

North Carolina Emergency Management Association Newsletter September 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**

[Visit our Website](#)



Don't forget the limited edition 60th Anniversary T-shirts will be available at conference!

Be sure to join us at conference for a "Fire Side Chat" with NCEM Director Will Ray and FEMA Region 4 Regional Administrator Rob Ashe. This session will be held Tuesday October 13, 2026, at 0930.



FEMA



NCEMA Online Store

The NCEMA Online Store is now OPEN!!

Here is the link:

<https://ncema26.itemorder.com/shop/home/>

Members may begin shopping from the store immediately as follows:

- Select item, quantity, color, size
- Add to Cart
- Go to Cart, Continue to Checkout
- Enter customer, shipping and payment information
- Customers have the option of having their selected items shipped directly to their home or work location OR picking up their items up from Creative Images in Benson, NC to avoid shipping costs. (For pickup, please note Creative Images store hours.)
- NOTE: Shipping costs are less expensive when sending an item to a business as opposed to a residence.



[Link to Store](https://ncema26.itemorder.com/shop/home/)

Research Study for First Responders:

Our UNC research team is looking for career and volunteer first responders including firefighters, EMT's, paramedics, law enforcement and emergency management personnel, who responded to Hurricane Helene and/or Tropical Storm Chantal to share their experiences and insights as part of an important research study. Your firsthand experience can help us better understand the hazards and challenges responders face during disaster response, as well as identify opportunities to improve safety, preparedness, and support for responders in future disasters. By sharing your experience, you can help inform how communities and response organizations prepare for and protect those who are on the front lines during these events.

First responders interested in participating can complete a brief survey about their experiences (approximately 10–15 minutes):

<https://go.unc.edu/Respondersurvey>

We are also looking for participants to complete a one-on-one or focus group interview (approximately 45–60 minutes). Participants who complete an interview will receive a \$25 gift card for their time:

<https://go.unc.edu/Responderinterview>

Please contact aballar@unc.edu with any questions, we hope to hear from you!

Thank you again for being willing to help, and please let me know if there's anything else you need from us.

Best,

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[Link to Flyer](#)

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. Be on the lookout for ballots to be distributed 9-28-26. Voting will be allowed until noon on Thursday 10-1-2026.

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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