

# OKEM



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## OKLAHOMA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE AUGUST 22-25, 2011 EMBASSY SUITES IN NORMAN TRAINING DAY ON AUGUST 22

2011 will be election year at the Emergency Management Conference.

The offices of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Parliamentarian plus the Alternate Area Vice Presidents will be elected this year.

If you are interested in running for any office, contact your Area Vice President.

TOPICS THAT ARE BEING CONSIDERED FOR 2011 CONFERENCE ARE ON  
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The National Severe Weather Workshop was held March 3-5, 2011 at the Embassy Suites in Norman. A poster session was added this year. Oklahoma Emergency Managers that presented posters at the Workshop were Gayland Kitch of Moore whose topic was Moore, Oklahoma—Struck AGAIN!

Glenda Longan, Miami Emergency Management Director presented a poster on Flash Flood or Backwater? Both are Devastating. Both are Devastating.



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Paula Cain of Ponca City Emergency Management discusses her poster, Project Warn with Dale Morris and Rick Smith

*Start thinking about nominations for the OEMA awards*  
*Paid Director of the Year*  
*Mickey Clarkson Award for Volunteer Director*  
*Volunteer of the Year*  
*Public Officials Award*  
*Outstanding Contributor to Emergency Management*

*Applications can be found on the Oklahoma Emergency Management Association website*

Emergency Management Day at the Capitol held on March 23 was a success. The day began with Legislative Briefing followed by Emergency Management Updates, then lunch. After lunch, the Oklahoma Emergency Management Association hosted a Legislative Reception for Oklahoma State Senators and Representatives. OEMA served homemade ice cream, popcorn and lemonade. The 4th Floor Rotunda had displays about emergency management.



OEMA website: [oema.us](http://oema.us)

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The agenda for the conference is in the works. Here are some of the recommendations that have been received and are being considered for inclusion:

- OK-Fire
- FMAG
- Fire Wise
- Volunteer Management
- IPAW
- Narrowbanding
- VOAD
- Website Competition
- Social Media
- Public Notification
- OK Dept of Agriculture—large animal
- CHEMPACK Program
- Web EOC/CAD Interface
- Access & Functional Needs
- Dining in the Dark
- Partners in Preparedness
- Weather Radar Basics for Emergency Managers
- Mental Health Issues for 1st Responders
- Emergency Planning Challenges for Populations with Special Needs
- Attaining the Oklahoma Certified Emergency Manager (OCEM) and the Certified Emergency Manager (CEM)
- Damage Assessment Workshop
- Integration of Social Media in Emergency Management
- Mitigation of Mental Health Issues in Disasters & Planning for Shelters

If you have topics or suggestions contact a member of the OEMA Board