


**SOUTH CENTRAL TASK FORCE
2025 HOMELAND SECURITY CONFERENCE
VERSION 02/12/2025**

DAY 1 - TUES, 3/25/25	0900 - 1015	1030 - 1200	1245 - 1415	1430 - 1600
SESSION	GENERAL SESSION #1- SCTF STATE OF THE TASK FORCE REPORT/ SCTF 2025 MRS. SMITH AWARDS		GENERAL SESSION #2 - CBRNE / Intel Update	
SPEAKER	Robert Shively, SCTF Chair & Michele Parsons, SCTF TEE Co-Chair		Christina M. Baxter, Ph.D. Emergency Response TIPS, LLC	
DAY 2 - WED, 3/26/25	0830 - 1000	1015 - 1145	1245 - 1415	1430 - 1600
SESSION	WHAT DO EMERGENCY MANAGERS NEED TO KNOW IF A COMMERCIAL OR MILITARY AIRCRAFT GOES DOWN IN THEIR JURISDICTION? LEARN FROM INDUSTRY EXPERTS	HUMAN TRAFFIKING AFTER DISASTERS	FRONT LINES	
COORD / SPEAKER	Sarah Quinn, Emergency Operations Coordinator, Transportation Disaster Assistance, National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB)	Krista Hoffman, PA Office of Homeland Security, Exercise Program Manager	Wendy Alkinburgh, PA Office of Homeland Security, Program Manager	
SESSION	RURAL RESILIENCE: AGRICULTURE & RURAL COMMUNITIES DURING EMERGENCY AND LESSONS LEARNED	BREATHING THAT FARM FRESH AIR	CRUSHING ISSUES IN TRAUMA	DMAT CASE STUDY OF HURRICANE / FLOODING DEPLOYMENT
COORD / SPEAKER	Michael Sharon, Chief of Emergency Programs Division, Office of Homeland Security	Travis Martin, RescueTechs, LLC	Travis Martin, RescueTechs, LLC	Jonathan Carolla, Penn State Health Life Lion / NDMS DMAT PA
SESSION		BASIC CYBERSECURITY PROGRAM ELEMENTS	EVOLVING PUBLIC ALERTING: TRENDS, INNOVATIONS AND THE FUTURE OF PROTECTIVE MESSAGING	
COORD / SPEAKER		Matt Sinopoli, SCTF Information Services / Cyber Security	SCTF Training, Exercise and Education Committee Members	
SESSION		PA RESOURCE TYPING UPDATE		
COORD / SPEAKER		Greg Davis, Director of External Operations, PEMA		
SESSION		Community Anti-Threat Teams (CATT)		
COORD / SPEAKER		Det Dave Miller, Cumberland County DA Garth Warner, Chif, Derry Twp PD Michael Winters, Dep Chief Det, Lancaster County DA		
DAY 3 - THUR, 3/27/25	0830 - 1000	1015 - 1145	1245-1500	
SESSION	NEXUS PROJECT UPDATE	RADIATION MONITORING FOR RECEPTION AND EVACUATION SITES	GENERAL SESSION #3 - TOOLS TO BETTER COMMUNICATE WEATHER HAZARDS WITH YOUR JURISDICTIONS	
COORD / SPEAKER	Matt Bloom, Founder / CEO, Crime Watch Program	3rd Civil Support Team, PA National Guard PA Department of Environmental Protection PEMA Bureau of Radiation Protection Cumberland County Special Hazards Operations Team	Jonathan Guseman, Warning Coordination Meteorologist, National Weather Service, Central Pennsylvania	
SESSION	3RD CIVIL SUPPORT TEAM	ALERRT UPDATE		
COORD / SPEAKER	Major Arthur Prough, OIC, 3rd CST, PANG SFC Matthew Kauffman, Operations NCO, PANG	SCTF Criminal Justice Committee Members		

<p>SOUTH CENTRAL TASK FORCE</p> <p>2025 HOMELAND SECURITY CONFERENCE PROGRAM</p> <p>(UC//FOUO)</p>	
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CONFERENCE THEME: STRENGTHENING THE SHIELD

CONFERENCE OBJECTIVES

- Provide a forum for the SCTF membership to meet and network as a single, integrated organization.
- Provide training and educational opportunities for the SCTF membership.
- Provide opportunities for cross-discipline training, education and networking within the Task Force.

