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Early Bird registration for the 11th annual conference of the New Jersey Emergency Preparedness Association is now open. Approximately 2,000 disaster responders from New Jersey and surrounding states will gather in Atlantic City the week of May 4 through May 8, 2009 to train and network at the Tropicana Casino Hotel & Resort.

Specialized training courses are conducted Monday through Wednesday. The conference, which offers the premier training opportunity for first responders on the East Coast, wraps up with Thursday and Friday general seminars.

Attendees are full-time professionals and volunteers who respond when law enforcement, fire, emergency medical services, emergency management, and associated disciplines are called to a disaster. The NJEPA conference annually provides the opportunity to refresh their skills.

Representatives of public and private sector response organizations use this opportunity to train together and share the latest in technology and ideas developed to deal with the natural hazards and terrorist threats faced in today's dangerous world.

The week begins with three days of pre-conference training starting Monday, May 4. Specialized courses are offered in the areas of Hospital/Medical, Preparedness, Response, and Weather.

Shorter topical general seminars are offered Thursday and Friday. Vendors will display the latest in response equipment and services Wednesday and Thursday.

Michael Caffrey, president of the Association, said, "Our non-profit organization stages a world-class conference at an affordable price for those who attend and for the vendors who display their equipment."

On-line registration is open through NJEPA's web page at: www.njepa.org/

The early-bird fee is only \$75 until March 15. After that date, cost is \$100 until April 29 when on-line registration closes. On-site registration is \$125.

Participants can also obtain special room rates at the Tropicana through the NJEPA web site.