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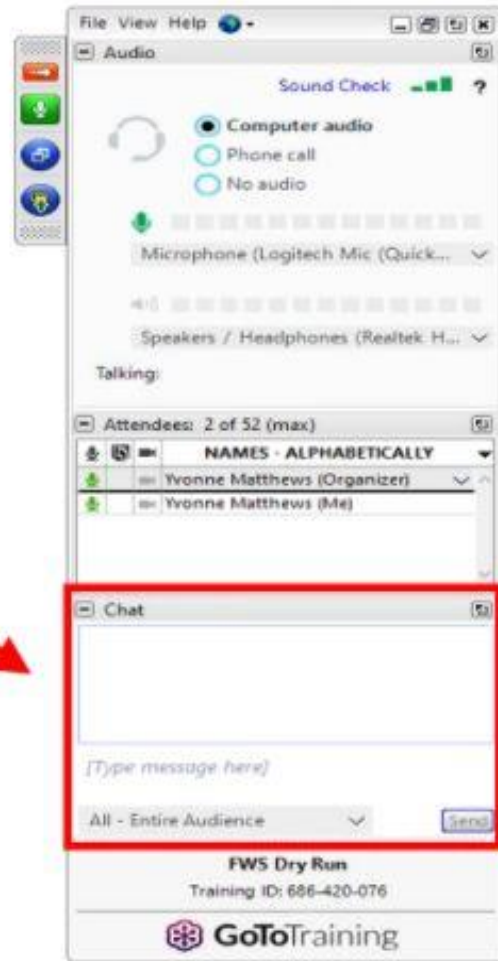


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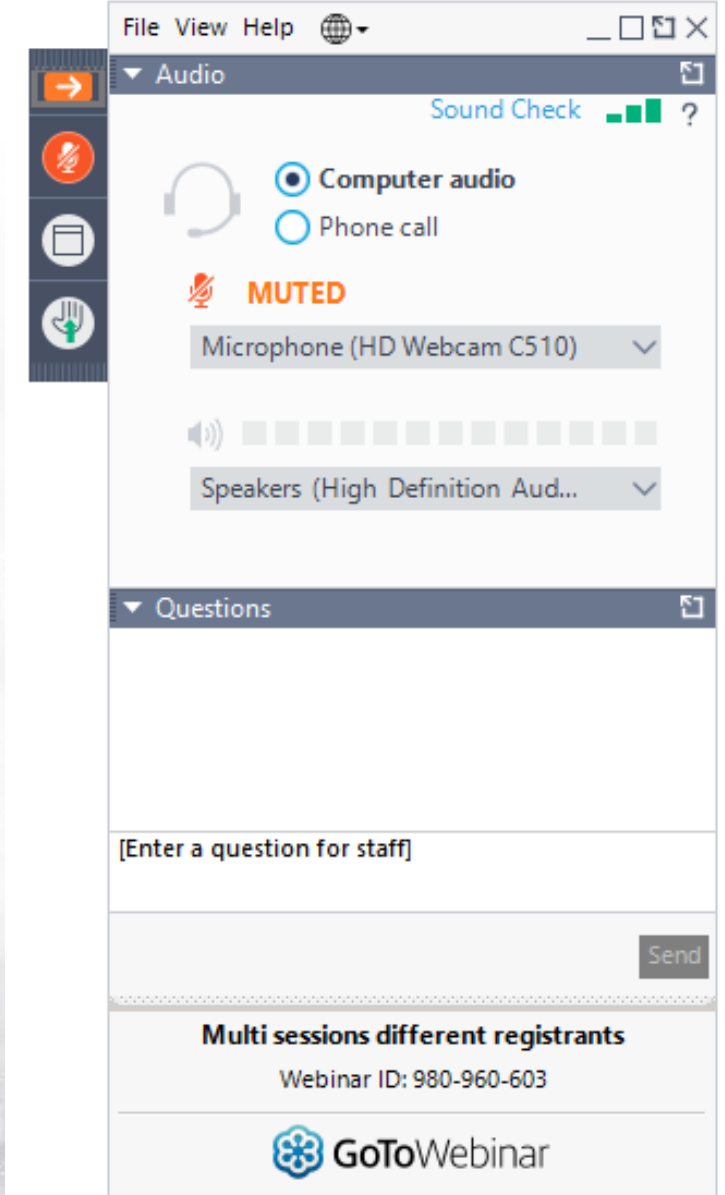
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**Focus On The Impacts
Water Is What Kills**

**Hurricane Preparedness
2021**

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Our Local Office



Eastern part of North
Carolina

Includes: Land areas, inland
rivers, sounds, and adjacent
ocean

Other parts of the state
covered by other local offices
(Raleigh, Wilmington, etc)





Work Hours



24 hours a day, 7 days a week, plus any overtime for severe weather...we never close!

Two to three forecasters per shift.

Shifts per day: midnight, day and evening.

Management team: 8 am to 5 pm Mon.-Fri. (they work shifts sometimes too!)

In total 22 to 25 people



Our Website

weather.gov/moreheadcity



Weather information from past events, current weather, and forecast

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Partly Sunny
High: 55°F

Tonight
Mostly Cloudy
Low: 43°F
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- [The Fall 2019 Edition Of Our Newsletter, Carolina Skywatcher, Is Now Online!](#)

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Last Map Update: Tue, Nov. 19, 2019 at 11:58:19 am EST

Tropical **Local Radar** **Satellite**



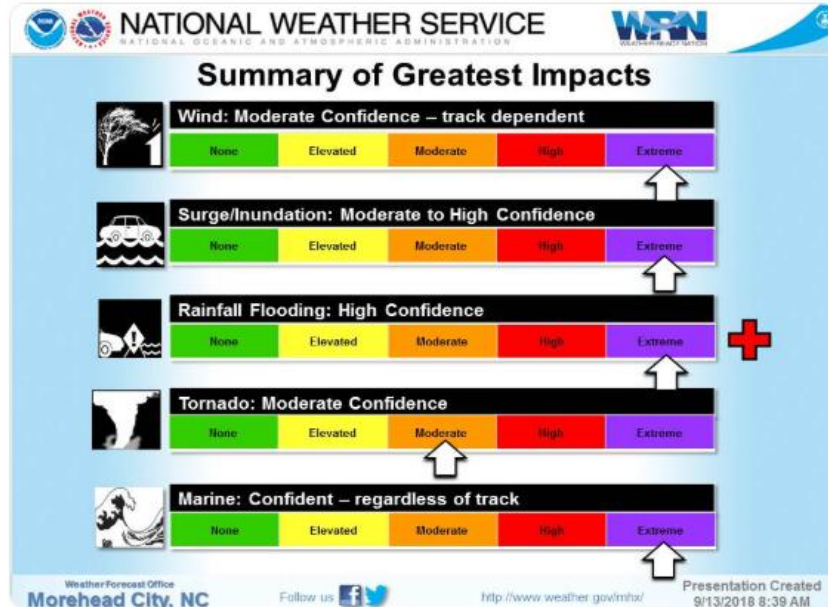
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Category of the storm is only related to wind, it does not tell you about all of the impacts with a **#hurricane** like **#florence**. Our impacts have not changed with storm surge and catastrophic flooding. Do not let your guard down. weather.gov/media/mhx/Late...



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Hurricane Florence Briefing #15

As of: 630 AM
Wednesday, September 12th 2018

What has Changed?

- Track has shifted a bit further south and west, and has slowed significantly near the coast
- Extreme rainfall amounts now are expected across southern coastal counties
- Major River Flooding Likely

Disclaimer: Do not use after 5 PM Wednesday 9/12/18

Next Briefing: By 600 PM Wednesday (9/12/18)

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Hurricane Florence NWS Morehead City Wednesday 900 AM Briefing

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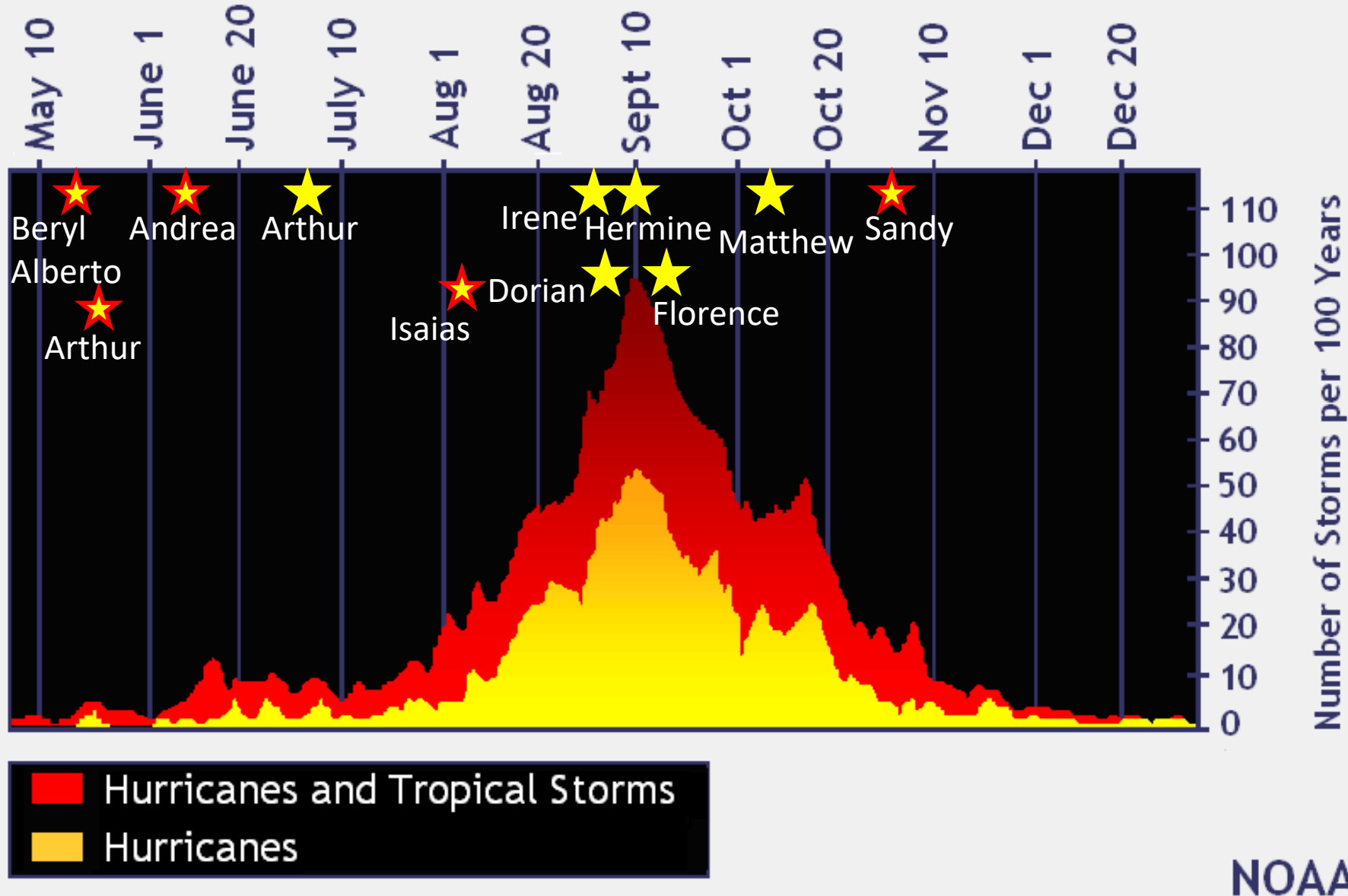


NWSMoreheadCity
Published on Sep 12, 2018

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Hurricane Florence Lead Up

The Time To Prepare Is NOW



Peak of the season is around September 10th

Tropical systems can occur from May through November

Our Website

weather.gov/moreheadcity/hurricaneprep

Hurricane Preparedness

ASSEMBLE DISASTER SUPPLIES



Make a list of supplies and assemble them before hurricane season begins. Have enough food and water for each person for at least three days. Fill your prescriptions and have medicine on hand. Radios, batteries and phone chargers are also must-haves. Gas up your vehicle and have cash on hand.