TUESDAY, MARCH 25 - ANNUAL OPEN MEETING
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These events are open to all members of the Task Force, participating agencies and organizations, and elected officials and representatives from those governmental entities within the nine-county South Central region. The session is an open educational session with a keynote speaker and general session presentations.

0900 - OPENING AND WELCOME

Robert Shively
SCTF Chairperson, Cumberland County Dept. of Public Safety

Michele Parsons
SCTF TEE Co-Chair

GENERAL SESSION #1 – SCTF: THE FUTURE / ANNUAL STATE OF THE TASK FORCE REPORT / 2025 SCTF MRS. SMITH AWARDS

SCTF Leadership Team
Robert Shively, Cumberland County Dept. of Public Safety
Chris Fisher, Dauphin County Dept. of Public Safety
Richard Fultz, Perry County Emergency Management Agency
John Blickley, Schuylkill County Office of Emergency Management
Martyn Nevil, SCTF Program Manager

1200 – 1245 - LUNCH

AFTERNOON GENERAL SESSION #2 – CBRNE/Intel Update

Dr. Baxter will provide practical, evidence-based solutions for emergency response through the development of next generation tools for enhanced situation awareness and responder safety; instructional design materials for instructor-led and web-based programs in the areas of CBRNE, hazardous materials and clandestine laboratory response; technology transition guidance for emergency technologies; and emergency planning for hazardous materials and emergency response.

Christina M. Baxter, Ph.D. - Emergency Response TIPS, LLC

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26

MORNING WORKSHOP SESSIONS (0830 TO 1145) – see matrix for specific schedule.

LUNCH (1145 – 1245 HOURS)

AFTERNOON WORKSHOP SESSIONS (1245 TO 1600) – see matrix for specific schedule.

THURSDAY, MARCH 27TH

MORNING WORKSHOP SESSIONS (0830 TO 1145 HOURS) – see matrix for specific schedule.

LUNCH (1145 – 1245 HOURS)

AFTERNOON GENERAL SESSION #3 AND CLOSING (1245 TO 1500)

GENERAL SESSION #3 – TOOLS TO BETTER COMMUNICATE WEATHER HAZARDS WITH YOUR JURISDICTIONS

Join the National Weather Service (NWS) for an in-depth session on critical weather support tools and strategies for emergency managers. This session will cover key resources and links to enhance situational awareness, the dedicated weather support cadence for outdoor events and the transition from deterministic to probabilistic forecasting to improve decision-making. Additionally, experts will discuss severe weather reporting ahead of thunderstorm season and collaborative efforts to improve weather alerting for Amish and Plain Communities. Attendees will leave with actionable insights to strengthen their jurisdiction's preparedness and response to weather hazards.

Jonathan Guseman, Warning Coordination Meteorologist – National Weather Service, Central, Pennsylvania

WORKSHOP DESCRIPTIONS (Alphabetical Order)

3RD CIVIL SUPPORT TEAM: OPERATIONAL CAPABILITIES

Speaker: Major Arthur Prough, OIC, 3rd Civil Support Team, PA National Guard (invited)
SFC Matthew Kauffman, Operations NCO, PA National Guard (invited)

Description: The 3rd Civil Support Team (CST) is an element of the PA National Guard that is based at Fort Indiantown Gap. This session will provide an overview of the CST, including its operational capabilities, equipment and resources, and how the CST assets can be requested.

ALERRT UPDATES

Speaker: Tim Shatto, SCTF Criminal Justice Planning Specialist

Description: The threat of active assailant incidents requires continuous training and coordination across public safety disciplines. In this session, representatives from the SCTF will provide updates on the ALERRT Active Assailant Incident Response (AAIR) program, including recent curriculum enhancements, training opportunities and lessons learned from real-world incidents. Attendees will gain insights into best practices for integrating law enforcement, fire and EMS response, as well as strategies for improving regional preparedness and collaboration. This session is essential for agencies seeking to strengthen their active assailant response capabilities.

