

ACEP EMS AND DISASTER MEDICINE

PRE- CONFERENCE

A full day pulled from the real incidents shaping the field right now — the LA World Cup security plan, an Amtrak derailment, civil unrest in Indianapolis, and a rehearsal for the worst day imaginable. Sixteen presentations, three afternoon tracks, one bus ride to Rush and back.

DATE

Sun, Oct 4
8 AM – 5 PM

ON SITE

Rush • Room 540

Armour Academic Center

COST

\$50

Lunch + round-trip bus

TRANSPORT

7:15 AM Bus

McCormick • back 5:30 PM

MORNING PLENARY

**08:00–
12:45**

Everyone in one room. Eight talks built around events that actually happened.

8:00	Welcome & Opening Remarks Juan Hernandez, Asst. Deputy Fire Commissioner – EMS, Chicago Fire Dept.	10:10	Performance Under Pressure: Aviation Lessons for High-Reliability EMS Joshua Stilley, MD, FACEP, FAEMS
8:20	Mass Gathering Medicine at Scale Saman Kashani, MD, MSc, FACEP	10:30	Active Shooter Events: Beyond the Basics Benjamin Zabar, MD
8:40	The Value of EMS Special Operations in Urban EMS Douglas Isaacs, MD, FAEMS	10:50	Ice, Ice Baby: Treating Hyperthermia Without Making a Mess Craig Cooley, MD, MPH, EMT-P
9:00	The Mendon Amtrak Train Crash Joshua Stilley, MD, FACEP, FAEMS	11:10	AI in EMS Brent Myers, MD & Jeffrey Jarvis, MD
9:20	Tactical Extraction: The 2020 Indianapolis Civil Unrest Thomas Lardaro, MD, MPH & Tyler Fulks, MD	11:45	Lunch • 11:45–12:45 Opportunities in EMS & Disaster fellowships — directors in discussion with EM residents

PICK YOUR TRACK

13:00–
16:50

Three tracks in parallel. Go deep on one, or move between EMS and Disaster at the shared break.

TRACK 1

EMS

13:00

The Acutely Agitated Patient, Prehospital

Craig Cooley, MD, MPH, EMT-P

13:30

Alpha-gal Syndrome: The TICK Study

Stephanie Lareau, MD & team

14:00

Everyone Is Wrong About Triage

Benjamin Zabar, MD

14:30

Building EMS–School Nurse Partnerships

Shira Schlesinger, MD

15:00

"Just in Time" Hazmat Decontamination

Esther Hwang, DO, MPH, FACEP, FAEMS

15:30

One Incident, One System

Nicholas Cozzi, MD, MBA, FACEP, FAEMS

TRACK 2

DISASTER

13:00

Reality Check: VR for Disaster Triage

Ryan Hata, MD & Nicholas Kman, MD

13:30

AI-Enabled Scenario Modeling for Incident Response

Nicholas Cozzi, MD, MBA, FACEP, FAEMS

14:00

Lessons from the National Alternate Care Facility Symposium

Jessica Ryder, MD, MPH

14:30

The ACEP Hospital Disaster Assessment Guide

Paul Roszko, MD & Amado Baez, MD

15:00

When a Mass Gathering Lands Near Your ER

Andrew Milsten, MD, MS, FACEP

15:30

Managing Terror: ED Prep for a Nuclear Attack

Andi Tenner, MD & Amanda Reilly, MD

TRACK 3

WILDERNESS

13:00–16:50 · Hands-on rotation

Complex Wound Care & Pelvic Fractures

Marc Cassone & Dana Matthews

Psychological First Aid in the Field

Sarah Terez

Patient Transport: Purpose-Built & Improvised

Patrick Burns

Hyperthermia: Field & ED Treatment Updates

Geoff Comp

ONE BUS RIDE OUT OF MCCORMICK PLACE. A FULL DAY OF THE CASES YOU'LL ACTUALLY SEE NEXT.

BE ON IT.

REGISTER NOW

Scan to register · webapps.acep.org/meetingsv1



ACEP EMS & DISASTER MEDICINE PRE-CONFERENCE
RUSH UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER · CHICAGO
SUN, OCT 4, 2026 · BUS 7:15 AM MCCORMICK → RETURN 5:30 PM

