June 2016

June 1: Science and Operations Officer Joshua Schroeder conducted several interviews about the damaging microburst, hailstorm, and heavy rainfall in south central Hidalgo County on May 31st, including: Telemundo 40, the McAllen Monitor, and KGBT Channel 4

June 2-8: Air Evac/Full Scale RGV Hurricane Exercise 2016

June 2: H-120 time frame: 11 am: NWS Brownsville/Rio Grande Valley and the Southern Region Operations Center (SR ROC) provided webinar briefing with 40 entities on the call. 3 pm: WCM Barry Goldsmith conducted teleconference with the RGV Hospital Preparedness Partnership group.
June 3: H-96 time frame: 11 am: NWS Brownsville/Rio Grande Valley and the SR ROC provided webinar briefing with 33 entities on the call. 3 pm: Barry Goldsmith conducted teleconference with the RGV Hospital Preparedness Partnership group.

June 6: H-72 time frame: 11 am: Barry Goldsmith conducted live briefings at the Texas Department of Public Safety Region 3, District 21 Disaster Committee (DDC-21). 3 pm: Goldsmith conducted a teleconference with the RGV Hospital Preparedness Partnership group.

June 7: H-48 time frame: 11 am: Barry Goldsmith conducted a live briefing at DDC-21. 1230 pm: WCM Barry Goldsmith conducted teleconference with the RGV Hospital Preparedness Partnership group.

Senior Meteorologist Mike Castillo taped an interview with Channel 4 about the tropical exercise.

June 8: H-24 time frame: 11 am: Barry Goldsmith conducted live briefing at DDC-21. 1230 pm: Goldsmith conducted teleconference with the RGV Hospital Preparedness Partnership group. 5 PM: Goldsmith conducted a second live briefing at DDC-21.

June 4: Barry Goldsmith spoke on the 2015 season, the 2016 seasonal forecast, and preparedness to the Rio Grande Valley Citrus Wastewater Association’s Annual Hurricane Preparedness Meeting. More than 100 individuals were in attendance.

June 10: Barry Goldsmith attended the Dare To Prepare Colonia Outreach event at the North San Juan CRC. Barry provided brief talking points to around 30 community residents on the 2016 season and preparedness/resilience.

June 14: Observations Program Leader Erin Billings provided two interviews to the Valley Morning Star about rainfall amounts for the year-to-date and 2015, as well about heat index values.

June 15-16: Barry Goldsmith attended the AMS 44th Broadcasters Conference in Austin. Barry presented on behalf of Maria Torres to nearly 100 attendees on Spanish Language Communication in the NWS and beyond to open the Conference.

June 16: Meteorologist-in-Charge Jim Reynolds gave a hurricane preparedness talk to the Hidalgo County Health Department in Edinburg.

June 17: Senior Meteorologist Mike Castillo provided a career day presentation to 60 students at a summer program at Casteneda Elementary School in Brownsville. Meteorologist Chris Birchfield assisted.

June 18: Chris Birchfield staffed a booth at the Veteran’s Standdown event in Brownsville.

June 22: Barry Goldsmith met with emergency management staff of Valley Vista Mall in Harlingen to take part in their hurricane table top exercise, which was modeled after 2008’s Hurricane Dolly.
June 23: *Barry Goldsmith* spoke to more than 100 staff of *Valley Telephone Cooperative* (on-site and by Video Teleconference) on the 2016 Atlantic season forecast, what it means, and how to prepare.

*Erin Billings* and Senior Meteorologist *Brian Miller* provided an *office tour* to a group of 11 from the environmental science course at Brightwood College.

June 25: At least a dozen Lower Valley (Harlingen/San Benito/Los Fresnos/Brownsville/PI-SPI) amateur radio operators (*HAMS*) set up and operated radios, as well as station WX5BRO, to make dozens of contacts as part of the first *“Field Day” in many years to be hosted at WFO Brownsville*. They were in the office from 10 am to 6 pm.

June 30: *Barry Goldsmith* set up a booth and provided a presentation on hurricane preparedness to 30 residents of colonias and other neighborhoods in La Sara (Willacy County) at the *Willacy County Colonias Hurricane Fair*. 