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News Release

AAS, AMS and IAEM to Host Extreme Precipitation Google Hangout On Air *Hangout will Explore How to Prepare and Respond to Extreme Precipitation Events*

April 29, 2015 (Falls Church, Va.) – The American Astronautical Society (AAS), American Meteorological Society (AMS) and International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM) will co-host an “[Extreme Precipitation Hangout On Air](#)” this Friday, May 1st, 2015 at 12:30pm ET, to discuss just how extreme precipitation events are defined and forecast as well as how communities everywhere can better prepare and respond.

Presented by Northrop Grumman, the one hour digital event will also support America’s PrepareAthon, a grassroots campaign for action to increase community preparedness and resilience. The conversation during the Hangout is devoted to discussing the impacts and mitigation of heavy precipitation events to help create a Weather-Ready Nation. The audience will hear from some of the top voices in weather from government, private industry, media and academia as they discuss what it takes to serve communities dealing with all kinds of extreme precipitation: hurricanes, tornadoes, flooding and winter storms.

Date and Time: May 1st, 2015 at 12:30 p.m. ET

Location: northropgrumman.com/ExtremePrecipitation

Join the Conversation on Twitter and send us your extreme weather questions by using #ExtremeWx

Participants:

- Dave Jones, CEO StormCenter, Moderator
- David Novak, Director, NOAA/NCEP Weather Prediction Center
- Gwen Camp, Director, FEMA, Individual and Community Preparedness Division
- John Morales, WTVJ-NBC6 Miami, Chief Meteorologist
- Dr. Marshall Shepherd, UGA Professor, former NASA Scientist and Host of WXGeeks
- Mike Smith, AccuWeather, Chief Innovation Executive

“Extreme Precipitation is a nationwide challenge,” said Dr. Keith Seitter, AMS executive director. “We are proud to host this hangout and bring attention to events that are increasing in frequency and to help communities be better prepared.”

“The emergency manager community knows full well the damage and destruction caused by these types of weather events,” said IAEM-USA Council President John “Rusty” Russell. “We are glad to host this important discussion and help bring awareness to the realities of extreme precipitation.”

“Together we as a weather community have a responsibility to educate and assist our communities to prepare and respond for events of this kind,” said AAS President Lyn D. Wigbels. “Hosting this important conversation is one of the ways we are doing this.”

About IAEM: The International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM), which has more than 9,000 members in 58 countries, is a non-profit educational organization dedicated to promoting the goals of saving lives and protecting property during emergencies and disasters. IAEM provides: access to the largest network of emergency management experts who can provide advice and assistance; the Certified Emergency Manager® program; annual scholarships; a comprehensive monthly newsletter; and more. Visit www.iaem.com for details.

About AAS: The American Astronautical Society (AAS), established in 1954, is America’s premier network of current and future space professionals dedicated to advancing all space activities. For the latest news about AAS and upcoming events, go to <http://astronautical.org> or follow us on Twitter as @astrosociety.

About AMS: Founded in 1919, AMS promotes the development and dissemination of information and education on the atmospheric and related sciences, technologies, applications, and services. Headquartered in Boston, with a second office in Washington DC, AMS has a membership of more than 14,000 professionals, researchers, scientists, educators, students, and weather enthusiasts. AMS publishes eleven atmospheric and related oceanic and hydrologic journals, both in print and online to provide its mission of promoting and disseminating the most advanced scientific research, representing the latest information on global water, weather, and climate.

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