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Cybersecurity & Technology Summit

SEPTEMBER 7 – 10, 2025 |
RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

8 am – 6:30 pm
REGISTRATION

MAIN LEVEL

PRE-SUMMIT SEMINARS
Separate registration required.

8:30 am – Noon
Financial Assessment Workshop
305A, MAIN LEVEL

8:30 am – Noon
Using Distributed Energy Resources to Manage Load Growth
305B, MAIN LEVEL

PRE-SUMMIT SEMINARS

8:30 am – Noon
Increasing Cybersecurity Resilience Through Customized Tabletop Exercises
301B, MAIN LEVEL

1:30 – 5 pm
Ratemaking for the Industrial Resurgence: Data Centers, AI, and More
305A, MAIN LEVEL

1:30 – 5 pm
Staying Current in Public Utility Accounting
305B, MAIN LEVEL

5 – 6:30 pm
WELCOME RECEPTION
BALLROOM B, BALLROOM LEVEL

Celebrate the southern charm of Raleigh, reengage with friends and associates, and make new connections.

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MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

7:30 – 8:30 am
NETWORKING BREAKFAST

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Visit with your peers and chat with conference sponsors at this informal breakfast.

7:30 – 8:30 am
NEWCOMERS NETWORKING BREAKFAST

ROOM 402, BALLROOM LEVEL

New to the Cybersecurity & Technology Summit? Meet other first-time conference attendees to make connections you can build on and learn how to get the most out of your conference experience.

8:45 – 10:00 am
OPENING GENERAL SESSION

BALLROOM A, BALLROOM LEVEL

MODERATOR
JARED PRICE, *Chief Information Officer, American Municipal Power, Inc., Ohio; and Section Chair, APPA Business & Financial Conference and Cybersecurity & Technology Summit*

WELCOME
CEO Address
SCOTT CORWIN, *President and CEO, American Public Power Association*

KEYNOTE

Making it Without Losing It: The New Rules for Innovation — and Motivation — that Lasts

Featured on the Today Show, Time, Good Morning America, The View, Vanity Fair, People Magazine, Business Insider, and Forbes, Jess Ekstrom teaches how you and your teams can become intrinsically motivated while solving problems, improving retention rates, and improving customer/client connections. Learn how to explore ways to create an environment to build and sustain lasting motivation, from right where you are.

JESS EKSTROM, *Forbes-Rated Speaker, Author, TED-Ed & LinkedIn Learning Instructor, Leadership Expert*

10 – 10:30 am
NETWORKING BREAK WITH SPONSORS

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MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

10:30 – 11:45 am
OPENING GENERAL SESSION
BALLROOM C, BALLROOM LEVEL

KEYNOTE

What to Do About Cyber Threats to Public Power

Get insight into the latest suite of threats facing electric utilities, and specifically public power, from a recognized authority in the industrial cybersecurity community. Discuss what critical controls municipalities can put in place for their operational technology and ICS environments, and how they can leverage community defense and public-private partnerships to further mitigate threats.

ROBERT M. LEE, *CEO and Co-Founder, Dragos*

11:45 am – 1:30 pm
LUNCH ON YOUR OWN

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1:30 – 2:45 pm
Cybersecurity & Technology Roundtable
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Join fellow attendees to explore the benefits of partnering with local and regional utilities, the mentorship roles large utilities can play, and the advantages of collaboration. The discussion will also delve into tools and solutions tailored for both big and small utilities, ensuring effective problem-solving across the board.

2:45 – 3:15 pm
NETWORKING BREAK WITH SPONSORS
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3:15 – 4:30 pm
Physical Security and Cybersecurity Panel Discussion
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This panel discussion will bring together physical and cyber security experts from the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) and representatives from medium and small utilities to explore the intersection of physical and cyber security. This session will provide valuable insights into integrated security strategies and collaborative approaches to safeguarding critical infrastructure.

5 – 6 pm
Happy Hour with Colleagues

In the Rye Bar at the Raleigh Marriott City Center Hotel (pay your own way)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

7:30 – 8:30 am
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Power up with coffee and connections at this informal breakfast. Visit with your peers and chat with sponsors.

7:30 – 8:30 am
WOMEN IN PUBLIC POWER BREAKFAST
ROOM 402, BALLROOM LEVEL

Join in a lively discussion with your peers about the challenges, opportunities, and influence of women in public power.