BASIC CYBERSECURITY PROGRAM ELEMENTS

Speaker: Matt Sinopoli, SCTF Information Services / Cybersecurity Planning Specialist

Description: Whether you are a school, house of worship, fire, police or EMS organization, as well as a business without a formal Information Technology (IT) department, no one is immune to a cyber-attack. Such an attack can result in irreparable damage and embarrassment. Are you confident your organization has a basic cybersecurity program? This session delves into the fundamental elements of reducing cyber risks, including cybersecurity best practices. Most measures involve little or no cost.

BREATHING THAT FARM-FRESH AIR

Speakers: Travis Martin, RescueTechs, LLC

Description: Farm environments present unique respiratory hazards, exposing workers and responders to a variety of toxic inhalation risks. While farmers are generally aware of these dangers, unexpected exposures can lead to serious acute and chronic health issues. This session will explore the respiratory hazards associated with agricultural work, including silo gas, manure gases, pesticides, insecticides and farm dust. Attendees will gain a deeper understanding of exposure risks, disease patterns and the etiology of conditions such as "silo filler's disease". Session will also cover responder safety, appropriate PPE selection, and both short- and long-term treatment strategies for agricultural toxin exposures.

COMMUNITY ANTI-THREAT TEAMS (CATT)

Speaker: Detective Dave Miller, Criminal Investigative Division, Cumberland County District Attorney's Office
Chief Garth Warner, Derry Township Police Department
Deputy Chief County Detective Michael Winters, Office of the District Attorney of Lancaster County
Jeremy Freeland, Supervisor of Safety & Security, Capital Area Intermediate Unit

Description: A presentation of the CATT concept along with a deeper understanding of the pathway to violence and how CATT intervenes in an effort to stay left of boom and keep our schools and communities safe.

CRUSHING ISSUES IN TRAUMA

Speaker: Travis Martin, RescueTechs, LLC

Description: Rural EMS providers often face unique and complex trauma scenarios, particularly in agricultural settings where crush injuries and impalements are common. This session will focus on the assessment and management of patients suffering from crush injuries, emphasizing early ALS intervention, case-appropriate treatment strategies and the physiological impact of prolonged entrapment. Speaker(s) will explore injury patterns specific to the agricultural environment, including mechanisms of injury and potential complications such as compartment syndrome and rhabdomyolysis. Will also discuss best practices for managing impaled objects and discuss the rare but critical indications for field amputation.

DMAT CASE STUDY OF HURRICANE/FLOODING DEPLOYMENT

Speaker: Jonathan Carolla, Penn State Health Life Lion and NDMS DMAT PA

Description: This session provides an in-depth case study of a Disaster Medical Assistance Team (DMAT) deployment in response to a major hurricane and subsequent flooding. Speaker will explore the operational phases of deployment, including pre-mobilization planning, on-the-ground response, and post-deployment demobilization. A review of real-world challenges, such as logistic coordination, patient triage in austere environments, interagency collaboration and the integration of federal, state and local resources will lead into lessons learned and best practices documented for future response consideration.

EVOLVING PUBLIC ALERTING: TRENDS, INNOVATIONS AND THE FUTURE OF PROTECTIVE MESSAGING

Speaker: SCTF Training, Exercise and Education Committee Members

Description: As technology and communication methods continue to evolve, public safety agencies must adapt to ensure timely and effective protective messaging. This session will explore current trends in public alerting, emerging technologies and innovative strategies to enhance community preparedness and response. Experts will discuss advancements in wireless emergency alerts, geotargeted notifications, social media integration and strategies for reaching diverse and underserved

populations. Attendees will gain insight into the future capabilities of alert systems and best practices for delivering clear, actionable messages during emergencies.

FRONT LINES

Speakers: Wendy Alkinburgh, PA Office of Homeland Security, Program Manager

Description: A newly developed program that will focus on suspicious activity recognition and reporting for Front Line staff. It will cover suspicious indicators and warning behaviors, the pathway to violence, targeted violence case studies and SAR reporting success stories, and, reporting resources and mechanisms in Pennsylvania.

