local EMs and the National Weather Service WCMs who work to warn and protect our citizens.

### **1115-1200: KEMA Annual Membership Meeting**

### **1200-1300: Lunch (Provided) with vendors**

### **1300-1415: 3rd Breakout Session**

#### **3.1: Sources of Weather Information - Real and Fake and Lesson's Learned from the 2022 Andover Tornado - Jeff Hutton, NWS**

In the age of social media platforms, there is a lot of weather misinformation from various sources. You need to know who to trust and who to ignore. We'll go through examples of "bad" information and how to identify misinformation. The majority of the class session will concentrate on lessons learned from the April 29, 2022 tornado that impacted Sedgwick and Butler counties including the city of Andover. The lessons learned will include the viewpoint from the NWS and EM.

#### **3.2: Weather/Climate Reporting & Kansas Decision Support Tools - Chip Redmond, Assistant Meteorologist, KSU**

With changing short and long-term atmospheric conditions, staying current is critical for decision support. This presentation will introduce several tools to improve understanding of severe weather events and provide climatological perspective. Kansas Mesonet and State Climate Office tools such as precipitation summaries, rainfall recurrence intervals, and air quality are presented. In addition, we will introduce a method for local condition input that will influence drought decisions, fire preparedness, and documenting local impacts.

1400: Vendor Area Closes

### **1425-1540: 4th Breakout Session**

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### 1550-1705: 5th Breakout Session

#### 5.1: KDEM - Kansas Incident Support Program - Jeff Welshans, Response Section Chief, KDEM

The Kansas Incident Support Program (ISP) is designed to aid incident commanders in the field via an Incident Support Team (IST) and/or emergency managers in the emergency operations center via an Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Support Team. Kansas ISP membership is comprised of public safety professionals from political subdivisions across the state. Members of the Kansas ISP represent expertise in their career fields and has completed position-specific training for the respective position(s) that they fill. This breakout will highlight concepts of the Incident Support Program, how to become a member, making requests for incident support program support, and the National Qualification System Position Task Book credentialing.

#### 5.2: KDEM - Orion Damage Assessment Tool - Jonathan York, Response & Recovery Bureau Director, KDEM, Heidi Hessler, CEO of Futurity IT, Colleen Bresnahan, Business Development, Futurity IT

Kansas Division of Emergency Management has procured the Orion Damage Assessment Tool through Futurity IT to assist counties and the state with public assistance and individual assistance damage assessments after an emergency or disaster occurs.

The Orion Damage Assessment Tool is used for gathering information for a damage assessment in areas impacted by an emergency or disaster, so that KDEM can determine whether the damages meet thresholds for federal disaster assistance under a major presidential disaster declaration. The Orion Damage Assessment Tool will allow local levels of government, eligible private non-profit organizations, and residents to submit storm damages at an address and give users the opportunity to add specialized information such as maintenance records for road infrastructure and photos of disaster damaged facilities. This breakout will highlight capabilities of the Orion Damage Assessment Tool prior to conducting regional trainings across the state with emergency management stakeholders.

### 1830-2100: Awards Banquet

Thursday Evening Social: Hampton breakfast nook for networking and social.

## Friday, Sept. 17, 2021:

0800-0900: Breakfast (Provided at the hotel for those staying at the Hampton)

### 0900-1015: "Parking Lot" Panel Discussion

### 1030-1100: General Session - Conference Conclusion and Wrap Up Session

# SPEAKER BIOS



## ANDY BAILEY

Andy Bailey has been a meteorologist with the National Weather Service (NWS) for more than 29 years and is the Warning Coordination Meteorologist (WCM) at the NWS office in Kansas City, MO. In this position he serves as the principle NWS liaison with the emergency management and media communities and is responsible for all of his office's public education and outreach activities in northwest and central Missouri and far eastern Kansas. Essentially his activities are aimed at making the office's forecast and warning programs more effective. He has been in the Kansas City area for 16 years. Prior to this position, he served at the NWS offices in Las Vegas, NV, Rapid City, SD and Des Moines, IA.