8:45 – 10 am
BALLROOM A, BALLROOM LEVEL

KEYNOTE

ALEX FITZSIMMONS, *Director of the Office of Cybersecurity, Energy Security, and Emergency Response (CESER) at U.S. Department of Energy (DOE)*

AI Panel: Practical Energy Technology

Artificial Intelligence has the potential to enhance operational efficiency, reduce costs for consumers, and help utilities of all sizes manage an increasingly complex grid. This keynote will feature presentations from utility executives and leading industry researchers on how utilities can implement AI in different parts of their organization, and how to minimize potential risks associated with its use.

MODERATOR: JARED PRICE, *Vice President and Chief Information Officer, American Municipal Power, Inc.*

PANELISTS: RAHEEL ARSHED, *Utility AMI Manager, City of Naperville, Illinois;* **MICHAEL FISH,** *Senior Director, Enterprise Cyber Security, Salt River Project, Arizona; and* **JEREMY RENSHAW,** *Executive Director, AI and Quantum, Electric Power Research Institute*

JARED PRICE   *RAHEEL ARSHED*   *MICHAEL FISH*   *JEREMY RENSHAW*

10 – 10:30 am
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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

10:30 – 11:45 am

The Five ICS Cybersecurity Critical Controls and the Electric Sector

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Learn about the SANS Institute's top five ICS Critical Cybersecurity Controls applicable to electric utilities. This session will highlight key in-sights and details from a recent SANS white paper, "The Five ICS Cybersecurity Critical Controls and the Electric Sector." Properly implementing these fundamental controls can help utilities of all sizes improve the cybersecurity of their control systems.

How to Get Leadership Buy-In and Budget on Technology Initiatives

302ABC, MAIN LEVEL

This panel will explore strategies for securing leadership buy-in and budget approval for technology initiatives. Moderated by professional services firm Baker Tilly, the panel will provide attendees with effective approaches to advocate for and implement critical technology projects within their organizations.

11:45 am – 1:30 pm
LUNCH ON YOUR OWN

1:30 – 2:45 pm

IT/OT Convergence: Better Communication with Enterprise Visibility

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This session will share insights and statistics on effective IT/OT coordination, communication practices and common pitfalls to avoid. Hear how one utility has utilized Forescout's solutions to enhance communication and operational visibility across their IT and OT organizations.

2:45 – 3:15 pm
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3:15 – 4:15 pm

Managing Communications at Scale: Securing and Managing Large AMI Wireless Networks

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This session will focus on how Itron manages and secures some of the largest wireless mesh networks in the world. Attendees will gain insight into the strategies and technologies Itron employs to ensure robust communication and security. The session will include a technical deep dive into the workings of these extensive advanced metering infrastructure (AMI) wireless networks.

4:15 – 5 pm

State and Local Partnerships to Improve Cyber Response

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This session will discuss best practices for leveraging state and other government organizations in preparing for and responding to cyber incidents. Presenters will provide an in-depth analysis of a real-world cyber incident in a North Carolina municipality featuring insights from the North Carolina Joint Cybersecurity Task Force and local experts. Attendees will learn about the coordinated response efforts, challenges faced, and lessons learned to enhance future cybersecurity preparedness.

6 – 7:30 pm
Reception

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Join us for an enjoyable evening of food and drinks with fellow attendees.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

7:30 – 8:30 am
NETWORKING BREAKFAST WITH SPONSORS

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Network with your peers at this informal breakfast.

8:45 – 10 am
CLOSING GENERAL SESSION

BALLROOM A, BALLROOM LEVEL

Cybercrime, Identity Theft, and Crimes

Known for his former life as con man, check forger, and impostor between the ages of 15 and 21, Frank Abagnale's unique expertise and first-hand experience now focus on a life of service in the world of cybersecurity. Hear how he's worked with the FBI and more than 14,000 financial institutions, corporations, and government agencies to utilize his fraud prevention programs.