Food & water



Medicine & prescriptions



Keep gas tank full



Radio, batteries, phone chargers



Cash on hand

weather.gov/hurricane



Modeled after hurricane awareness week

Graphics and information on how to prepare

Graphics and information on ALL impacts from a tropical cyclone

Weather Briefings

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News Headlines

- Here's the Updated Skywarn Training Schedule!
- Here's a Summary on the March 2-5, 2018 Wind/Coastal Flood/Low Water Event.
- Summary on the Minor Winter Weather Event, March 12-13, 2018

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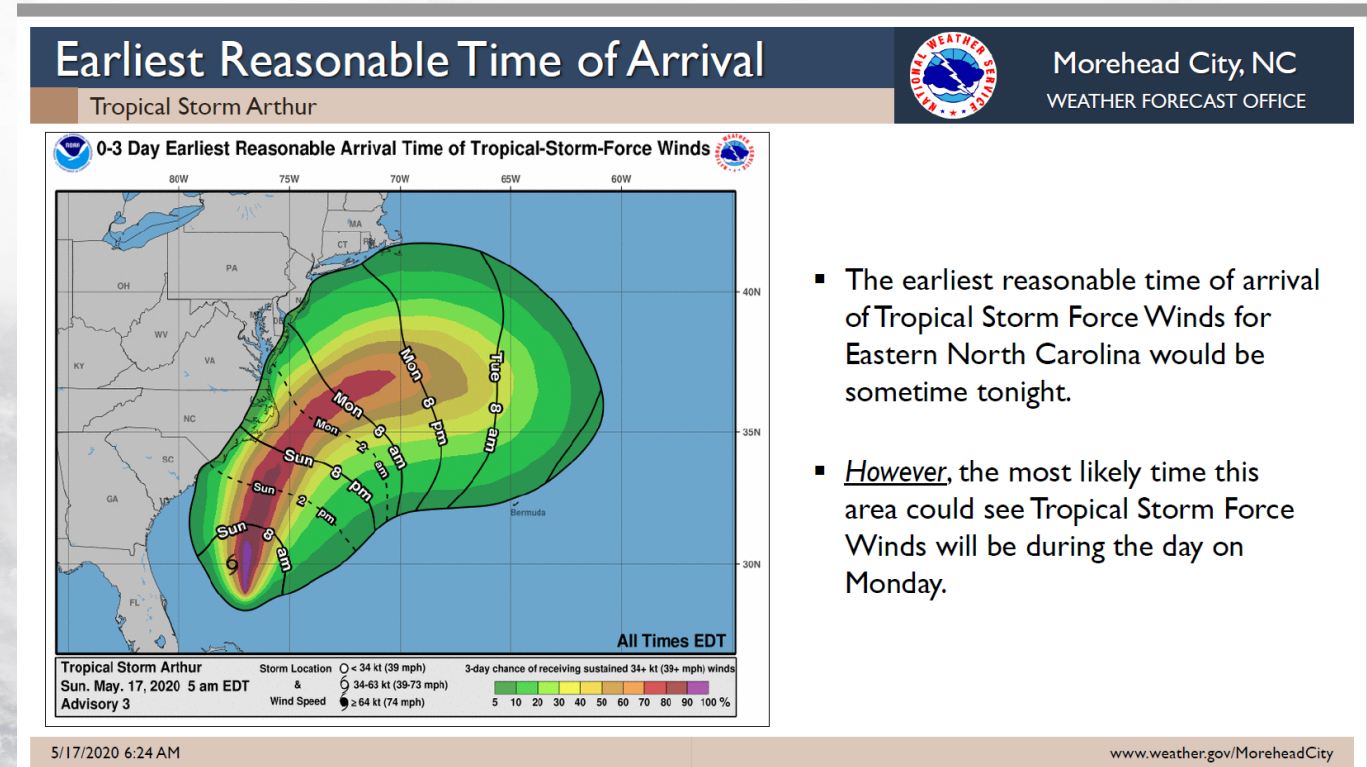
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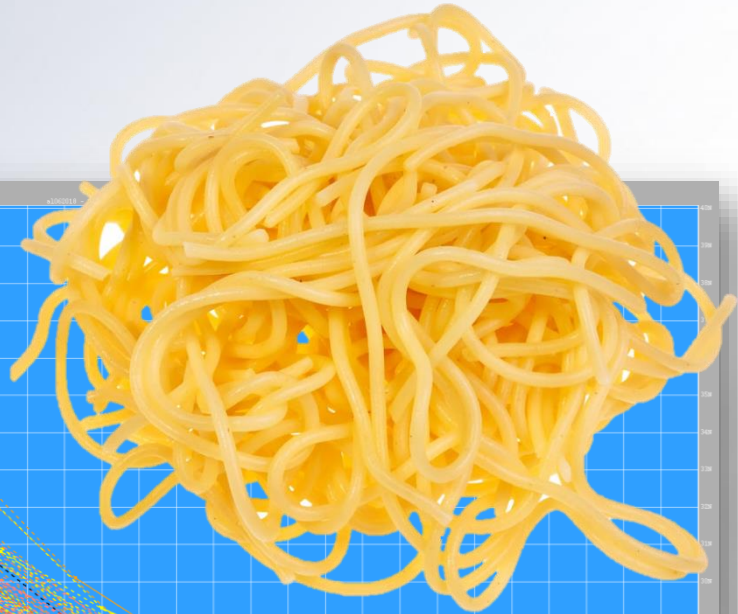
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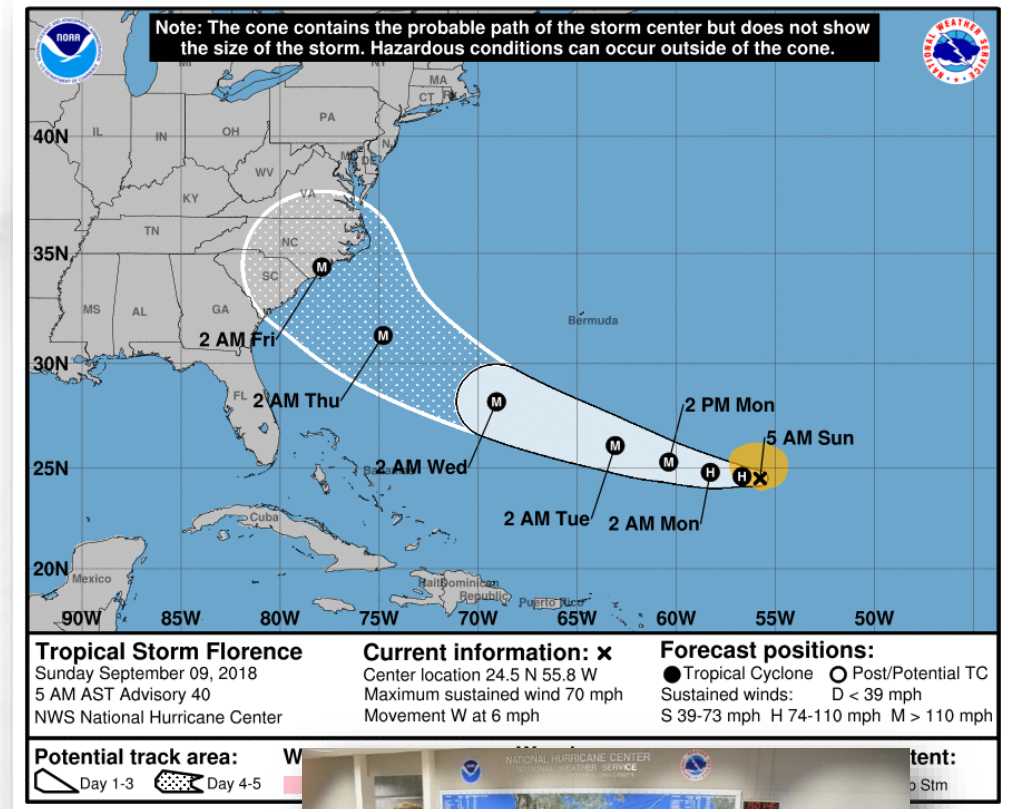


- The earliest reasonable time of arrival of Tropical Storm Force Winds for Eastern North Carolina would be sometime tonight.
- However, the most likely time this area could see Tropical Storm Force Winds will be during the day on Monday.

Spaghetti Models vs. NHC Forecasts



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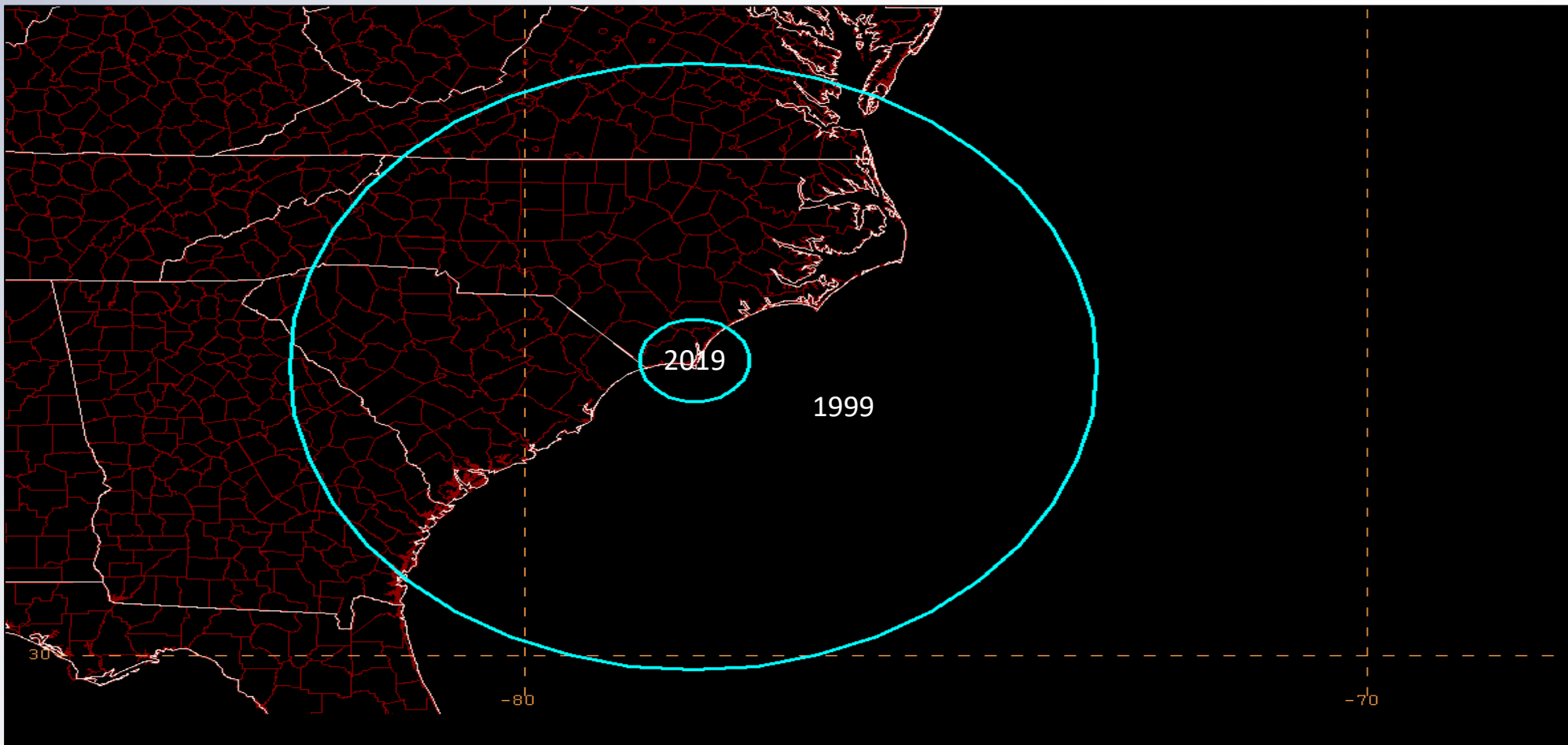


About 175 years of experience
combined!



How Far Have We Come?

