



# NAFE 2026 Winter Conference Technical Program

## Saturday, January 17, 2026 — New Orleans

All times are in Central Time (CST)

**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"

*End of morning sessions*

**12:30 PM** Lunch and General Membership Meeting | 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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