FRANK ABAGNALE, *Renowned Cybercrime and Fraud Prevention Expert, Bestselling Author, and subject of Catch Me If You Can*

10 – 2 pm
APPA Cybersecurity Defense Community Meeting
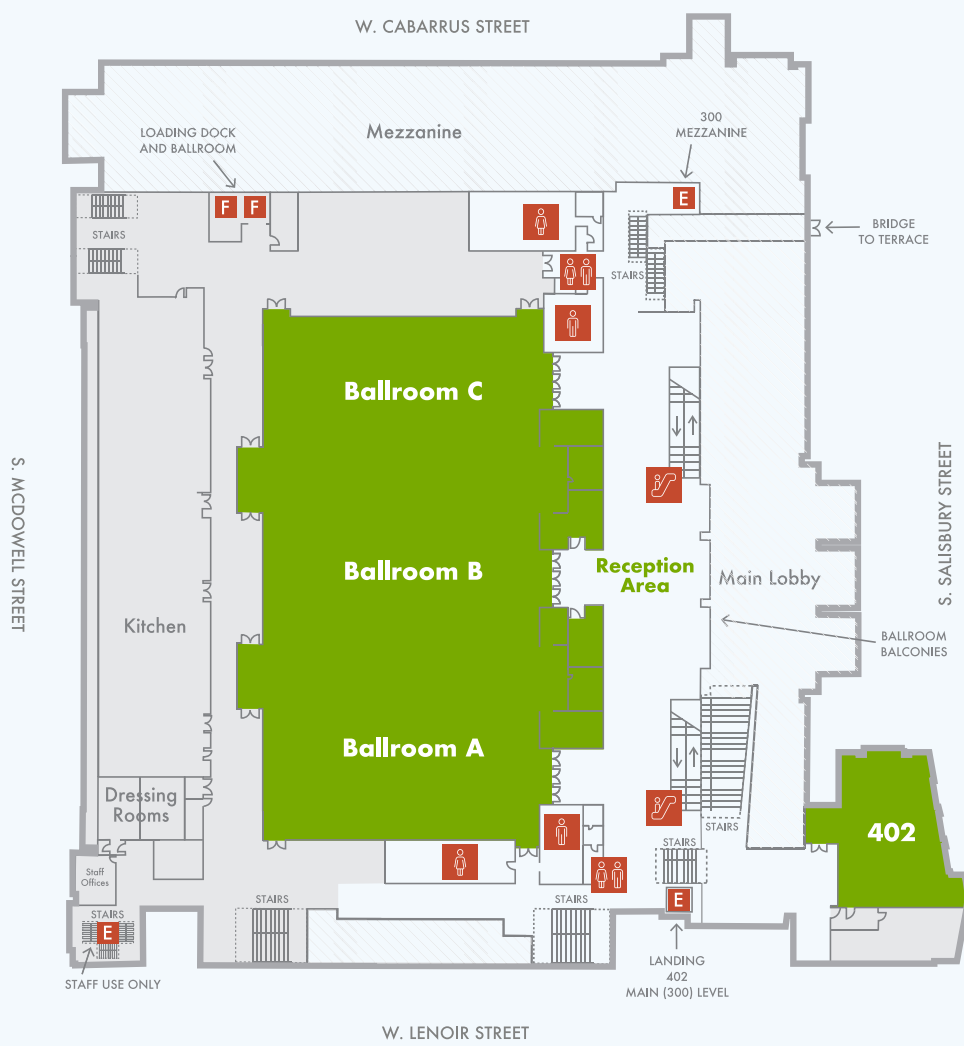
ROOM 304, MAIN LEVEL

APPA will host the annual in-person meeting for Cybersecurity Defense Community (CDC) members. The event will include an overview of APPA's Cybersecurity Program Strategy for FY26 and beyond, an introduction to APPA's forthcoming Cybersecurity Accelerator Program, breakout sessions for receiving member input and ideas, information

CDC MEMBERS ONLY

from the Department of Energy on potential funding opportunities, and an additional session with a cyber-focused speaker.