1999 (Floyd) Vs 2019 (Dorian)

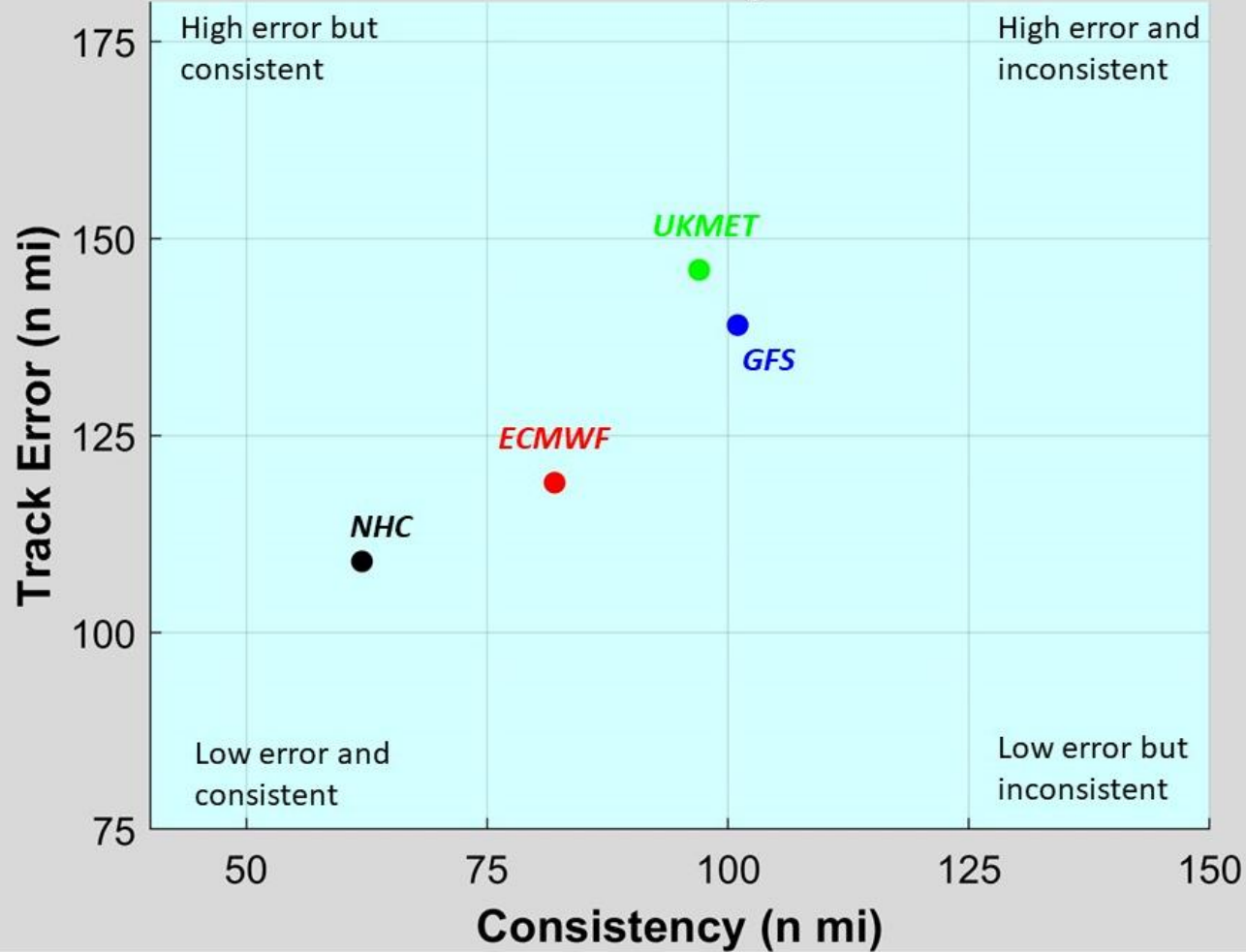


**Difference in
average 3-
day track
forecasts for
Floyd (1999)
and Dorian
(2019)**

NHC Track Forecasts

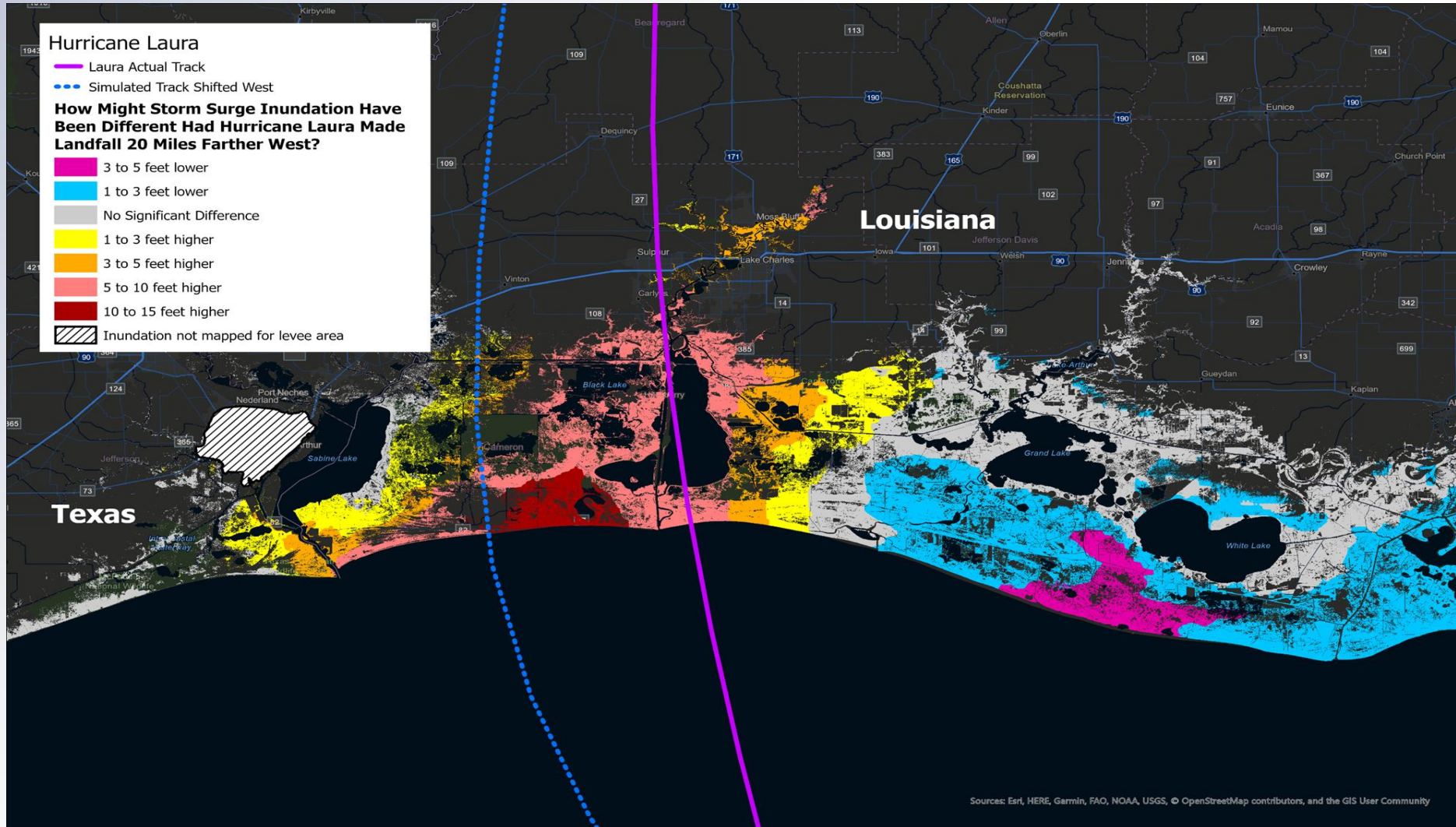
More Accurate and More Consistent

96 h Track Error vs. Consistency - 2017-19 Atlantic Basin



NHC's track forecasts not only have smaller average error than the individual models, but they are also more consistent from cycle to cycle

