Information Technology Officer Pablo Gonzalez and Pathways Student Randall Hergert stand ready for the crowds prior to Oceanarium 2015 in Brownsville, September 12, 2015

**September 2015**

**September 7, 14, 21, and 28:** Warning Coordination Meteorologist *Barry Goldsmith* and Meteorologist *Erin Billings* participated by e-mail, phone, or both, in the **Weekly Texas Drought Monitor Teleconference**.

**September 12:** Pathways Student *Randall Hergert*, Information Technology Officer *Pablo Gonzalez*, and *Barry Goldsmith* staffed a **booth** at the **Oceanarium** event at Gladys Porter Zoo. An estimated 1000 individuals attended the event, and more than 100 stopped by to learn more about NWS Brownsville/Rio Grande Valley.

**September 23:** Senior Forecaster *Mike Castillo* taped an **on-camera interview** with **Channel 23** regarding the fall outlook for temperatures and rainfall.

**September 25:** *Mike Castillo* gave an **interview** to the **Valley Morning Star** on the fall outlook for the Rio Grande Valley.

**September 30:** *Mike Castillo* gave an **interview** to **KRGV Channel 5 News** regarding impact based warnings.
From left: Meteorologist Chris Birchfield, Meteorologist-in-Charge Jim Reynolds, and Warning Coordination Meteorologist Barry Goldsmith sweat the details after painting a Habitat for Humanity home in Harlingen, October 1, 2015.

**October 2015**

**October 1:** Meteorologist-in-Charge *Jim Reynolds*, *Barry Goldsmith*, and Meteorologist *Chris Birchfield* participated in the NWS Week of Community Service by painting a new home in Harlingen for Habitat for Humanity of the Rio Grande Valley.

**October 5, 12, 19, and 26:** *Barry Goldsmith* and *Erin Billings* participated by e-mail, phone, or both, in the Weekly Texas Drought Monitor Teleconference.

**October 7:** *Chris Birchfield*, Pathways Student *Randall Hergert*, Information Technology Officer *Pablo Gonzalez*, and *Barry Goldsmith* staffed a booth at the UT-RGV Brownsville Campus Career Recruiting Fair. The group spoke with dozens of college-age students and graduates about careers and volunteer opportunities with the National Weather service. Approximately 500 individuals attended the event.

**October 8:** *Pablo Gonzalez* and *Barry Goldsmith* staffed a booth at the 13th Annual Education and Career EXPO in Harlingen. They spoke with dozens of students from the Lower and Mid Valley high schools about prospective STEM careers; 3,000 students attended and many passed by the NWS Brownsville/Rio Grande Valley booth.
**October 8:** Pablo Gonzalez and Barry Goldsmith attended the **UT-RGV Edinburg Career Fair pre-event social**, and met more than a dozen students in STEM and social science fields, briefly describing volunteer opportunities at NWS Brownsville/Rio Grande Valley. Approximately 150 persons attended.

**October 9:** Chris Birchfield and Pablo Gonzalez staffed a booth at the **UT-RGV Edinburg Campus Career Recruiting Fair**. They spoke with students and graduates about careers and volunteer opportunities with the National Weather Service. Approximately 1000 individuals attended the event, and dozens passed by the NWS Brownsville/Rio Grande Valley booth.

**October 16:** Barry Goldsmith gave **two presentations at Egly Elementary School** in Brownsville to 2nd graders on hazardous RGV weather and safety.

**October 29:** Chris Birchfield and Barry Goldsmith provided an **office tour** to a group of students from **Kaplan College**. Barry provided a presentation and spoke about the workings of the office and Chris provided information about the upper air program and the evening balloon launch.