

NWSEO-developed Pilot Projects Enhance Decision Support in Six Locations

(April 5, 2013) Six pilot projects, developed by NWSEO and negotiated with the exceptional labor relations of former NWS Director Jack Hayes, are strengthening community preparedness and response to extreme weather and weather events. NWSEO is the driving force behind the six community-based projects that launched in 2012 under the NWS's Weather-Ready Nation initiative. They enhance NWS work with public and private partners to help communities make the fast, smart decisions required to save lives, property and to protect the environment in weather emergencies. This is a great example of labor and management working together to improve the safety and well-being of the American public.

NWSEO members serve in key roles on these projects which have already shown proven results in the first year. They are located in: Washington DC; New Orleans, La.; Fort Worth, Texas; Silver Spring, Md.; Tampa, Fla.; and Charleston, WVa.

<u>A Pilot Project fact sheet</u> provides information on improvements in decision support for specific events in 2012 due to these projects.

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