HUMAN TRAFFICKING AFTER DISASTERS

Speaker: Krista Hoffman, PA Office of Homeland Security

Description: Natural disasters increase the risk of human trafficking for both sexual and labor abuse by increasing the vulnerability of the population impacted, and the need for quick and large-scale clean-up and recovery efforts. A comprehensive understanding of the connection between natural disasters and the heightened risk of human trafficking is paramount in mitigating, preventing and responding to these crimes. At the conclusion of this session, attendees will learn how natural disaster increase the risk for human trafficking, list recommendations and action steps for mitigation the risk of human trafficking post natural disaster.

NEXUS UPDATE

Speaker: Matt Bloom, Founder/CEO CRIMEWATCH Technologies, Inc.
SCTF Criminal Justice Sub-Committee Members

Description: Join the Found and CEO of CRIMEWATCH Technologies, Inc. for an exclusive update on the NEXUS Project – an innovative initiative designed to enhance information sharing, collaboration and crime prevention efforts across jurisdictions. This session will provide insights into the latest advancements, key milestones and future capabilities of the platform, highlighting how it empowers law enforcement and communities with real-time intelligence and digital tools. Attendees will gain a deeper understanding of how NEXUS is shaping the future of public safety technology and what's next for this groundbreaking project.

PA RESOURCE TYPING UPDATE

Speaker: Greg Davis, Director of External Affairs, PEMA

Description: Resource typing is essential for effective disaster response and mutual aid coordination. In this session, representatives from the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA) will provide an overview of the state's resource typing initiatives and their alignment with FEMA's National Incident Management System (NIMS) standards. Attendees will learn how standardized resource definitions enhance interoperability, streamline deployment and improve resource processes during emergencies. This session will cover recent updates, best practices and how

local jurisdictions can contribute to and benefit from Pennsylvania's resource typing efforts.

RADIATION MONITORING FOR RECEPTION AND EVACUATION SITES

Speaker: 3RD Civil Support Team PANG
PA Department of Environmental Protection
PEMA / Bureau of Radiation Protection
Robert Kauffman, Chief, Cumberland County Special Hazards Operations Team

Description: This session is designed to prepare Medical Reserve Corps members and other volunteers to fulfill the role of Radiological Monitor for evacuation/reception centers during a nuclear power plant and/or other ionizing radiation emergency. Attendees will learn about ionizing radiation types and behaviors, roles and responsibilities during an emergency and the monitoring of people and vehicles (to include initial actions to take with contaminated people and/or vehicles), immediate medical care and the potential use(s) of KI. *NOTE: Attendees will be eligible to attend a 'field drill' for a Certificate of Completion "Medical Services (MS-1): Ionizing Radiation-Initial Actions".*

RURAL RESILIENCE: AGRICULTURAL AND RURAL COMMUNITIES DURING EMERGENCIES AND LESSONS LEARNED FROM RECENT DISASTERS

Speakers: Michael Sharon, Chief of Emergency Programs Division, USDA, Office of Homeland Security

Description: Rural America, being further away from urban response capabilities and infrastructure, presents unique challenges for first responders, communications and long-term recovery. Join this session for a discussion about the importance of coordinating responses, special considerations due to limited resources and lessons learned from multiple disaster in recent history.

WHAT DO EMERGENCY MANAGERS NEED TO KNOW IF A COMMERCIAL OR MILITARY AIRCRAFT GOES DOWN IN THEIR JURISDICTION? LEARN FROM INDUSTRY EXPERTS.

Speakers: Sarah Quinn, Emergency Operations Coordinator, Transportation Disaster Assistance, National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB)

Description: When an aircraft crash occurs, emergency managers must be prepared to coordinate an effective response while navigating complex investigative and recovery processes. In this session, experts from the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) will provide critical insights into the roles and responsibilities of local agencies, interagency coordination with federal and military partners, scene security, hazardous materials considerations and family assistance operations. Attendees will gain a deeper understanding of best practices, regulatory requirements and key resources to enhance their jurisdiction's preparedness for aviation incidents.