

Bethany Elliott

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Speaker Bio:

Bethany Elliott serves as Deputy Director of the Elmore County (AL) Emergency Management Agency, where she oversees daily operations, staff management, and the agency's public outreach initiatives. A dedicated emergency management professional, Bethany brings both operational expertise and a strong commitment to community engagement. She is an active member of IAEM, where she serves on the Conference Committee as Team Lead for the Optional Outings Working Group. Additionally, she co-chairs the IAEM Training Caucus and is a member of the County EM Caucus. Before joining Elmore County EMA, Bethany worked with the Alabama EMA.

Presentation Title:

The Turtle, the Tear, and the Truth: Rediscovering Purpose in Chaos

A roadside turtle rescue during the pandemic became a powerful reminder: small gestures can restore purpose in chaotic times. Bethany Elliott shares how quiet moments of connection reveal the heart of emergency management—and why even the smallest acts matter.