## BRUCE CHLADNY

Bruce Chladny joined the KAC as Executive Director in August 2019. Prior to that, he worked for Kansas State University. During his tenure at K-State, his work focused on projects including facilitation, team building, and leadership. His latest position was at the K-State Research and Extension office in Wyandotte County. He has worked with governmental entities and non-profit organizations to cooperatively address issues affecting the KC Metropolitan area. Chladny holds a Master of Science in Agricultural Economics from the University of Missouri and a Bachelor of Science in Commercial Horticulture from Purdue University.



## COLBY GOUGE

Colby Gouge graduated from Southern Illinois University – Carbondale with a Bachelor of Science in Geology in 2020. Since then he started a career with the Kansas Dept of Health & Environment as the Assistant Spills Coordinator within the Bureau of Environmental Remediation. In this role, he works with local, state, and federal agencies in handling environmental spill emergencies and remediation.



## JAY HALL

Jay Hall is the Legislative Policy Director and General Counsel for the Kansas Association of Counties (KAC). In his dual role as Legislative Policy Director and General Counsel, Hall implements the legislative policy for the Association and its member counties through lobbying efforts, as well as offering legal counsel to the Association, its Executive Board and employees, and its member counties. Hall received his Juris Doctorate from Washburn University School of Law, where he competed on the Trial Advocacy Competition team. Hall was inducted into the Order of Barristers in 2007. Hall lives in Topeka with his wife, Danielle.





### **JEFF HUTTON**

Jeff Hutton is the Warning Coordination Meteorologist for the National Weather Service office in Dodge City. Mr. Hutton received a Bachelor of Science degree in Meteorology from the University of Oklahoma in 1983 and began his professional career in weather during that same year working for a private firm in Oklahoma City. He joined the National Weather Service in Des Moines, Iowa in 1989.

A native of Dodge City, Mr. Hutton was selected as one of the first forecasters at the modernized weather office in Dodge City in early 1992. He was selected as the Warning Coordination Meteorologist at the Dodge City office in 1994, a position he has held since.

As the Warning Coordination Meteorologist, Mr. Hutton actively works with city, county and state officials in promoting weather awareness and safety. He also gives numerous weather and climate presentations at crop and livestock producer meetings.



### **BRUCE JONES**

Bruce Jones is a meteorologist with Midland Radio Corporation in Kansas City. Since seeing The Wizard of Oz at age five, he has been fascinated by tornadoes and Kansas weather, and spent more than thirty years on radio and TV stations in the heart of Tornado Alley, keeping people safe from severe weather. A tornado historian, he collects information about famous incidents and outbreaks. Bruce has advocated on behalf of the "Voice of the National Weather Service": NOAA Weather Radio for more than forty-five years...and has no intention of stopping.



### **CHARLES (CHUCK) MAGAHA**

Chuck is currently the Director for Leavenworth County Emergency Management Homeland Security. He has held this position for the last 31 years. He has served 3 terms as President of KEMA. Chuck currently serves as the Homeland Security Chair of Kansas representing all 7 regions of the State of Kansas and Kansas State agencies. He is the State Division Supervisor of the Kansas City Division for the Kansas All Hazards Incident Management Teams in Johnson, Wyandotte and Leavenworth County. Chuck received the first president's award in 2015 from KEMA. Chuck is a member of the Kansas Division of Emergency Managements training cadre for various emergency management courses. He is the lead instructor in the State of Kansas to teach Debris Management throughout the state of Kansas. He is State and nationally trained certified instructor of the Incident Command Systems (ICS), which is delivered to emergency responders and many other agencies in the private sector. Chuck has been involved in law enforcement and has been a volunteer firefighter for Fairmount Township Fire Department in Basehor, Kansas for over 43 years. He is a certified EMS First responder through the State of Kansas. He is a professional Kansas Certified Emergency Manager through KEMA.

Conference registration can be completed online at: [kema.org/registration-form](https://kema.org/registration-form).



### **ANGEE MORGAN**

A graduate of Fort Hays State University, Angee Morgan joined the Kansas Division of Emergency Management (KDEM) in December 1987. On November 1, 2016, she was promoted from the mitigation and planning branch director to deputy director of KDEM. Angee spent 11 years in the operations branch as the individual assistance officer and four years as senior planner before becoming deputy director. Angee began her state career in September 1981 with the Kansas Highway Patrol. Angee is a graduate of the 1997 Kansas Certified Public Manager Program and is a 2013 graduate of the Naval Postgraduate School Center for Homeland Defense and Security's Homeland Security Executive Leaders Program.

