

# ICYMI: FEMA Administrator Criswell Speaks at the 2023 National Hurricane Conference

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WASHINGTON --- FEMA Administrator Deanne Criswell addressed the emergency management community on Monday at the opening of the [2023 National Hurricane Conference](#) in New Orleans.

Administrator Criswell's [remarks](#) addressed the evolution of emergency management to work smarter and forge new partnerships in response to unprecedented disasters.

“We’re the bridge to deliver help to the people who need it most,” Criswell said, “Because I know that we all have the power to make this world a safer and stronger place. We just need to use the tools in front of us to build the future that the next generation deserves.”

Ahead of hurricane season beginning on June 1, Criswell reflected on lessons learned from Hurricane Ian. She challenged the audience to adapt in the face of adversity and build upon progress to protect future generations.

