

North Carolina Emergency Management Association Newsletter August 2026



Fall Conference 2026

October 13-15, 2026, at the Greenville Convention Center in Greenville, NC.
Registration and Hotel information is available on the website.
Pitt Community College will host a Training Day on 10-12-2026

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CALL FOR NOMINEES

NCEMA and its members annually honor those individuals and organizations that have made significant contributions to support and develop the emergency management community in North Carolina through four different awards detailed



below. Nominations are taken throughout the year and awards are presented at the annual fall conference.

PLEASE NOMINATE THOSE DESERVING TO BE REGONIZED!

Nominations should be emailed, with supporting documentation, (to arrive no later than August 31st at 11:59 p.m.) to: awards@ncema.net

Nomination and Supporting Documentation Should Include:

- Full Name of Nominee and Agency Name
- Person making nomination and Agency Name
- Professional Achievements, Awards, and Certifications
- Summary of Contributions to meet the Award nominated for, and contributions in general to the Emergency Management Profession
- Endorsements from Managers, Elected Officials, Peers, and other agency heads.

The James F. Buffaloe Award is presented to a person or group who has exhibited outstanding support and leadership in or to emergency management in North Carolina. This support was accomplished through programs or assistance that has enhanced the emergency management profession. i.e. higher education, healthcare, private sector, EM partners, stakeholders, supporters, contributors, elected officials, etc.

The Col. William A. Thompson Award is presented to a North Carolina Division of Emergency Management employee who has demonstrated outstanding achievement in assisting Emergency Management programs, incidents, and information. This person has demonstrated their willingness to not only assist with programs but is also committed to the excellence of those programs.

The Col. Phillip Nichlos Waters Award is presented to the local government emergency management leader who has demonstrated outstanding achievement in their emergency management program and has contributed to the overall good and advancement of emergency management in the State.

Emergency management leader can be anyone who holds a title of leadership in their emergency management program. Titles can include, but are not limited to: Director, Coordinator, Manager, etc...

The Vance E. Key Award is presented to a local government emergency management professional who has demonstrated outstanding achievement in their emergency management program, through promoting emergency management among local and State agencies and elected officials.

Help us celebrate our Association's 60th Anniversary by joining our T-Shirt Contest! Submit your one-color design(s) to the Executive Director (executivedirector@ncema.net) by September 4th for judging. The winning design will be featured on T-Shirts available for sale at the Fall Conference.

Submit Your Photos

To help us recap the past year in Emergency Management, we want your photos! Upload photos/videos of you/your team in action. Whether reviewing plans, spreading community preparedness, responding to incidents, or anything in between, the work you do matters! Help us showcase what it means to be an Emergency Manager in North Carolina!

[Submit Your Photos Here](#)

Elections

Officer Elections will be held electronically prior to the Fall Conference. If you have nominations for Second Vice President, an Executive Committee Regional Representative or Secretary please forward to executivedirector@ncema.net as soon as possible.

Lifetime Members

If you would like to recommend someone for Lifetime Membership in the NCEMA please submit your nominations in writing to Executivedirector@ncema.net prior to the conference.

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