



## Behind the Scenes Tour

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Don't miss your chance to attend an exclusive private tour of

Spectrum Health Emergency Management Headquarters on Saturday, October 20 from 5:30pm -7:30pm. **Spectrum Health** is one of the nation's 15 Top Health Systems, and in the top five among the largest health systems with 12 hospitals, 180 ambulatory sites, and over 26,000 employees in western Michigan. Attendees will tour three hospitals located in the downtown Grand Rapids area, including Spectrum Health's Emergency Management headquarters. There is no fee for this tour and transportation is not provided. Registrants that want to meet at Spectrum Health may contact Julie Husk ([jhusk@iaem.com](mailto:jhusk@iaem.com)) for directions.

**Attendees must register in advance, and provide valid identification at the start of the tour.**



## Don't Miss the Early Bird Rate and FREE Training

You can save up to \$100 if you register before **Friday, September 21, 2018. PLUS**, add FREE training from EMI, EMAP, NDPTC and TEEX.\* Additional training offerings and symposiums are available from the IAEM-USA Healthcare and Universities and Colleges Caucuses, Naval Postgraduate School and IAEM Certification offerings. Visit our website for a complete listing.

**\*Free training is only available for registered attendees at the full, basic and student rates.**



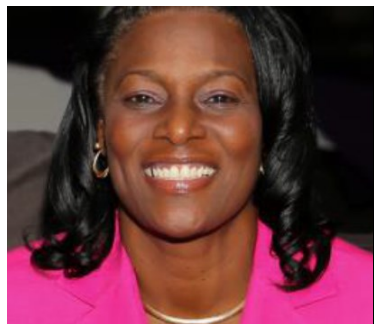
## IAEM & MEMA Partner to Promote the 66th Annual IAEM Conference

IAEM is joining forces with the Michigan Emergency Management Association (MEMA) at the IAEM 66th Annual Conference. MEMA's conference, is typically held also in October every year, but will now be in conjunction with IAEM conference. We look forward to having MEMA members at our conference.

## IAEM Presents EMvision Talks

IAEM's EMvision Talks are modeled on the well-known TED™ Talk format. The Talks provide a forum for people to share a personal connection to an idea, experience or passion related to emergency management, leadership, communication, community engagement, or other related topics. Be apart of the excitement during this very popular session on Tuesday, October 23rd.





## Meet Mona Barnes IAEM Plenary Speaker

Mona L. Barnes will be the Conference Plenary Speaker on Monday, October 22nd at the IAEM 66th Annual Conference in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

In March 2015, Governor Kenneth E. Mapp tapped Ms. Mona L. Barnes to lead the Virgin Islands Territorial Emergency Management Agency (VITEMA). As VITEMA Director, Ms. Barnes serves as the Virgin Islands government's senior executive solely charged with coordinating a territory wide response and recovery from a major disaster, and with building a ready and resilient community.

Ms. Barnes also serves as Homeland Security Advisor to the governor, playing a key role in the fight to protect and secure the homeland through key partnerships and raising awareness. Ms. Barnes has 28 years of military service. In 2010, Ms. Barnes' exemplary leadership was recognized when she was selected to serve as the first female State Command Sergeant Major in the Virgin Islands National Guard.

Ms. Barnes will discuss how she managed the territory as two Category 5 Hurricanes blasted the four islands in 2017. She will give a first-hand look at the response and recovery from Hurricanes Maria and Irma as they swept through within days of each other in the U.S. Virgin Islands.



## Who are the Best and Brightest Emergency Managers? Can your team, committee or caucus solve a puzzle?

By: Duane Hagelgans, Conference Committee Member

Your Conference Committee is challenging you to get your team together to see if you are the best, or at least as good as you think you are at problem solving! We have contracted with **Locked 460 Escape Rooms** for a weekend challenge, in which your team will be locked in an **Escape Room** and be working against the clock to see how quickly you can solve numerous problems in order to find the secret code that will secure your freedom.

The competition and discounted rates will occur on **Friday, Saturday and Sunday, October 19-21**. Times and details can be found on the [conference website](#).

## EMbark – IAEM Student Career & Professional Day

By: Chanpreet K. "Simran" Singh, Vice President, IAEM Global Student Council

The Global Student Council will be offering a student day on Sunday, October 21<sup>st</sup> from 12:00pm – 4:00pm. This event will be devoted to educational sessions of specific interest to students and new professionals. There will be panel sessions with distinguished speakers, along with Q&A opportunities for students. In addition, students and professionals will have the opportunity to network and learn from each other. This is a free event for all students and new professionals to the field of emergency management.