Little Wiggles Matter – Laura Storm Surge

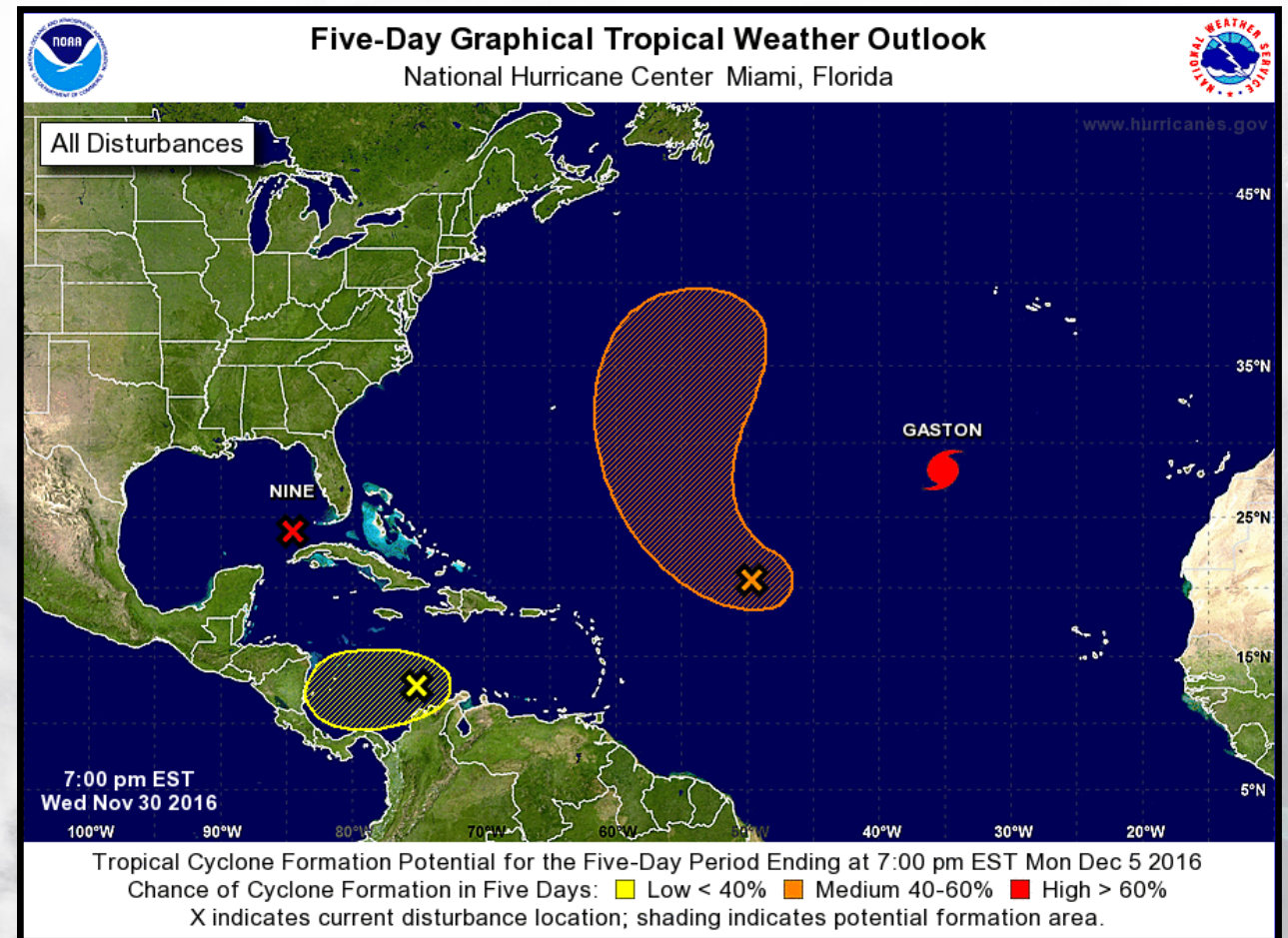


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Tropical Weather Outlook

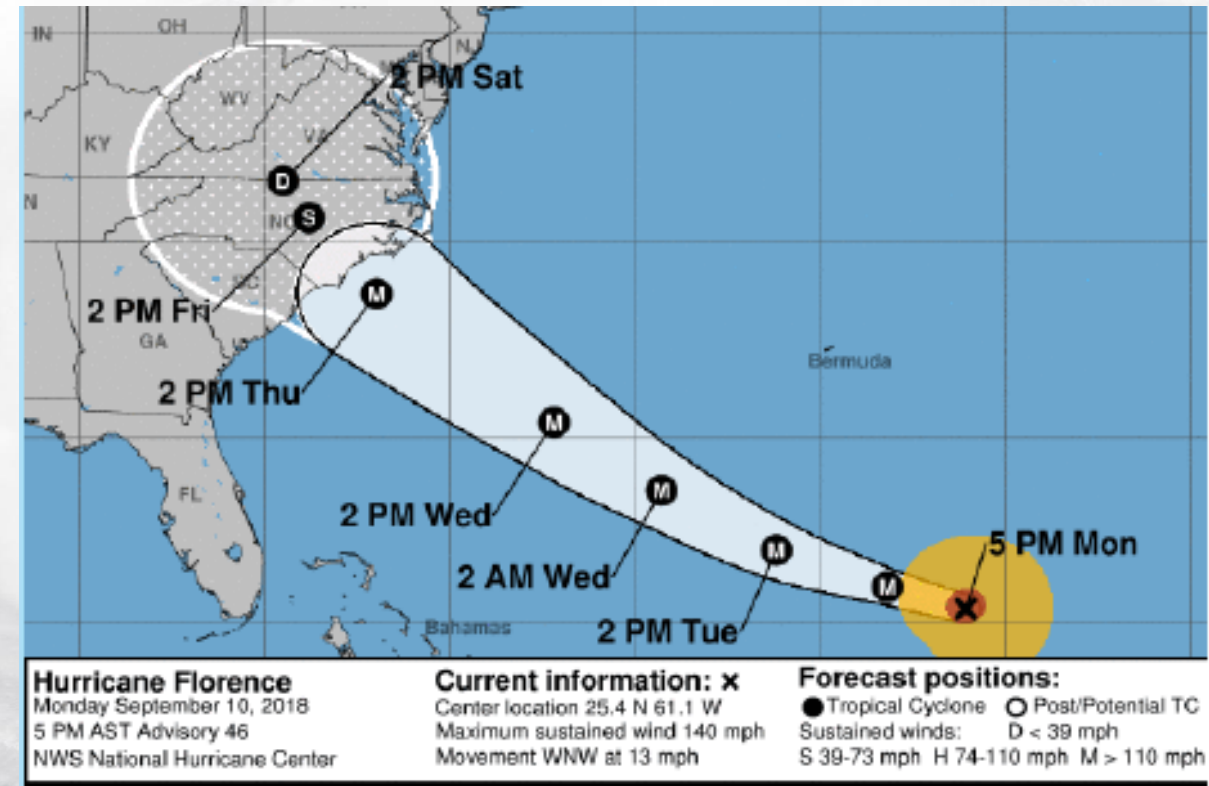
- Issued 4 times a day
- 8 and 2 AM/PM EDT
- Tropical cyclone formation potential for next 5 days



National Hurricane Center

Tropical Cyclone Track Forecast Cone Watches/Warnings Initial Wind Field

- Cone represents probable path of the **CENTER** of the storm
- The cone does **NOT** show impacts
- Impacts can occur **HUNDREDS** of miles from the center of the storm
- The center of the storm passes within the cone roughly of the time

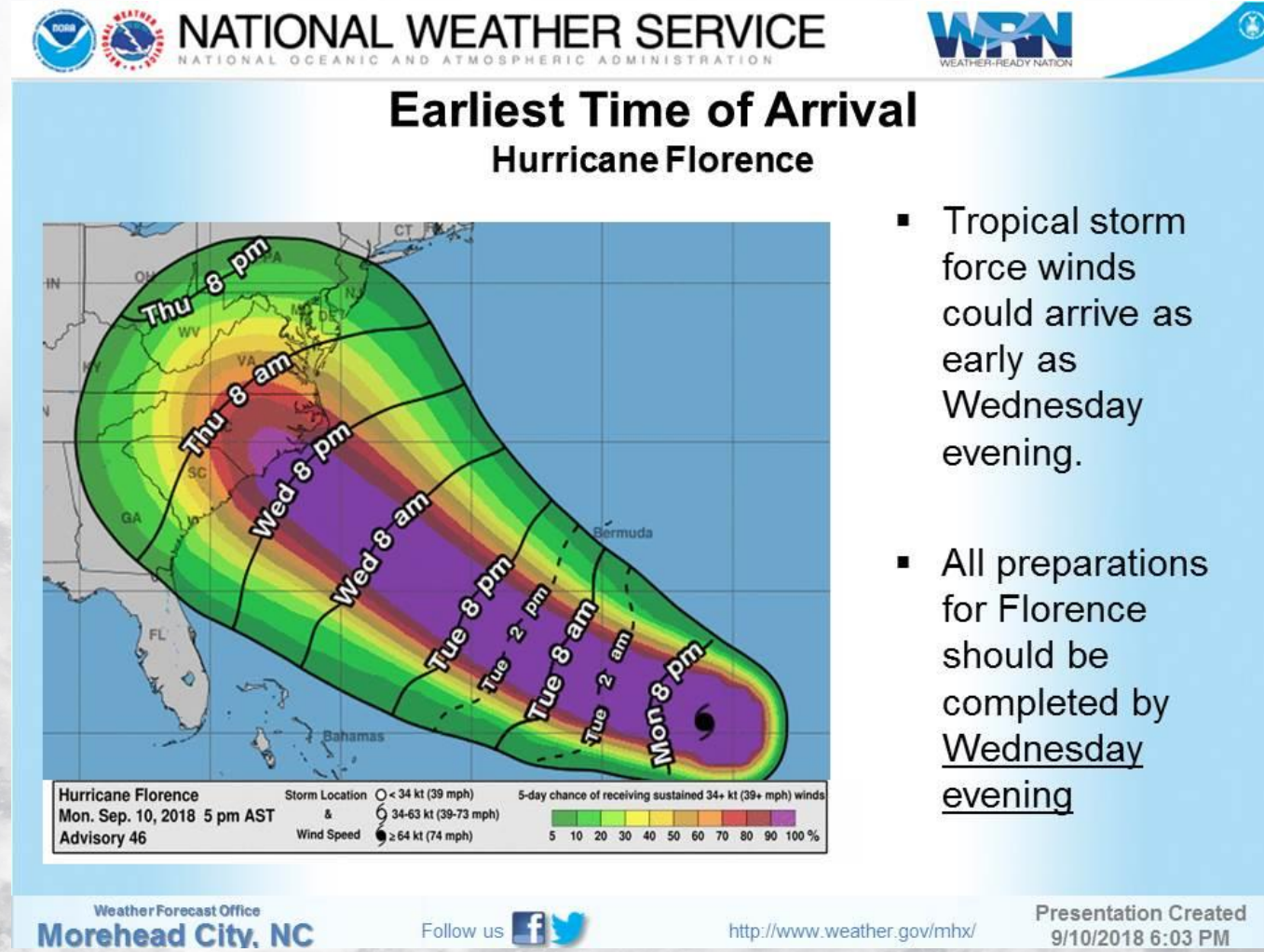


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Earliest Reasonable Arrival Time Tropical Storm Force Winds

- Reasonable worse case scenario
- Identifies a window when preparations should be made by
- While times are given, especially farther out, focus in more general terms
- For example instead of Wednesday 8 PM or Thursday 8 AM



- Tropical storm force winds could arrive as early as Wednesday evening.
- All preparations for Florence should be completed by Wednesday evening

Sometime late Wednesday or early Thursday

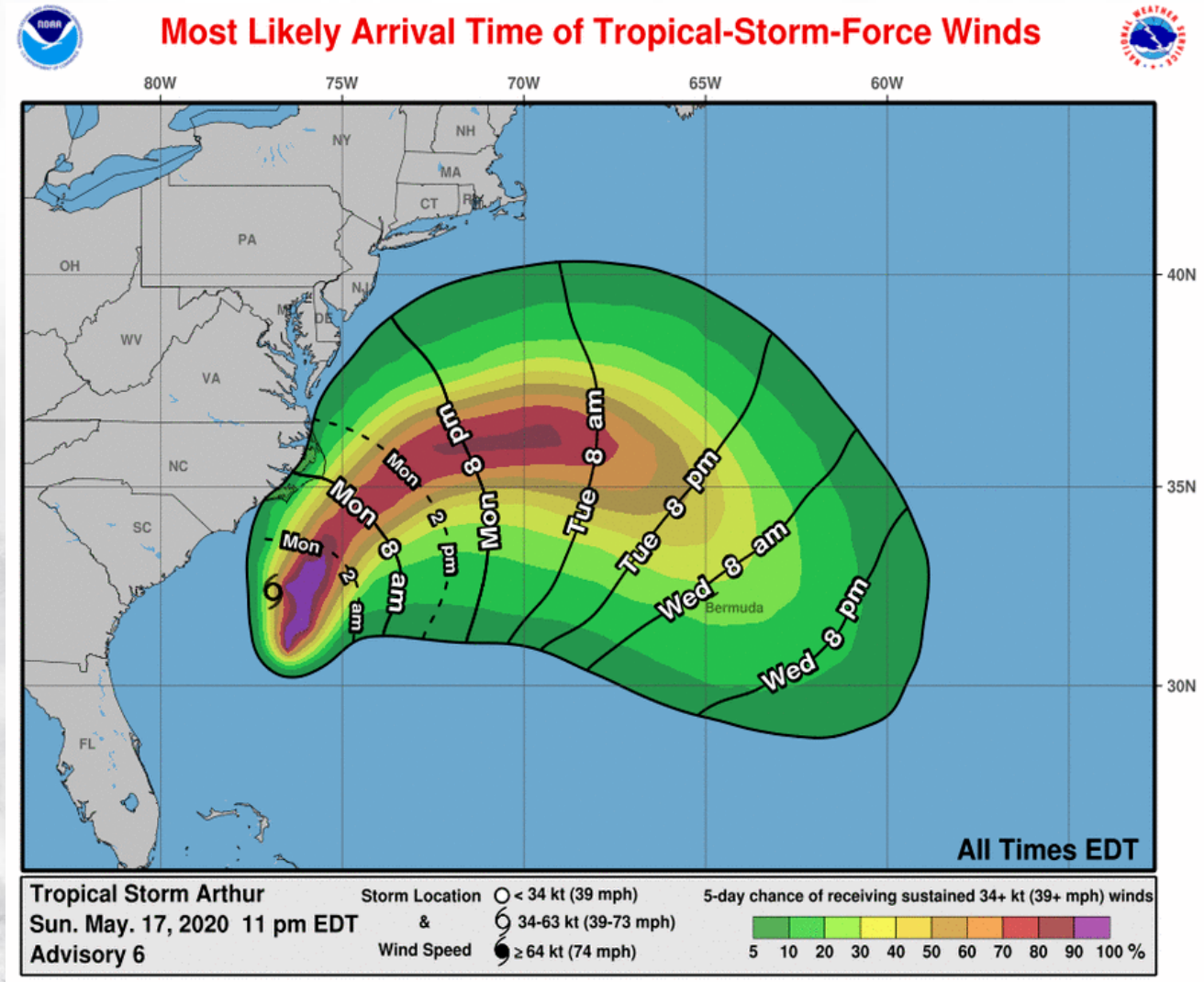
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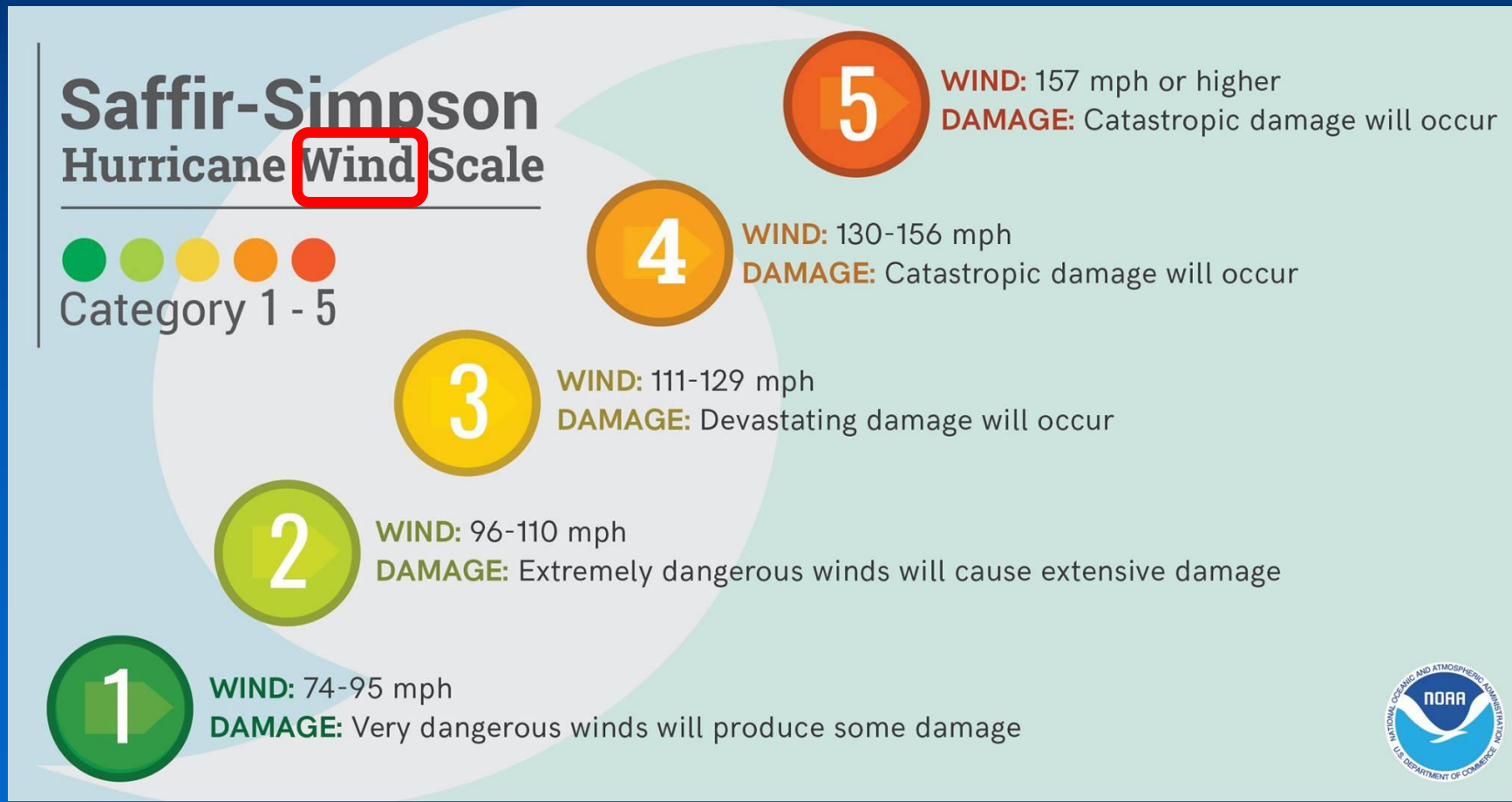
- Most likely scenario
- Identifies a window when we expect tropical storm force winds to arrive
- While times are given, especially farther out, focus in more general terms
- For example instead of Monday 8 AM

