

## 2020 AMS NWS Partners Meeting Agenda - External

**Date:** January 16th, 2020

**Location:** The Westin Boston Waterfront, Grand Ballroom A, Boston, MA

**Time:** 8:00am - 2:30pm

**Theme: Challenges within the Weather, Water, and Climate Enterprise: Past, Present, and into the Future**

### Objectives:

- Clarify and leverage the unique roles and capabilities of Weather Enterprise partners to respond to the increasing demand for actionable weather, water, and climate information.
- Expand public-private partnerships that enhance private Enterprise innovations, strengthen relationships, eliminate barriers, and share best practices to focus on continuous improvements.
- Identify emerging issues and future opportunities for collaboration within the Weather Enterprise.
- Discuss specific Weather Enterprise service areas, identify any gaps in those services, and brainstorm ideas to fill those service gaps by developing “action items” from these discussions for participants to collaboratively work on beyond the Partners Meeting.
- Provide NWS updates and share information on timely topics and operational issues of interest to the broader Weather Enterprise and gain relevant feedback.

### Participants:

- Weather, Water, and Climate Enterprise partners
- Federal agency partners
- Local Boston / New England area partners
- NWS leadership (AA/DAA, Portfolio Directors, Field Directors)

<u>Time</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Topic Lead</u>
<b>7:40 am - 8:00 am</b>	<b>Attendees arrive, sign-in, network, get seated</b>	
<b>8:00 am - 8:10 am</b>	<p><b>Welcoming Remarks</b></p> <p>Objective: welcome attendees; discuss purpose and objectives of the meeting</p>	<p><b>Peyton Robertson,</b> NWS Office of Organizational Excellence</p>
<b>8:10 am - 8:20 am</b>	<p><b>Ice-Breaker Activity</b></p> <p>Objective: allow new attendees and “veteran” attendees to start interacting with each other.</p>	

8:20 am - 8:50 am	<b>NWS Updates</b>	<b>Louis Uccellini,</b> NWS Director
8:50 am - 9:50 am	<p><b>Summer 2019 NWS Partners Meeting Small Group Discussion Outcomes:</b></p> <p><b>“Where Are We Now?” Q&amp;A Session</b></p> <p>Objective: Small group discussion leads from the Summer 2019 NWS Partners Meeting will discuss the following related to their topic:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Developments or “success stories” since the summer meeting</li> <li>- “Targets of opportunity” moving forward.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Erica Grow,</b> AMS</p> <p><b>Nick Powell,</b> Raytheon</p> <p><b>William Mahoney,</b> NCAR</p>
9:50 am - 10:10 am	<b>BREAK</b>	
10:10 am - 11:25 am	<p><b>“What Weather Phenomena Have the Greatest Impacts on Life and Property in New England?”:</b></p> <p><b>Panel Discussion and Q&amp;A Session</b></p> <p>Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Discuss types of weather phenomena that cause the most significant loss of life and/or economic impacts in the New England region.</li> <li>- Share examples of specific known impacts from these different weather hazards.</li> <li>- Identify any known gaps or potential limitations in services currently provided within the Weather Enterprise for different weather hazards.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Panel Facilitator:</b> <b>(TBD)</b> -----</p> <p><b>Local New England Region Panelists:</b></p> <p><b>Andy Nash,</b> NWS Norton Weather Forecast Office, Meteorologist-in- Charge</p> <p><b>David Vallee,</b> NWS Northeast River Forecast Center, Hydrologist-in-Charge</p> <p><b>Scott Reynolds,</b> NWS Center Weather Service Unit, Meteorologist-in-Charge</p> <p><b>William “Russ” Webster,</b> FEMA Region 1 Regional Administrator</p> <p><b>Nick Boyd,</b> Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA) and Mass DOT Acting Director of</p>

		<p>Security &amp; Emergency Management</p> <p><b>Harvey Leonard</b>, Chief Meteorologist, Channel 5 News Boston</p>
11:25 am - 11:30 am	<p><b>“What Weather Phenomena Have the Greatest Impacts on Life and Property in New England?”:</b></p> <p><b>Prep for Afternoon Small Group Discussions</b></p> <p>Objective: Provide an overview of the goals and objectives for the Small Group Discussions</p>	
11:30 am - 12:15 pm	<b>LUNCH</b>	
12:15 pm - 1:15pm	<p><b>“What Weather Phenomena Have the Greatest Impacts on Life and Property in New England?”:</b></p> <p><b>Small Group Discussions</b></p> <p>Objectives: Each small group will focus their discussions on one of the top weather impacts (e.g., winter weather, hurricanes, flooding) and gaps identified by the Panel Discussion. They will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Further discuss societal and economic impacts relevant to the topic.</li> <li>- Further discuss any limitations or gaps in services from the Weather Enterprise relevant to the topic and strive to identify potential solutions.</li> <li>- Establish a list of potential actions or next steps for how the Weather Enterprise can make improvements moving forward.</li> </ul>	
1:15 pm - 2:00 pm	<p><b>“What Weather Phenomena Have the Greatest Impacts on Life and Property in New England?”:</b></p> <p><b>Report Outs / Potential actions and next steps from Each Small Group Discussion</b></p> <p>Objective: Each small group will share:</p>	<i>(Small Group Discussion Leads)</i>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Key points from their discussion.</li><li>- Potential actions and next steps, including how partners can work better together.</li></ul>	
<b>2:00 pm - 2:25 pm</b>	<b>Reflection Remarks</b>  Objectives: Reflect on discussions from the day and the week, and discuss how the Weather, Water and Climate Enterprise can continue to make progress and collaborate going forward.	<b>Mary Erickson,</b> NWS Deputy Director
<b>2:25 pm - 2:30 pm</b>	<b>Wrap-up and Meeting Takeaways</b>	<b>Peyton Robertson,</b> NWS Office of Organizational Excellence