



# NAFE 2026 Winter Conference Educational Program

## Sunday, January 18, 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** Steven Batzer, PE (NAFE #677F) — "From the Front Lines of Forensic Engineering"

**9:00 AM** Lori Cox, PE (NAFE #1302S) — "The Hidden Load: Mental Health Challenges in Forensic Engineering"

**10:00 AM** Morning Break | Vote for Favorite Saturday Technical Session

**10:15 AM** Carlos Morales (NAFE #1380) and Gerald Zadikoff, PE (NAFE #751M) — "Seawall Collapse and Mitigation"

**11:15 AM** Rich Kovarsky, PE (NAFE #1209S) — "Water Losses and NFPA 921"

*End of morning sessions*

**12:15 PM** Lunch | Register for NAFE Summer 2026

### AFTERNOON TRACK

**1:15 PM** Bart Kemper, PE (NAFE #965F) as lead, with co-hosts for each one-hour part — Forensic Engineering Panel Discussion on the TITAN Disaster

Full panel:

- Bart Kemper, PE: Team lead, structural analysis, acrylics, VVUQ
- Tom Whalen: LCDR, USCG Investigator & Co-Host
- Krista Kemper: Charter member of the World Submarine Organization. Submarine industry issues, review of contracts other business issues with OceanGate
- William Emblom, PhD: Structural analysis
- Mitch Maifeld, PE: Electrical engineering and computers
- Alexis San Miguel: Life support and human factors
- Mike Gordon, PE: Peer Review.

**3:15 PM** Afternoon Break | Register for NAFE Winter 2026

**3:30 PM** (Continued) Forensic Engineering Panel Discussion on the TITAN Disaster

**4:30 PM** End of Day 2 Sessions and Closing Remarks | Vote for Favorite Sunday Technical Session

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