Sometime Monday Morning



Saffir/Simpson Hurricane Scale

Used to categorize hurricane strength and to give an estimate of potential property damage



It's About the Impacts



**2010 – 2019
in the U.S., Category 1
hurricanes***

**175 direct deaths
\$105 billion**

***Irene, Isaac, Sandy, Hermine, Matthew, Nate, Florence, Barry, Dorian**

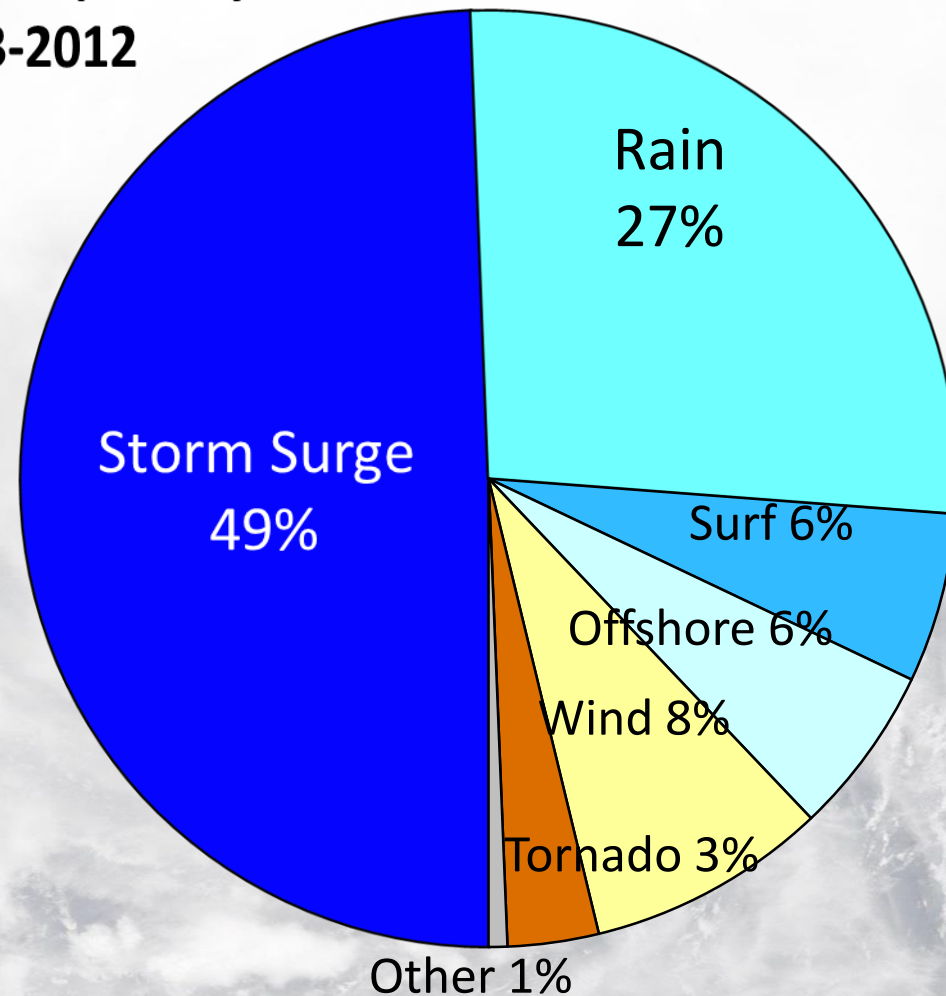
Tropical Cyclones Produce More Than Just Wind

**Rainfall Flooding
Storm Surge
Rip Currents
Wind
Tornadoes**

Water is What KILLS!!!

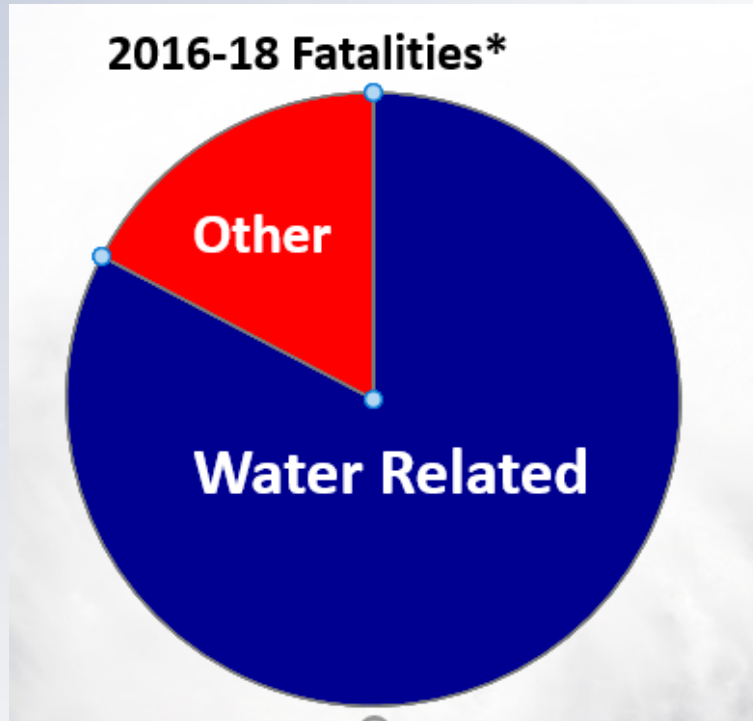


U.S. Tropical Cyclone Fatalities
1963-2012



**Water
accounts
for about
90% of
the direct
deaths**

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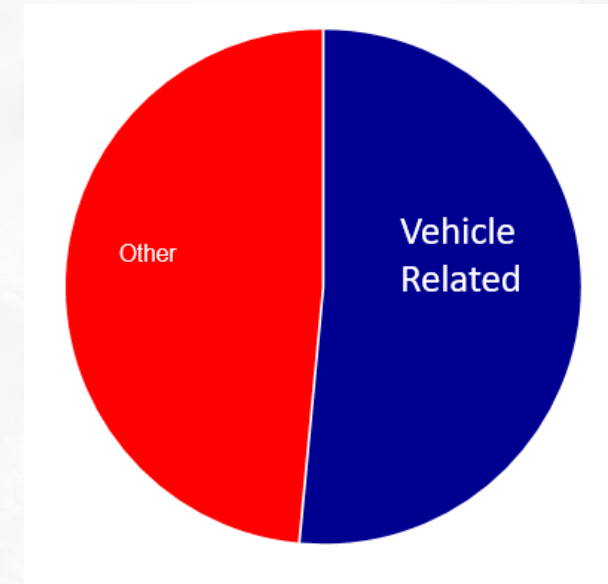


