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Introduction

The Senior Forecaster serves as shift leader, routinely supervising at least one General Forecaster and one Hydro-meteorological Technician or Intern. The Senior Forecaster ensures the provision of general weather information, warnings, advisories and forecasts to the general public and special user groups in the WFO service area. The Senior Forecaster is responsible for all NWS service products, warnings and advisories produced on the shift and for their coordination with other NWS offices. The forecaster leads and coordinates WFO staff efforts and provides direction, guidance, instructions and assistance to the shift staff. During an assigned shift, the forecaster is responsible for integrating all meteorological data available from a variety of sources, and for analyzing and assessing the current and forecast weather situation at both the synoptic and mesoscale levels. The forecaster devises and formulates all necessary warning, advisory and forecast products assigned to his/her forecast "desk", with emphasis on meeting the needs of the user.

Duties

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