



# NAFE 2026 Winter Conference Technical Program

## Saturday, January 17, 2026 — New Orleans

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- 7:00 AM** Breakfast and Networking
- 7:15 AM** President's Remarks and Introductions

### MORNING TRACK

- 8:00 AM** Brian Eubanks, PE (NAFE #962S), Garrett Ryan, PE (NAFE #1125M), and Derek Patoskie, PE (NAFE #1312A) — **"To Prove Or Not to Prove: Different Levels of Forensic Investigation"**
- 9:00 AM** Jahan Rasty, PhD, PE (NAFE #1152S), Matthew Mills, PE (NAFE #1199A), Luke Blackwell (NAFE #1275A), and Cameron Rasty (NAFE #1367 Student Member) — **"Material Selection Error in Body Armor Design: Forensic Investigation of Bullet Penetration in Steel Armor Plates"**
- 10:00 AM** Morning Break | Sign Up for Dinner Groups
- 10:15 AM** Rebecca Bowman, Esq, PE (NAFE #1153M), Randal L. Exley, PE, and Thomas McCloskey — **"Challenging the Abuse of "or Equivalent" in Residential Foundation Connections"**
- 11:15 AM** Michael Stall, PE (NAFE #955M) — **"Forensic Engineering Evaluation and Quantification of Hurricane Damage to a Commercial Building"**
- 12:15 PM** General Membership Meeting

*End of morning sessions*

- 12:30 PM** Lunch | Sign Up for Dinner Groups

### AFTERNOON TRACK

- 1:30 PM** Ziad Azzi, PhD, PE (NAFE #1343M) — **"Wind Damage Vs. Storm Surge Damage: A Case Study from Hurricane Helene"**
- 2:30 PM** Chad Williams, PE (NAFE #937M) — **"Impact of Granule Loss on the Fire Resistance of Asphalt Shingles"**
- 3:30 PM** Afternoon Break | Sign Up for Dinner Groups
- 3:45 PM** Brian Eubanks, PE (NAFE #962S), Noel Janacek, PE (NAFE #1375M), Garrett Ryan, PE (NAFE #1125M), and Joseph Roberts, PE (NAFE #1354A) — **"Beyond the Building Code: Design and Forensic Failure Analysis of Retaining Walls"**
- 4:45PM** Bart Kemper, PE (NAFE #965F) — **"Examining Failure Modes of the TITAN Submersible Hull"**
- 5:45 PM** End of Day 1 Sessions | Lobby Bar Meet Up | Dinner on Your Own

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