83% Water Related

Most Inland Flooding – Only 4%
Storm Surge Related

*excludes Maria due to uncertainty related to causes of direct deaths

2016-18 U.S. Tropical Cyclone Water Related Fatalities



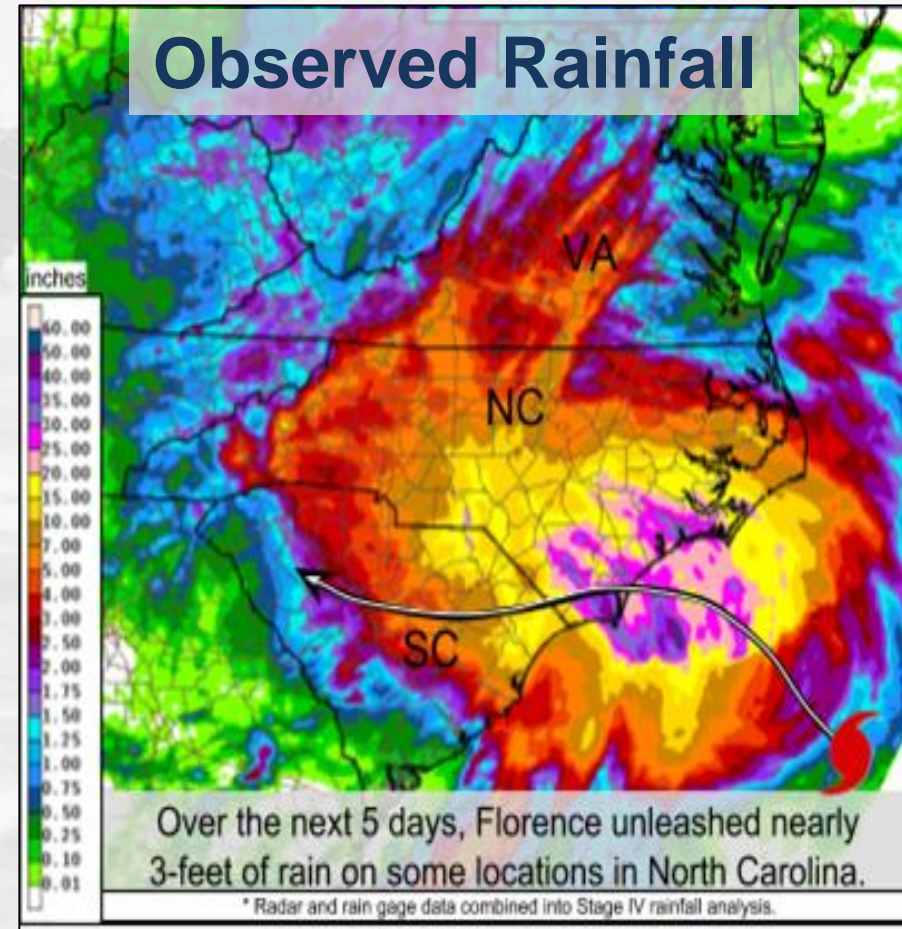
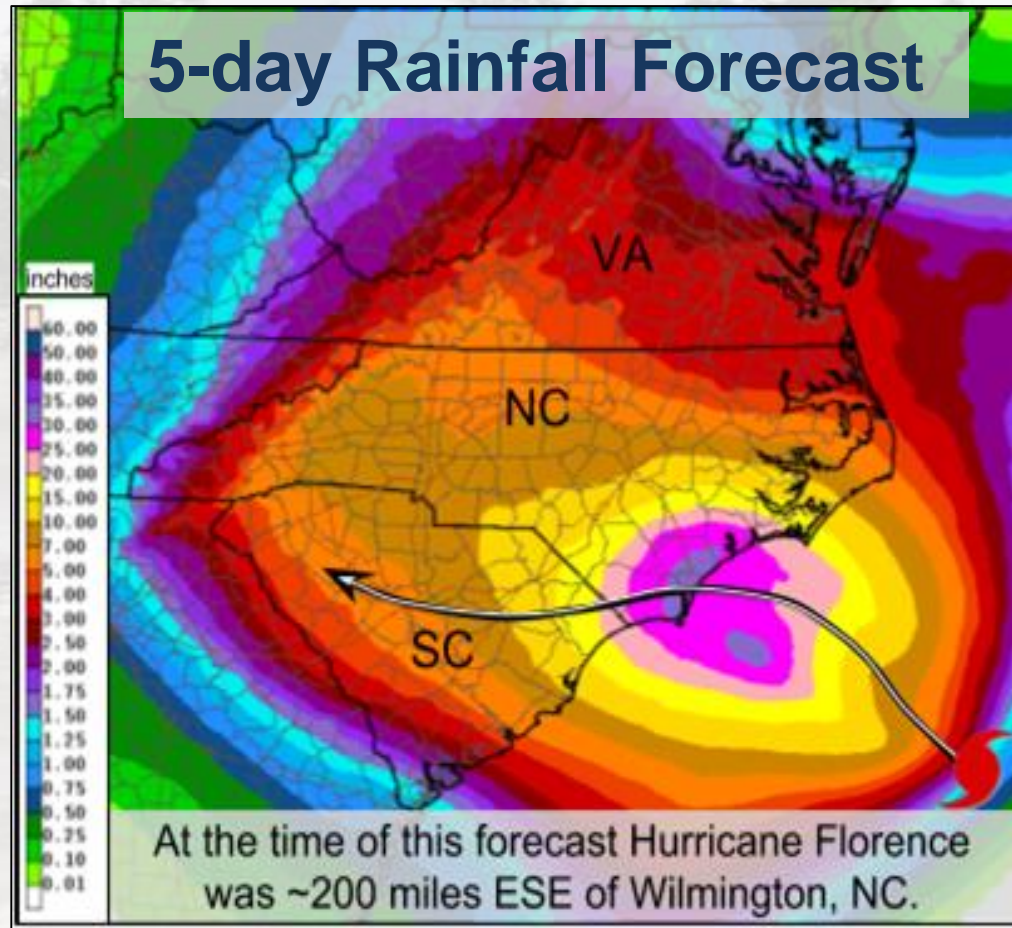
More than half
the U.S. tropical cyclone water-
related fatalities were vehicle
related!

2020 U.S. TC Fatalities

- 47 direct fatalities
 - 16 surf/rip current
 - 14 wind
 - 10 freshwater flooding (NC-7 from Eta)
 - 3 marine
 - 2 storm surge
 - 2 tornado (NC-Isaias)

*****31 Deaths Water Related*****

Hurricane Florence



Excellent Forecasts – Yet 16 out of 17 flood related fatalities were in vehicles!

Storm Surge Florence/Dorian



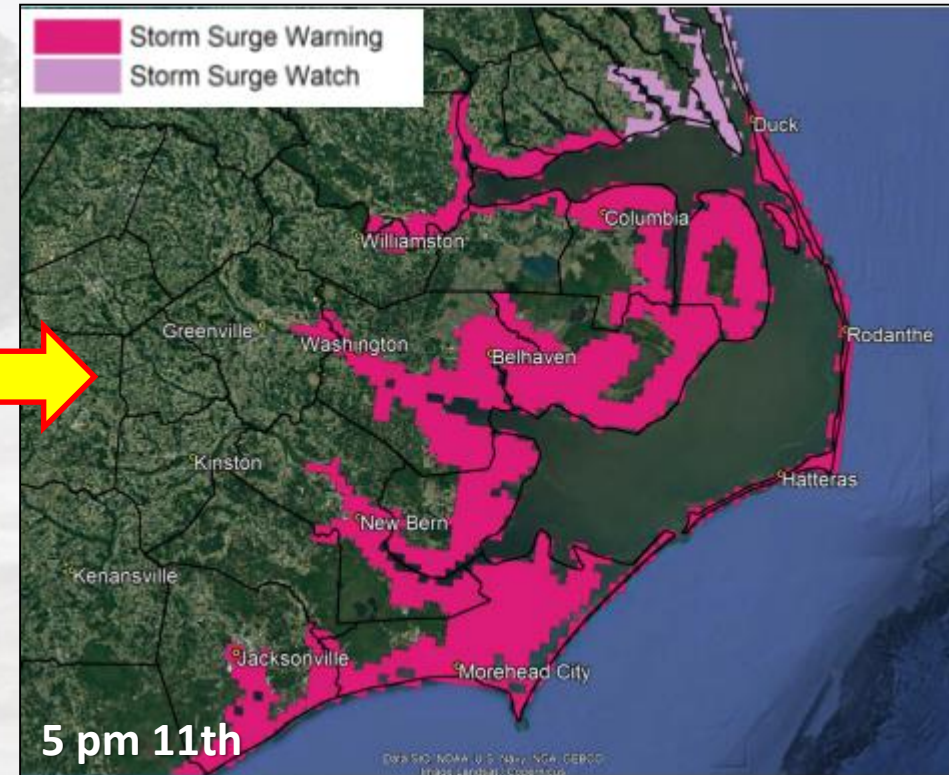
**8 to 11 feet storm surge
inundation in New Bern**

