

## Christopher Vaccaro - NOAA Federal

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**From:** Christopher Vaccaro - NOAA Federal  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 10, 2019 1:05 PM  
**To:** Chris Darden - NOAA Federal  
**Cc:** steven.cooper@noaa.gov; kevin.laws@noaa.gov; John.Deblock@noaa.gov  
**Subject:** Re: Reporter trying to confirm something re: NWS

Thank you. Andrew has been emailing around and we will get back to him.

-Chris

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On Sep 10, 2019, at 12:49 PM, Chris Darden - NOAA Federal <[chris.darden@noaa.gov](mailto:chris.darden@noaa.gov)> wrote:

I did not respond.

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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Freedman, Andrew" <[Andrew.Freedman@washpost.com](mailto:Andrew.Freedman@washpost.com)>  
**Date:** September 10, 2019 at 8:06:22 AM EDT  
**To:** "[chris.darden@noaa.gov](mailto:chris.darden@noaa.gov)" <[chris.darden@noaa.gov](mailto:chris.darden@noaa.gov)>  
**Subject:** Reporter trying to confirm something re: NWS

Hi Chris,

I'm an editor at CWG with the Washington Post, and am trying to confirm the existence of a Commerce Dept. Inspector General inquiry into what went down at NOAA that resulted in that extraordinary Friday late afternoon statement.

Have you been asked by the IG's office to preserve your comms concerning the Birmingham tweet and the aftermath? I just need a confirmation on background, meaning no name would be used in the story, just (and we can negotiate this), "An agency employee familiar with the matter."

I think it's vital that the truth comes out about this whole episode, and so far it's just NYT reporting this news.

Thank you and all the best,  
-Andrew

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