



2025 SAESI CONFERENCE

- Itinerary Theme** : Collaborate. Train. Innovate
Uniting Minds and Methods for the Future of Emergency Response.
- Duration** : 2 Days (November 27 – 28, 2025)
- Daily Schedule** : 07:30 – 15:00
- Breaks** : Morning tea break (15 min), Lunch break (30 min),
Afternoon tea break (15 min)

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With the history of the SAESI conference, training and expo's we thought it was about time to get back into the game.

The aim is that we are living in modern times, and everything changes in a heartbeat, and working together to make a difference.

We are back and it will be our 33rd conference that will be held in November 2025 and run over 2 days.

The aim is for the delegates to leave with a wider understanding of working together and using technology to make a difference.

There will also be an opportunity for visiting the expo and challenges and ample time for networking. You will also be able to earn CPD points.

Day 1: Thursday, November 27, 2025

Time	Topic	Speaker
07:30–08:00	Registration (Name tags, Refreshments)	Event Chair / MC Louis Pretorius
08:00-08:05	Opening Prayer	Rev (Chaplain) David Niebuhr - President of the Board (Emergency Services Chaplaincy) (SA)
08:05-08:15	Necrology	Past President Mr. Ronnie Cloete
08:15-08:25	Welcoming Address	SAESI Chairperson of the Board Mr. Dino Padayachee
08:25–08:45	Inauguration & New President Speech	SAESI Prof Body Madame President Theresa Geldenhuys
08:45-09:15	Presentation of Medals	President & Minister
09:15-09:35	Keynote Official Opening Address	COGTA Minister
09:35-10:00	SAESI 2025 Events Opening Walkabout	Minister, President & Delegates
10:00-10:15	Tea Break	-
10:15–10:45	Multi-Agency Response: Improving Fireground Coordination Between Emergency Services	Western Cape: PDMC Colin Deiner
10:45–11:15	Continuous Professional Development in a Changing Professional Environment	Prof Body: IWH Dr Alti Kriel
11:15-11:45	Cross-Border Mutual Aid: Best Practices in Inter-Jurisdictional Firefighting	NDMC Roland Hendriks
11:45–12:15	Innovative Approaches to Firefighter PPE (Personal Protective Equipment)	Lymae Johan Nel
12:15-13:00	Lunch	-
13:00-13:30	Working with Urban Planners to Design Fire-Resilient Communities	COJ: CODES Melanie Smith
13:30–14:00	Engagement in Fire Prevention: Collaborating with Local Stakeholders	FPASA Marius Atterbury
14:00-14:30	Developing Leadership Skills in Fire Officers Through Targeted Programs	Chief Ronnie Cloete / Louis Pretorius
14:30–14:45	Day 1 Closing Remarks	Past President Moshema Mosia

Day 2: Friday, November 28, 2025

Time	Topic	Speaker
08:00–08:05	Welcome	Madame President
08:05–08:35	South African National Blood Services	SANBS Spokesperson
08.35–09:05	Training for Wildland-Urban Interface Fires: New Challenges, New Approaches	Kishugu Leeann Oosthuizen:
09:05-09:35	Mental Health and Resilience Training in Fire Services	Dr. Andre Nel
09:35–10:05	Smart Firefighting: Using Drones, Sensors, and AI in Fire Operations	Fire Ops De Wet Engelbrecht
10:05-10:20	Tea Break	-
10:20-10:50	Sustainable Firefighting: Eco-Friendly Suppression Methods	Fireblock Louis Koekemoer
10:50-11:20	Next-Gen Fire Services: Building a Culture of Collaboration, Training, and Innovation	NDMC Dr Bongani Sithole
11:20-12:00	Lunch	-
12:00-12:30	Innovating Firefighter Training Through Collaborative Tech Partnerships	Alpha Tower Solomon Smit
12:30-13:00	Citizen Fire Academies: Co-Training Communities to Innovate Prevention Strategies	Cape Winelands Heinrich Louw
13:00–13:30	Data-Driven Innovation in Fire Services Through Collaborative Research	TUT Speaker Vincent Mokoana
13:30-13:45	Conference Closing Remarks	Past President Thinus Pretorius