



HAMPTON ROADS ADAPTATION FORUM

Emergency Communications and Messaging

April 3, 2026 from 9.00 am to 2.00 pm
 1st floor Conference Room, Virginia Modeling, Analysis, and Simulation Center
 Old Dominion University, Suffolk, VA

AGENDA

8:30AM	Coffee, bagels, and pastries
9:00AM	Welcome <i>Wie Yusuf, School of Public Service, Old Dominion University</i> <i>Andrew Larkin, Institute for Coastal Adaptation and Resilience, Old Dominion University</i>
9:10 AM	Project introduction – SCC-IRG: Resilient Sheltering Decision Support for Emergency Evacuations <i>Hemant Purohit, Dept. of Information Sciences and Technology, George Mason University</i>
9:15 AM	Interactive activity <i>Ayan Mukhopadhyay, School of Computing, Data Sciences and Physics, William & Mary</i>
9:30 AM	Hurricane evacuation and sheltering post-pandemic: What’s changed? <i>Wie Yusuf, School of Public Service, ODU</i>
10:15 AM	Break
10:20 AM	Evacuation decision making in recent Virginia storms: Analysis of after action reports <i>Qian Hu, Schar School of Policy and Government, George Mason University</i>
11:10 AM	The sending of information: The PIO and emergency management coordinator perspective <i>Jason Elmore, Virginia Department of Emergency Management</i> <i>Robb Braidwood, City of Chesapeake</i> <i>Tiffany Russell, City of Virginia Beach</i> Moderator: <i>Joshua Behr, Virginia Modeling, Analysis and Simulation Center, ODU</i>
12:00 PM	Lunch and networking
12:40 PM	The community perspective: Community leaders, residents, and households <i>Michael Crockett, President, Larchmont-Edgewater Civic League (Norfolk)</i> <i>Renee Olander, Resident (Norfolk)</i> <i>Bob Jennings, Resident (Virginia Beach)</i> Moderator: <i>Andrew Larkin, Institute for Coastal Adaptation and Resilience, ODU</i>
1:30 PM	Remaining issues: What more do we need to know? Moderator: <i>Rafael Diaz, School of Cybersecurity, ODU</i>
1:50 PM	Regional update and closing remarks <i>Ben McFarlane, Hampton Roads Planning District Commission</i>