As deputy director of KDEM, Angee oversees all aspects of the division, including response and recovery operations of disasters, emergency planning, and hazard mitigation. As deputy director, she is responsible for statewide training and exercises programs, serves as the primary point of contact for all county emergency managers and advises and assists the Kansas Commission on Emergency Planning and Response (CEPR). Angee has worked numerous major presidential declarations intrastate and interstate, including the World Trade Center.



### **CHRISTOPHER "CHIP" REDMOND**

Chip is a Meteorologist at Kansas State University. He manages the Kansas Mesonet and provides climate services for the Office of the State Climatologist. In addition, he is a Lieutenant on his local fire department, wildland firefighter, and an Incident Meteorologist (IMET). He also specializes in Predictive Services for the Kansas Forest Service.

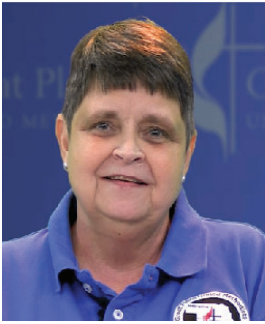


### **JILLIAN RODRIGUE**

Jillian Rodrigue is an Emergency Manager with over 15 years of experience and is currently the Deputy Director of Douglas County Emergency Management. In this position, she is responsible for agency functions that include operations, community training and outreach, and volunteer management.

Growing up along the Louisiana coast provided Jillian with both personal and professional disaster experiences. She has extensive emergency management experience, including the Presidentially declared May 28, 2019 Lawrence / Linwood, Kansas EF-4 Tornado, Greensburg, KS Tornado (2007), major flooding (2007, 2017 & 2019), and major snowstorms (2009 & 2013).

Jillian holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Atmospheric Sciences from the University of Louisiana at Monroe. She is a Kansas Certified Emergency Manager and is a graduate of the National Emergency Management Advanced Academy. She is currently a member of the NOAA Science Advisory Board Environmental Information Services Working Group.



### **REV. HOLLIE TAPLEY**

Rev. Hollie Tapley, a Deacon in Full Connection has been in ministry since 1986. A native of Alabama, Hollie is a graduate of Auburn University, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, and completed her Methodist Studies for Ordination at Chandler School of Theology. During her thirty-six years of ministry, disaster response and missions have been her passion. In her spare time, Hollie serves on the Regional Council Coordinating Committee/Senior Advisory Committee for Kansas Homeland Security, Volunteer Chaplain with the Topeka Fire Department, Nebraska Governor's Disaster Recovery Task Force, the Local Impact Task Force, and the Nebraska Flood Mitigation Task Force. In Kansas, Hollie serves on the Kansas Wesleyan University's Academic Advisory Council for Emergency Management, Kansas Department of Health and Environment Covid Testing Task Force, and the Kansas Governor's Covid Vaccination Task Force. Hollie is a member of the Kansas Emergency Management Association.



### **JEANINE WEST**

Jeanine has lived in Laramie County since 1996. She began her career with the Cheyenne/Laramie County Emergency Management Agency in November of 2006 and in February of 2018 was promoted to the position of Director. As the Director her job involves coordination of governments' response, emergency services response, volunteer and private business response, to large scale emergencies and disasters.

She has an extensive training, exercise, and response background in Emergency Management to include completion in the Homeland Security Program at Laramie County Community College and a graduate of the Executive Academy at the Emergency Management Institute in Emmitsburg, Maryland. Jeanine has also completed her Advanced Professional Development Series through FEMA. At this time, she is the Chair of the Cheyenne/Laramie County EMS Joint Powers Board, Local Chair for the National Food and Shelter National Program, and the Chair of the Laramie County LEPC. Additionally she is the Coordinator for the Laramie County Community Emergency Response Team and participates in the Combined Communications Advisory Board.

Jeanine and her husband Brad have been married for 22 years and have two daughters along with one adoptive daughter, and one adoptive son. Her hobbies include cheering for her children at all of their sporting events, watching movies, golf, traveling, Ham Radio and spending time with her family.