

# SAFE-D 17th Annual Conference Schedule

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22						
1 pm	Registration Opens/Exhibitor Move-In					
2-5 pm	ESD 101 Expo A1 & A2 • 3 hours					
6-8 pm	Meet & Greet Reception in the Exhibit Hall • Expo B & C • Ticket Required					
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23						
7:30 am	Breakfast • Expo B & C/Exhibit Hall					
8:30-9:30 am	Morning General Session: Legislative Review/Outlook John Carlton, The Carlton Law Firm • Expo A1, A2, A3 • 1 hour					
TRACK:	BASICS	FINANCIALS	ADMIN/GOV'T	OPERATIONS	ADVANCED	LEGAL ISSUES
9:45-10:45 am	<b>Nuts and Bolts of ESD Operations</b> Kelli Carlton, The Carlton Law Firm Expo A4 1 hour	<b>Financing for ESDs</b> Randy Moshier, Ryan Bennett & Scott Anderson, Frost Bank Floral A 1 hour	<b>Case Study: Who Owns What</b> Ira Coveler, Coveler & Peeler Floral B 1 hour	<b>Dispatching: What ESDs Should Know</b> Margo Ihde, Galveston County Ivy 1 hour	<b>Motivating Change: Overcoming the Power of the Status Quo</b> Chief David Bailey, Travis County ESD 4 Vine • 1 hour	<b>Legal Issues: ESD Contracts</b> Ken Campbell, Burns, Anderson, Jury & Brenner Moody FGH 1 hour
10:45 am	Refreshment Break in Exhibit Hall • Expo B & C					
11:15 am-12:15 pm	<b>ESD Bookkeeping &amp; Financial Reports</b> Charlie LaConti, MAC Expo A4 1 hour (FR)	<b>Investing ESD Funds: The Public Funds Investment Act</b> Linda Patterson, Patterson & Associates Floral A • 1 hour	<b>The ESD PIO: Who is Telling Your Story?</b> Lt. Simon VanDyck, Harris County ESD 48 Floral B 1 hour	<b>TIFMAS Overview</b> Chief JJ Wittig, Travis County ESD 3 Ivy 1 hour	<b>Setting Policy &amp; Improving Your ESD ISO Rating</b> Sheldon Gilbert, ESCi Tom Weber, ISO Vine 1 hour	<b>Legal Issues: EMS Liabilities</b> Mark Smith, Smith, Reed, Armstrong Moody FGH 1 hour
12:15 pm	Conference Lunch • Expo A1, A2, A3 • Ticket Required					
1:30-2:30 pm	<b>ESD Audits</b> Charity Taber, Taber & Burnett Expo A4 1 hour (FR)	<b>The Taxation Process</b> Mark Ciavaglia, Linebarger, Goggan, Blair & Sampson Floral A 1 hour	<b>The Texas Open Meetings Act: An Overview</b> William Hill, Asst. Attorney General Floral B 1 hour	<b>Cancer Among U.S. Firefighters</b> David Parker, Harris County ESD 29 Ivy 1 hour	<b>The Texas County and District Retirement System</b> Kristina Fox, TCDRS Vine 1 hour	
2:45 pm	Afternoon General Session: A Conversation About Emergency Management Chief W. Nim Kidd, TDEM • Expo A1, A2, A3 • 1 hour					
3:35 pm	Refreshment Break in Exhibit Hall • Expo B & C					
4-5 pm	<b>Robert's Rules of Order</b> Kirk Overbey, Professional Registered Parliamentarian Expo A4 1 hour (RL)	<b>Grant Programs</b> Andrea Selmon & Matthew Palmer, FEMA Floral A 1 hour	<b>The Texas Public Information Act: An Overview</b> Joseph Behnke, Asst. Attorney General Floral B 1 hour	<b>TFCA Best Practices Recognition Program</b> Chief Brent Parker, City of Wylie Ivy 1 hour	<b>Board Dynamics/ Working Together</b> Steve Ferguson, DSF Advisors Vine 1 hour	
5 pm	Recess: Evening on Your Own					

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24**

7:30 am	<b>Breakfast • Expo B &amp; C/Exhibit Hall</b>				
<b>TRACK:</b>	<b>BASICS</b>	<b>FINANCIALS</b>	<b>ADMIN/GOV'T</b>	<b>EMS</b>	<b>BASICS PLUS</b>
8:30-9:30 am	<b>Ethics 101 for ESD Commissioners</b> <i>John Carlton, The Carlton Law Firm</i> <b>Expo A4</b> <b>1 hour (EC)</b>	<b>Sales Tax 101</b> <i>Richard Fletcher, Sales Tax Assurance</i> <b>Floral A</b> <b>1 hour</b>	<b>Legal Issues Hurricane Harvey Has Taught Us (So Far)</b> <i>John Peeler, Coveler &amp; Peeler</i> <b>Floral B</b> <b>1 hour</b>	<b>Case Study: Becoming the Ambulance Provider</b> <i>Travis County ESD 2</i> <b>Expo A1</b> <b>1 hour</b>	<b>VFDs: A to Z Part 1</b> <i>Ken Campbell, Burns, Anderson, Jury &amp; Brenner</i> <b>Expo A2</b>
9:45-10:45 am	<b>Moving Forward or Falling Back: Planning for Your ESD's Future</b> <i>Lane Wintermute, ESCi</i> <b>Expo A4</b> <b>1 hour (SP)</b>	<b>Banking 101/Fraud Prevention and Protection</b> <i>Van Carter, Ryan Bennett &amp; Traci Arellano, Frost Bank</i> <b>Floral A</b> <b>1 hour</b>	<b>Best Practices for Maximizing Department and Community Buy-In</b> <i>Chief JJ Wittig, Travis County ESD 3</i> <b>Floral B</b> <b>1 hour</b>	<b>Ambulance Billing/ Compliance</b> <i>Mark Smith, Smith, Reed, Armstrong</i> <b>Expo A1</b> <b>1 hour</b>	<b>VFDs: A to Z Part 2</b> <i>Ken Campbell, Burns, Anderson, Jury &amp; Brenner</i> <b>Expo A2</b> <b>2 hours</b>
10:45 am	<b>Refreshment Break in Exhibit Hall • Expo B &amp; C</b>				
11:15 am-12:15 pm	<b>Records Retention</b> <i>Bonnie Zuber, Texas State Library &amp; Archives Commission</i> <b>Expo A4</b> <b>1 hour (RN)</b>		<b>Apparatus Purchasing</b> <i>Travis Ownby, Siddons Martin</i> <b>Floral B</b> <b>1 hour</b>	<b>HIPAA/Ethical Considerations</b> <i>Colby Nichols, The Underwood Law Firm</i> <b>Expo A1</b> <b>1 hour</b>	<b>Legislative Task Force (until 1:15 pm)</b> <b>Expo A2</b> <b>2 hours</b>
12:15 pm	<b>Conference Adjourns</b>				

Sessions marked with the following indicate that these sessions qualify for the Certified Emergency Services Commissioner program. Learn more about it on pages 22 and 23.

**CESC Session Key:**

- FR** - Financial Reporting
- SP** - Strategic Planning
- RN** - Records Retention/Management
- EC** - Ethics Course
- RL** - Robert's Rules Course