For APPA utility members that are interested in joining the CDC but are not currently members, please reach out to Cybersecurity@PublicPower.org.
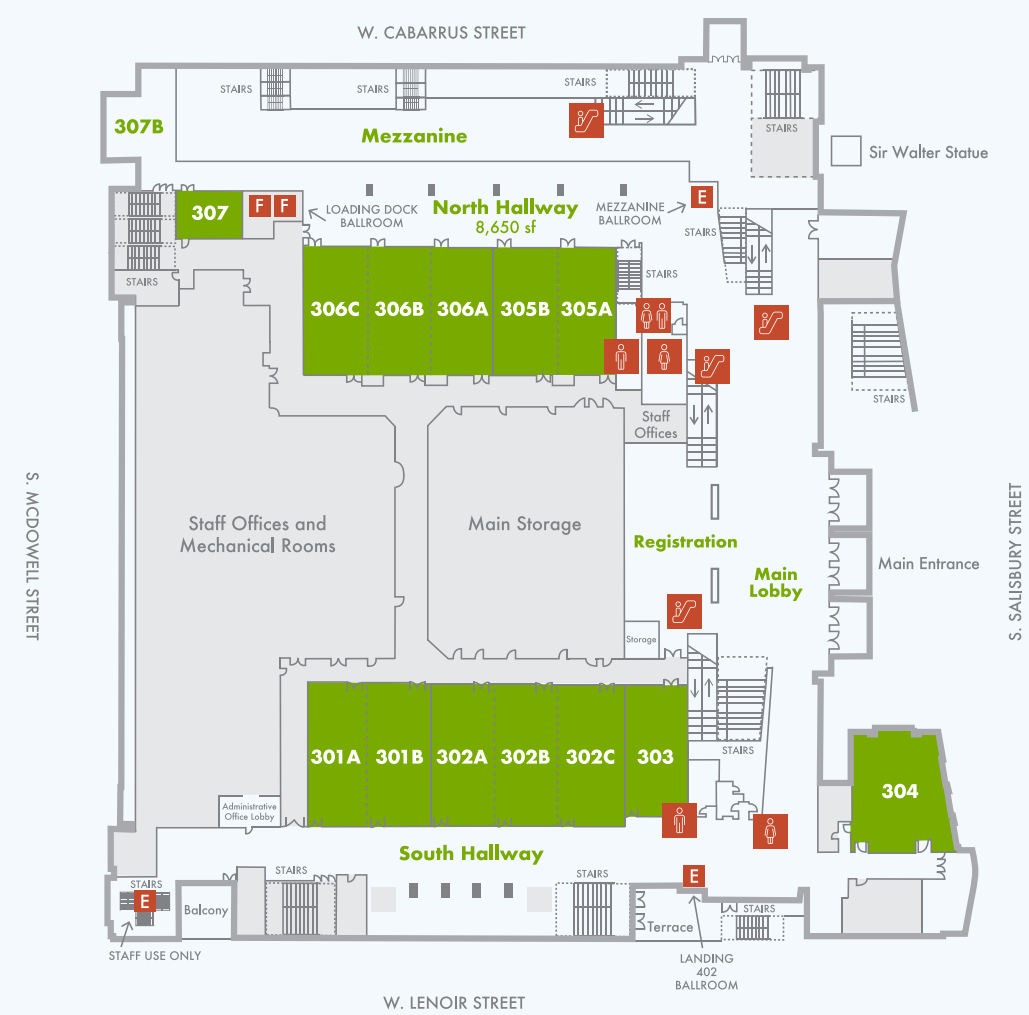
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BALLROOM LEVEL

W. CABARRUS STREET

LOADING DOCK AND BALLROOM

Mezzanine

300 MEZZANINE

← BRIDGE TO TERRACE

STAIRS

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Ballroom C

Ballroom B

Reception Area

Main Lobby

BALLROOM BALCONIES

S. SALISBURY STREET

S. MCDOWELL STREET

Kitchen

Ballroom A

402

Dressing Rooms

Staff Offices

STAIRS

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STAIRS

STAFF USE ONLY

LANDING 402 MAIN (300) LEVEL

W. LENOIR STREET

Legend
- Women
- Men
- All-gender/Family
- E Elevator
- F Freight Elevator
- Escalator
- Open to Below
- Back of House

MAIN (300) LEVEL

W. CABARRUS STREET

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307B

Mezzanine

Sir Walter Statue

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LOADING DOCK BALLROOM

North Hallway 8,650 sf

MEZZANINE BALLROOM

E

STAIRS

STAIRS

306C 306B 306A 305B 305A

Staff Offices

STAIRS

S. MCDOWELL STREET

Staff Offices and Mechanical Rooms

Main Storage

Registration

Main Lobby

Main Entrance

S. SALISBURY STREET

Storage

301A 301B 302A 302B 302C 303

304

Administrative Office Lobby

South Hallway

STAIRS

STAIRS

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STAFF USE ONLY

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Balcony

Terrace

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STAIRS

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