

SAFE-D 2023 Conference Schedule

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2						
1 pm	Registration Opens/Exhibitor Move-In					
2-5 pm	Preconference Workshop - Basic: ESD 101 <i>John Carlton, The Carlton Law Firm</i> 3 hours • Kalahari A-E			Preconference Workshop - Advanced: Harassment, Discrimination and Anti-Bias: Essential Guidance for Leaders in the Fire Service • <i>Michael J. McCall, J.D.</i> 2 hours (ends at 4 pm) • Kalahari F-I • Sponsored by VFIS		
6-8 pm	Meet & Greet Reception in the Exhibit Hall					
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3						
7:30 am	Breakfast in the Exhibit Hall • Kilimanjaro Ballroom					
8-9 am	General Session: Keynote: The 88th Legislature and ESDs • 1 hour • Kalahari A-E					
TRACK:	The Basics	Dollars & Sense	Running an ESD	Providing Services	Next Steps	Municipal Issues
9:15-10:15 am	Nuts and Bolts of ESDs <i>Kelli Carlton, The Carlton Law Firm</i> Kalahari I/H 1 hour	Budgeting Basics <i>Jessica Frazier, Travis County ESD No. 2</i> Kalahari G/F 1 hour (FR)	Leadership & Accountability: Are They Trusting YOU?, Part 1 <i>Chief Daniel DeYear, Dallas Fire Dept.</i> Zambezi/Nile 1 hour	Understanding the Value of an EMS Provider <i>Brent Smith, Hopkins County EMS</i> Crown Palm/Banyan 1 hour	Personnel Problems and Litigation: Out of Your Control? VFIS Spotlight Session <i>Michael J. McCall, J.D.</i> Acacia/Bamboo 1 hour	Getting Along: How an ESD Works with Cities <i>Chief Robert Abbott, Travis County ESD No. 6</i> Cypress/Portia 1 hour
10:15 am	Refreshment Break in Exhibit Hall • Kilimanjaro Ballroom					
10:45-11:45 am	Records Retention for ESDs <i>Rebecca Hanna, Texas State Library & Archives Commission</i> Kalahari I/H 1 hour (RN)	ESD Sales Tax 101 <i>Jon Granberry & Paula Barr, HdL Companies</i> Kalahari G/F 1 hour	Leadership & Accountability: Are They Trusting YOU? Part 2 <i>Chief Daniel DeYear, Dallas Fire Dept.</i> Zambezi/Nile 1 hour	Measuring Performance, Compliance, & Culture in an EMS Organization <i>Keir Vernon, Harris County Emergency Corps</i> Crown Palm/Banyan 1 hour	Bidding and Building: A Legal Perspective <i>Ken Campbell, Burns Anderson Jury & Brenner</i> Acacia/Bamboo 1 hour	ESD Territorial Integrity in a Post SB6 World <i>John Peeler & Krystine Ramon, Coveler & Peeler</i> Cypress/Portia 1 hour
11:45 am	Conference Lunch: Announcements and Awards • Kalahari A-E					
1 pm	Visit Exhibits • Kilimanjaro Ballroom					
1:15-2:15 pm	Strategic Planning <i>Chief Mike Montgomery, Harris County ESD No. 16</i> Kalahari I/H 1 hour (SP)	ESDs and the Public Funds Investment Act <i>Tony Sekaly, Texas CLASS</i> Kalahari G/F 1 hour	Open Meetings Act: Basic Training <i>Becky Casares, Office of the Attorney General</i> Zambezi/Nile 1 hour	Recruiting/Retention of Service Provider Personnel <i>Chief Brad Landi, Williamson County ESD No. 1</i> Crown Palm/Banyan 1 hour	Tell Your Story: Winning the "Unwinnable" Election <i>Chief Donnie Norman, Travis County ESD No. 1 & Simon VanDyk, Touchstone District Services</i> Acacia/Bamboo 1 hour	Sales Tax Sharing Agreements <i>Ken Campbell, Burns Anderson Jury & Brenner</i> Cypress/Portia 1 hour
2:30-3:30 pm	Robert's Rules of Order <i>Kirk Overbey, Professional Registered Parliamentarian</i> Kalahari I/H 1 hour (RL)	Appraisal District Operations <i>Chris Connelly, Williamson Central Appraisal District</i> Kalahari G/F 1 hour	Public Information Act: Basic Training <i>Tamara Smith, Office of the Attorney General</i> Zambezi/Nile 1 hour	Operational Perspective: How Not to Get Sued and What to Do if it Happens <i>Chief Chris Barron, Travis County ESD No. 5 & Mark Sanchez, Sanchez & Wilson</i> Crown Palm/Banyan 1 hour	Tell Your Story: Using Social Media, Google Profiles and Websites <i>Scott Webb, Clicktunity & Simon VanDyk, Touchstone District Services</i> Acacia/Bamboo 1 hour	Legislative
3:30 pm	Refreshment Break in Exhibit Hall • Kilimanjaro Ballroom					
4-5 pm	Ethics 101: Conflicts of Interest, Self-Dealing & Related Issues <i>John Peeler & Krystine Ramon, Coveler & Peeler</i> Kalahari I/H 1 hour (EC)	Recovering the Cost: Fire Service Reimbursement <i>Rachel Williams, Emergicon</i> Kalahari G/F 1 hour		Pipeline Emergency Responders Initiative <i>Jay Prothro, U.S. Dept. of Transportation</i> Crown Palm/Banyan 1 hour		Legislative Update/Task Force (repeat) <i>John Carlton, The Carlton Law Firm</i> Cypress/Portia 1 hour (LP)
5 pm	Recess: Evening on Your Own					