**Over 1,800 water rescues
in New Bern alone**

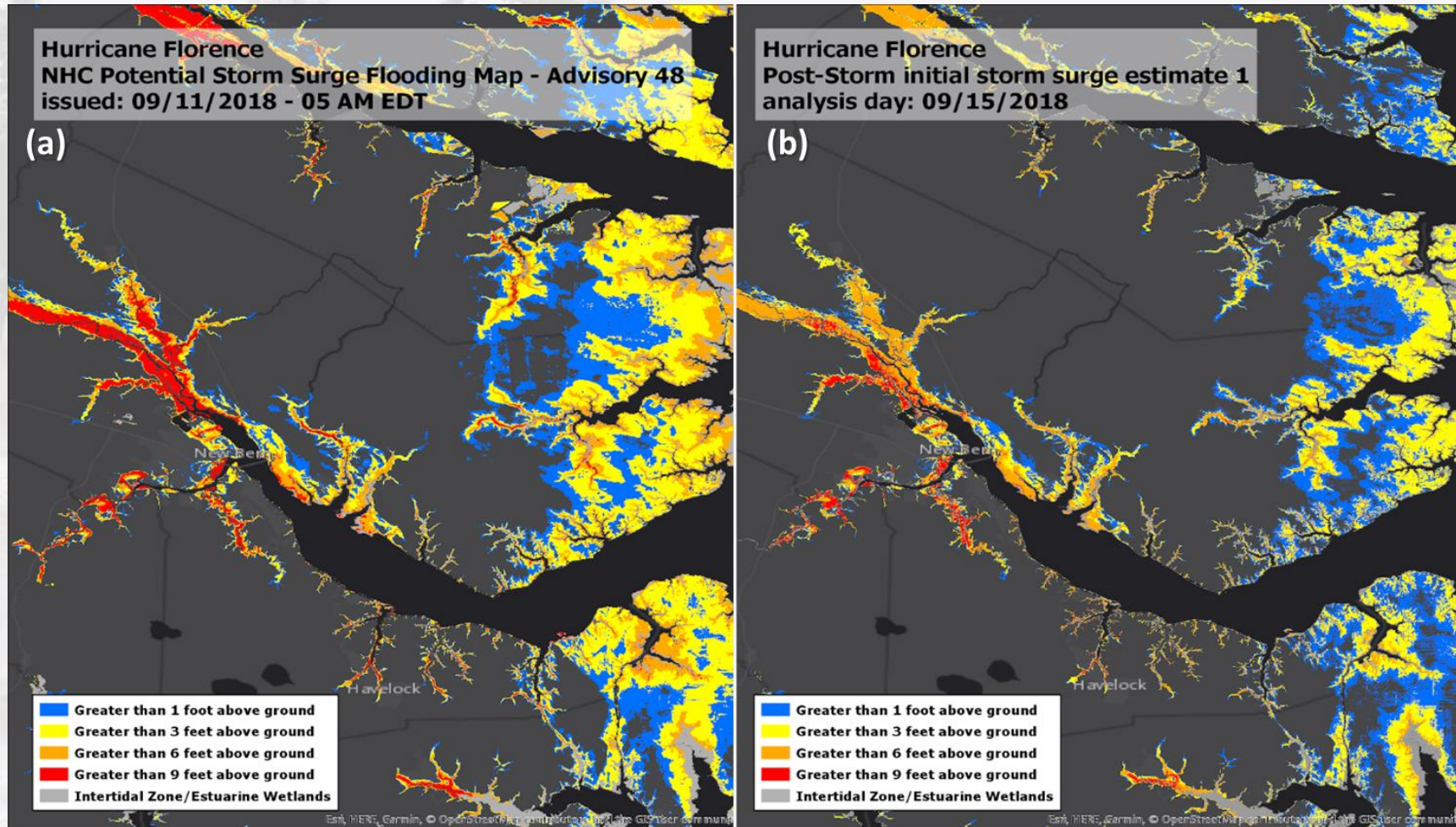


**4 to 7 feet of surge from
Dorian on Ocracoke and
Hatteras Island**

Storm Surge Forecasting

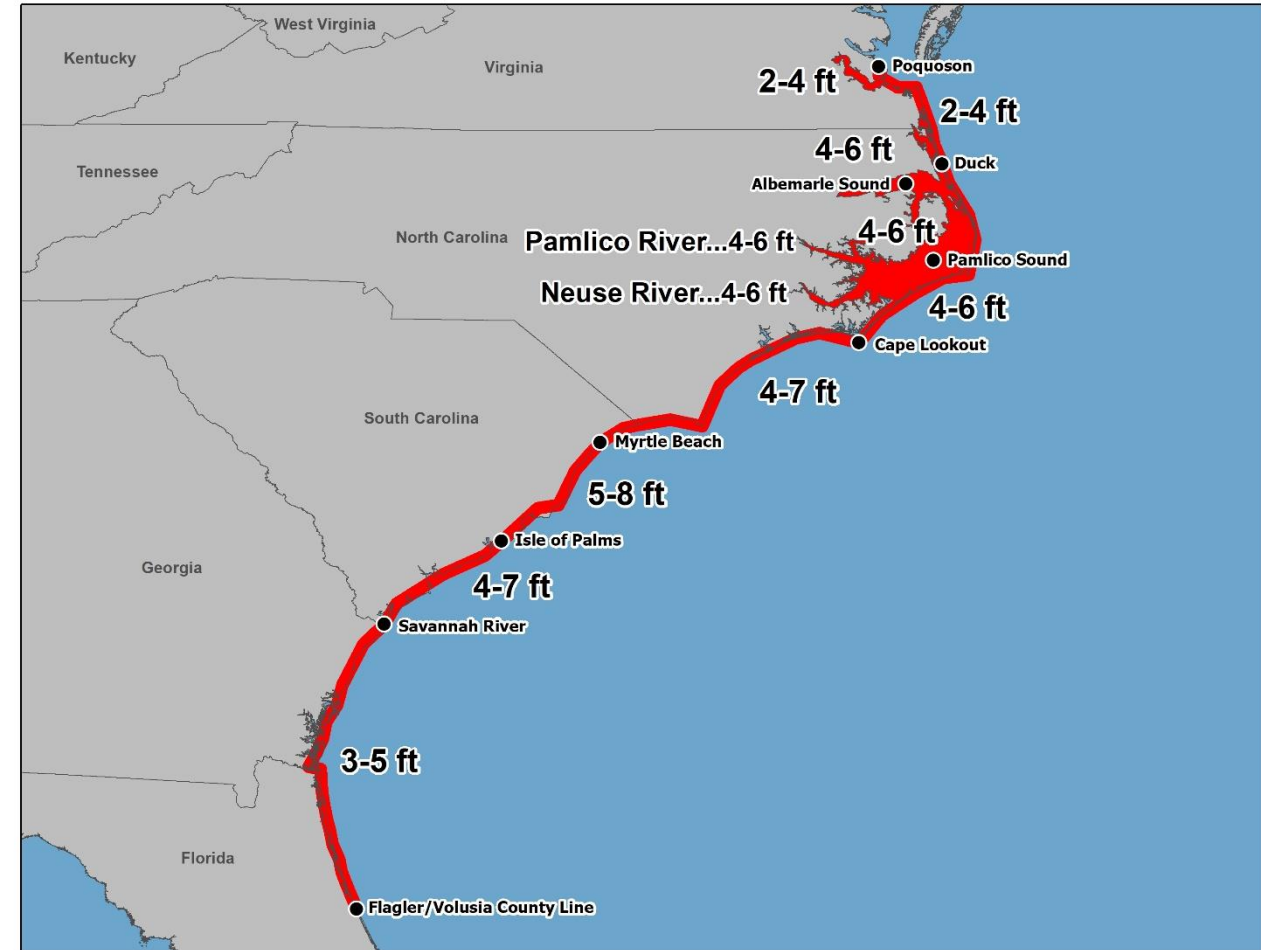


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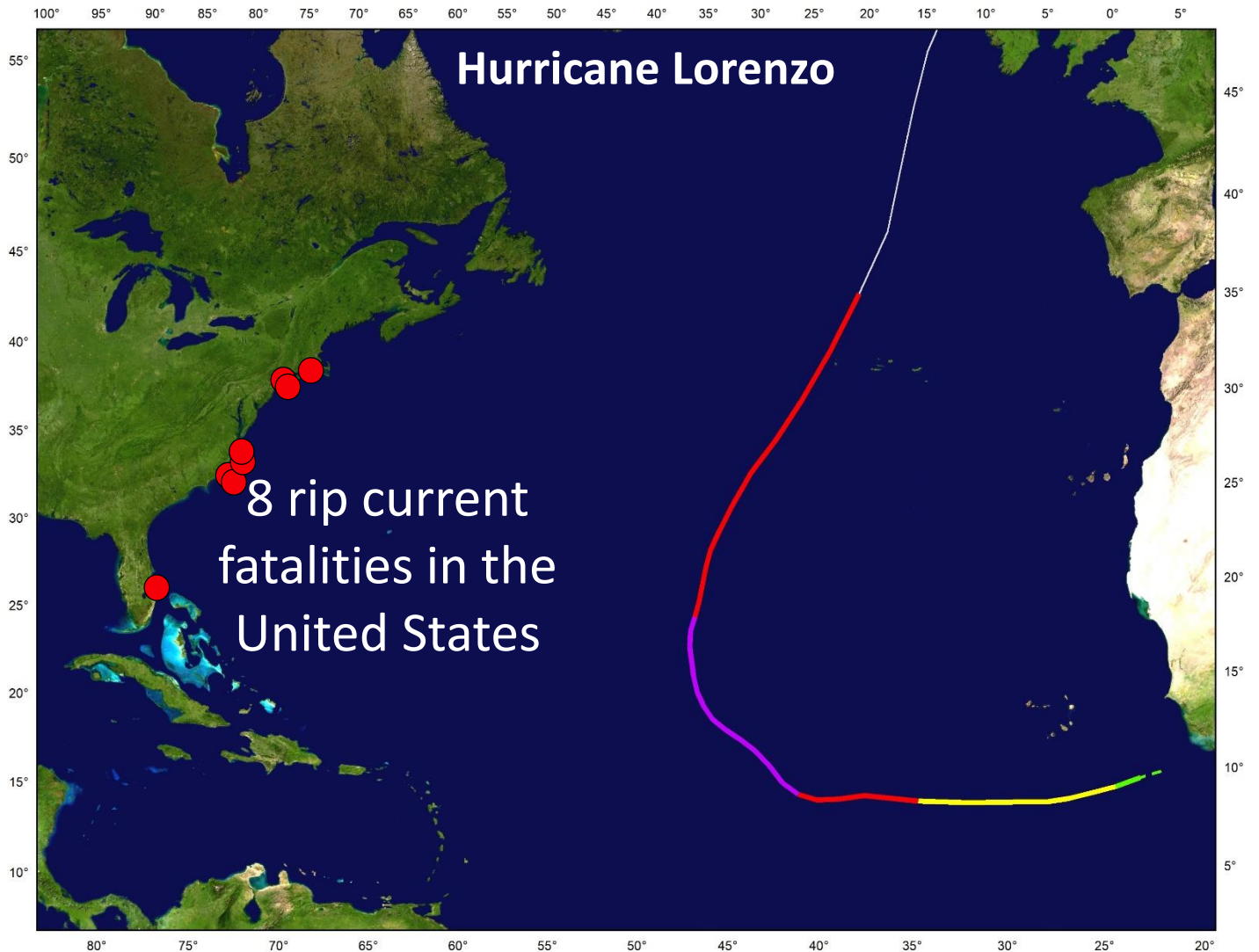


Experimental Peak Storm Surge Forecasting Graphic

- Visual representation of peak storm surge forecast values
Public Advisory
- Primarily for media and social media applications where point probabilities and/or high-resolution inundation mapping not easily displayed
- Experimental for 2021 – NHC interested in comments and feedback



Second Deadliest 2019 Atlantic Basin Storm Lorenzo – 19 Direct Fatalities – All Water Related



- Powerful Major Hurricane for several days.
- North most CAT 5 on record in Atlantic.
- 8 rip current deaths in the United States from Florida to Rhode Island
- 4 in North Carolina alone
- Dangerous rip currents can occur well ahead of approaching storms

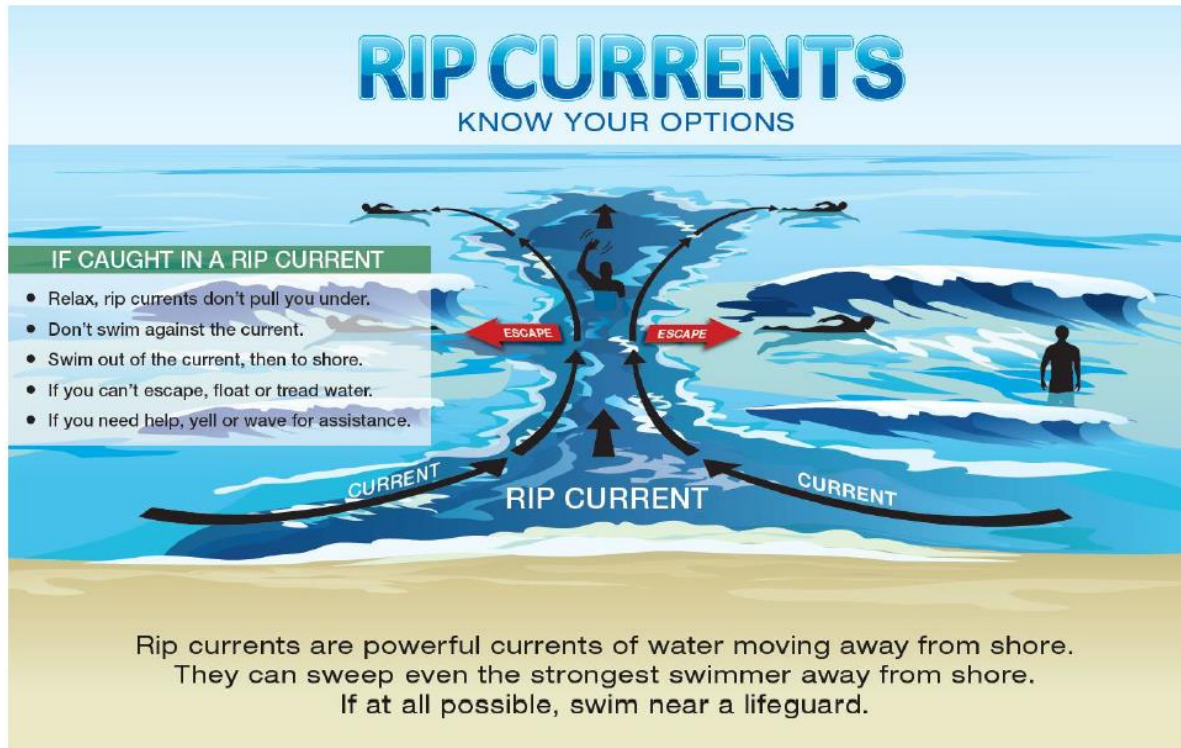
Rip Current Messaging

High Risk For Rip Currents

Tropical Storm Arthur



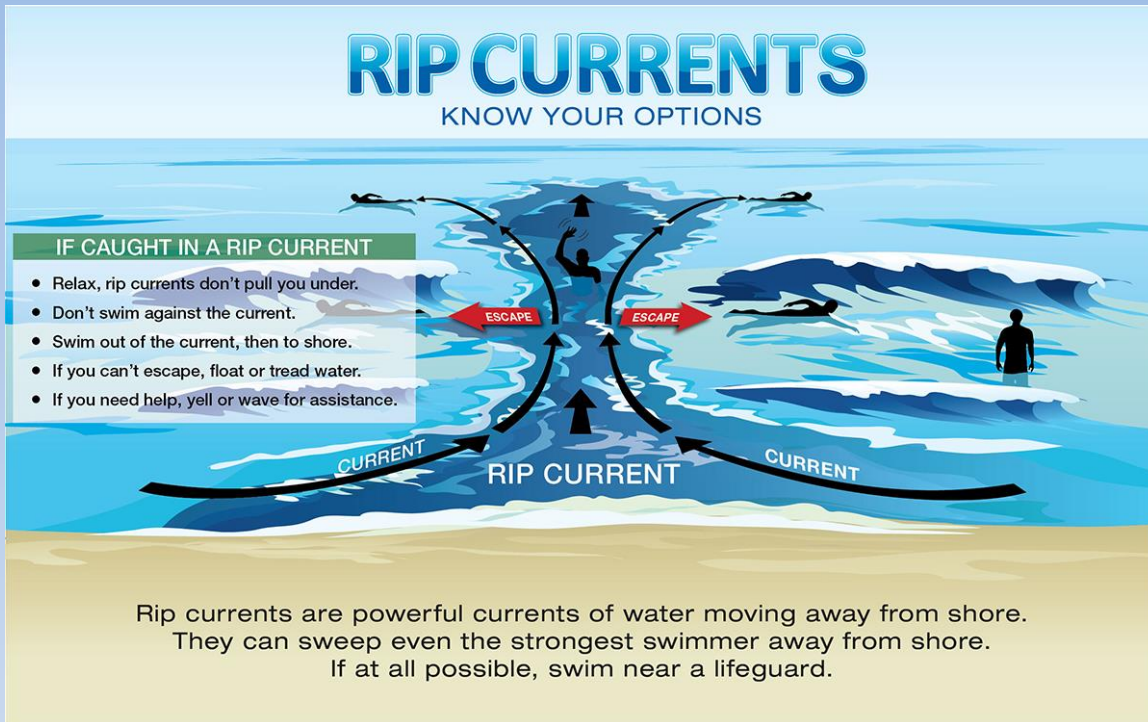
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Impacts

- Increased swell will produce very dangerous swimming conditions through early week.
- Visit [Beach Forecast Page](#) (experimental) for the latest beach conditions forecast.

Beach Safety



If you're caught in a rip current...

