

FLASH CEO Addresses Resiliency at IAEM Conference

FLASH President and CEO Leslie Chapman-Henderson served as a keynote speaker at the 65th [International Association of Emergency Managers \(IAEM\) Conference](#) held in November in Long Beach, CA. Her presentation, “The Disaster Safety Movement Twenty Years Later—The Road to a Resilient Future,” explained the importance of building resilient structures and provided attendees with concepts they could use in their communities.

“As we continue to endure this record-shattering year of destructive disasters, it is critical we stay focused on how to increase resilience through proven and new means of driving good decision-making and application of sound science,” said Leslie. “IAEM is a first-rate organization, and coming together with our emergency management partners is like working with the home team. We have a long road to recovery ahead, and it is essential that we integrate future resilience, including modern building codes, each step of the way.”

The IAEM Annual Conference provides an opportunity to engage with professionals from around the world, share best practices, connect with forward-thinking practitioners, and take home new approaches to old problems. Attendees included emergency management managers and decision-makers, Homeland Security officials, first responder coordinators, healthcare and hospital emergency managers, private sector industry risk managers, contingency planners, and elected officials.