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4					
7:30 am	Breakfast in the Exhibit Hall • Kilimanjaro Ballroom				
8:30-9:30 am	General Session: Keynote: The 88th Legislature and ESDs Part 2 • 1 hour • Kalahari A-E				
TRACK:	Basics	Financial	Operational	Transitional	Legal
9:45-10:45 am	Nuts and Bolts of ESDs (repeat) <i>Kelli Carlton, The Carlton Law Firm</i> Kalahari I/H 1 hour	ESD Sales Tax: Advanced Topics & Emerging Issues <i>Jon Granberry & Paula Barr, HdL Companies</i> Kalahari G/F 1 hour	EMS 101: What Every Commissioner Should Know <i>Christy Graves, Harris County ESD No. 5</i> Crown Palm/Banyan 1 hour	Transitioning to Direct Service Provision: Legal Considerations <i>Ira Coveler & David Manley, Coveler & Peeler</i> Cypress/Portia 1 hour	Questions? Ask a Lawyer, Part 1 <i>Ken Campbell, Burns Anderson Jury & Brenner</i> Zambezi/Nile 1 hour
10:45 am	Refreshment Break in Exhibit Hall • Kilimanjaro Ballroom				
11:15 am-12:15 pm	Legislative Boot Camp/Third Tuesday Prep <i>John Carlton, The Carlton Law Firm</i> Kalahari I/H 1 hour (LP)		Expanding Services - Automatic Aid Agreements <i>Chief Chris Barron, Travis County ESD No. 5</i> Crown Palm/Banyan 1 hour	Transitioning to Direct Service Provision: Operational Issues <i>Chief Mike Montgomery, Harris County ESD No. 16</i> Cypress/Portia 1 hour	Questions? Ask a Lawyer, Part 2 <i>Ken Campbell, Burns Anderson Jury & Brenner</i> Zambezi/Nile 1 hour
12:15 pm	Conference Adjourns				

Sessions marked with the following indicate that these sessions qualify for the Certified Emergency Services Commissioner program.

FR - Financial Reporting

RN - Records Retention/Management

RL - Robert's Rules Course

SP - Strategic Planning

EC - Ethics Course

LP - Legislative Participation