

2025 LOCAL NEWS & METEOROLOGY COMMUNICATIONS SUMMIT

TUESDAY, APRIL 15, 2025

- 10 A.M. Opening Remarks**
- 10:30 A.M. Session I: Severe Weather Fireside Chat — Lessons Learned in 2024**
- *Moderated by:* Caitlyn Gillespie, Deputy State Meteorologist, FDEM
 - Brooks Garner, Meteorologist, WOFL
 - Denis Phillips, Chief Meteorologist, WFTS
 - Paul Dellegatto, Chief Meteorologist, WTVT
 - Sandra Shaw, First Warning Meteorologist, WPBF
- 11:15 A.M. Session II: Be Too Prepared and Mitigate Disasters**
- Charles Wooten, Regional Engineer, iHeartMedia
 - Chris Williams, Regional Director of Engineering, Beasley Media Group
- 12 P.M. Lunch provided by the Florida Association of Broadcasters**
- 1:15 P.M. Session III: The Path to Effective and Resilient Emergency Communication**
- Manny Centeno, Director, FEMA IPAWS (Pending)
- 1:45 P.M. Session IV: Transforming Emergency Communications — BEACON**
- Marc Jaromin, Director of Public Safety Platforms, Futuri
- 2:15 P.M. Break**
- 2:30 P.M. Session V: Weather Messaging in the Digital Age**
- Mike Boylan, Mike's Weather Page
- 3 P.M. Session VI: Supporting State Operations Through the EOC and Maintaining Messaging with Distant Hurricane Threats**
- *Moderated by:* Mary Thomas, Strategic Communications Manager, FDEM
 - Caitlyn Gillespie, Deputy State Meteorologist, FDEM
 - Kennedy Tartt, Assistant State Meteorologist, FDEM
 - Melissa James, Assistant State Meteorologist, FDEM
- 3:30 P.M. Closing Remarks**