SAVE THE DATE!
2027 POMS-HOCM Mini-Conference
Thursday, April 22, 2027

The POMS College of Humanitarian Operations and Crisis Management (HOCM) will host its annual mini-conference in Orlando, FL. This year's theme is "**Navigating from Disruption to Adaptation: Operations and Analytics in Emergency Management.**" We will focus on learning from and co-creating with humanitarian and emergency managers.



The event features a **unique** two-part structure designed to bridge the gap between academic research and operational reality:

- **Meet at Hotel Lobby at 7:45 AM; Bus leaves at 8AM**
- **Morning Field Trip** : Site visit of the Florida Division of Emergency Management (FDEM) State Logistics Center.
    - Florida Central Operations and Coordination Office (Address: 660 C. Fred Jones Blvd, Auburndale, FL 33823)
- **Lunch (Noon - 1 PM):** Hyatt Regency Orlando
- **Problem-Solving Roundtable**: Listening, learning, and co-creation sessions featuring emergency management leaders from state-level (FDEM), county-level, and city-level. Discussions will center on response, evacuation, resilience mitigation, and the most pressing operational struggles practitioners face today.
- **Best Video Competition Finalists**

This is an excellent opportunity to engage directly with leaders on the ground, exchange ideas, and align your research with critical, real-world needs! You can register for the HOCM mini-conference when registering for the main POMS conference.

Space for the site visit is limited, so register early to secure your spot. If you have any questions, please email Diana Ramirez-Rios, Senior HOCM VP of Meetings at dgramire@buffalo.edu , Austin Iglesias Saragih, Junior HOCM VP of Meetings at austin.saragih@klu.org , or Johanna Amaya, HOCM President at amayaj@psu.edu.

We look forward to seeing you in Orlando!