



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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