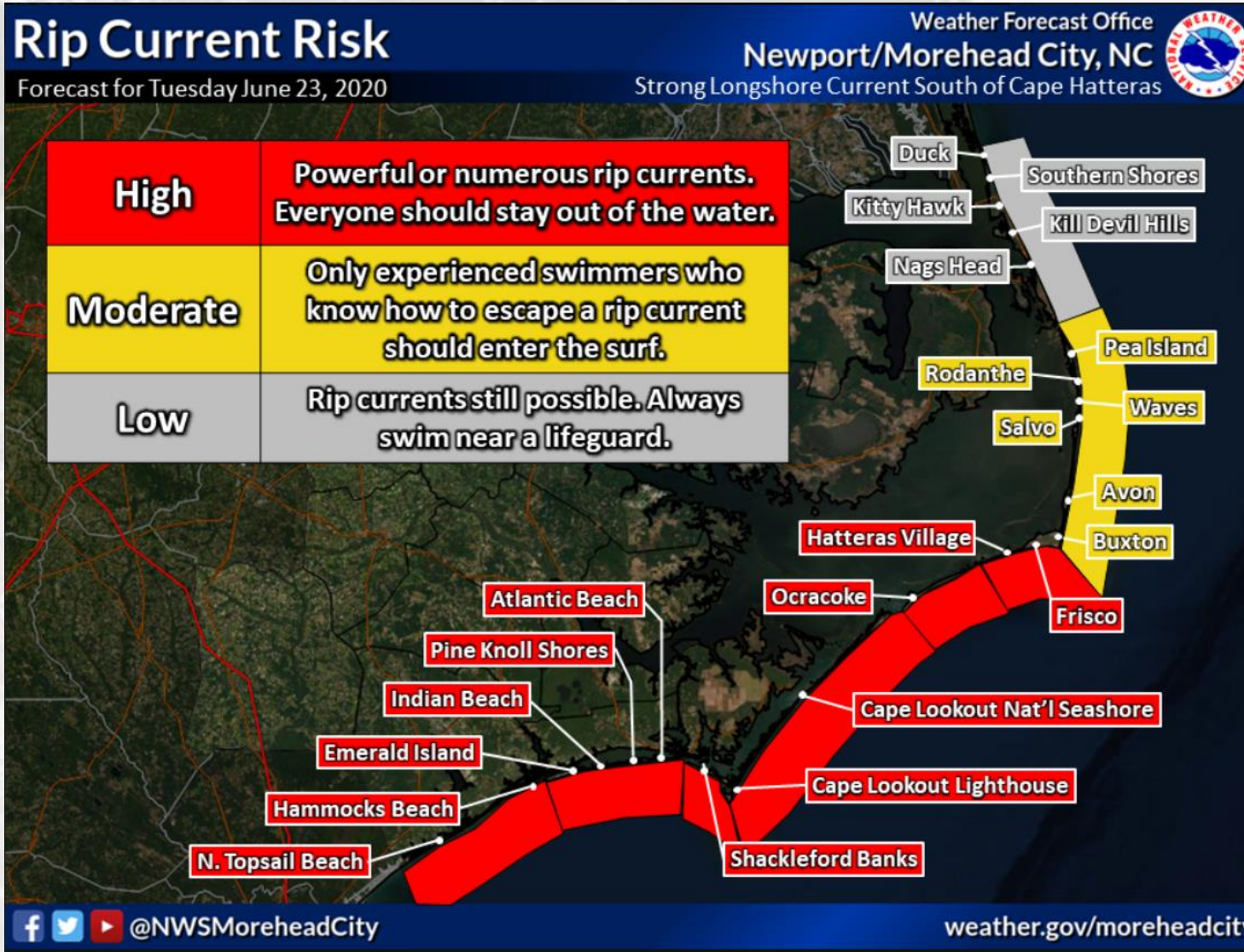
Float, Wave, and Yell

OR

Swim Parallel

- Choose a beach with a lifeguard on duty, and talk with them before swimming.
- Pay attention to signs and flags to let you know where there might be danger.
- Make sure everyone, especially children, has adult supervision at all times when in the water, even if they know how to swim.
- Don't become a victim while trying to help someone else!
- Get help from a lifeguard. If a lifeguard is not present, call 9-1-1, then try to direct the victim to swim following the shoreline to escape. If possible, throw something that floats toward the swimmer. Never enter the water without a flotation device.

Rip Current Messaging



US National Weather Service
Newport/Morehead City NC
Published by Sean Bandy [?]
June 23

Tuesday 6/23 @ 6:30 AM:
ATTENTION BEACHGOERS

There is a HIGH RISK for rip currents and a strong longshore current is expected today south of Cape Hatteras, including the southern OBX and Crystal Coast. Swimming could be dangerous even for strong swimmers.

If in doubt, don't go out!

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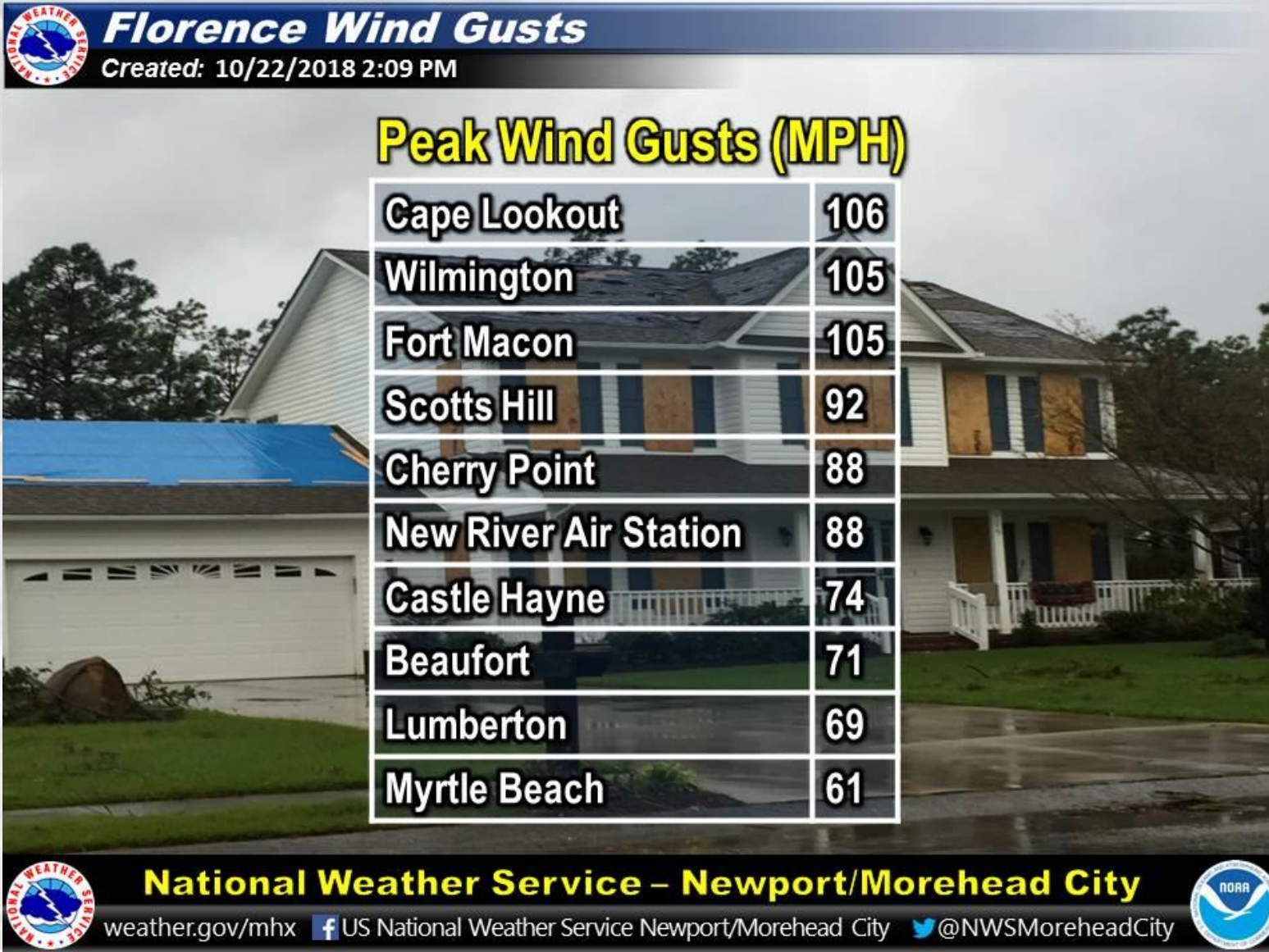
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Wind Threat



- Disruption to power and communication network
- Blocked evacuation or return routes due to fallen trees, power lines
- Fallen tree danger

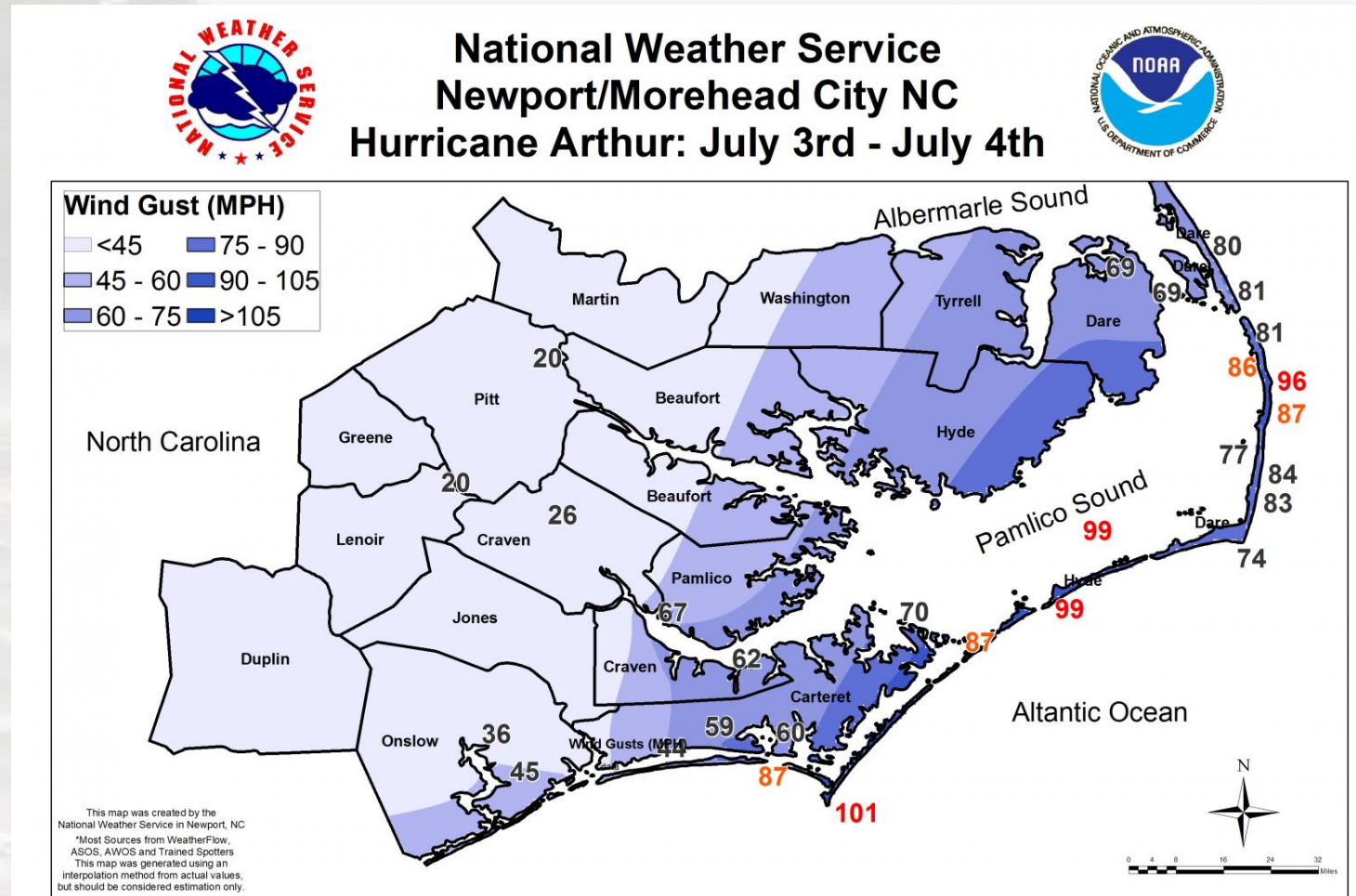
Arthur 2014

CAT 2

Similar Landfall

Faster Moving

Smaller Storm



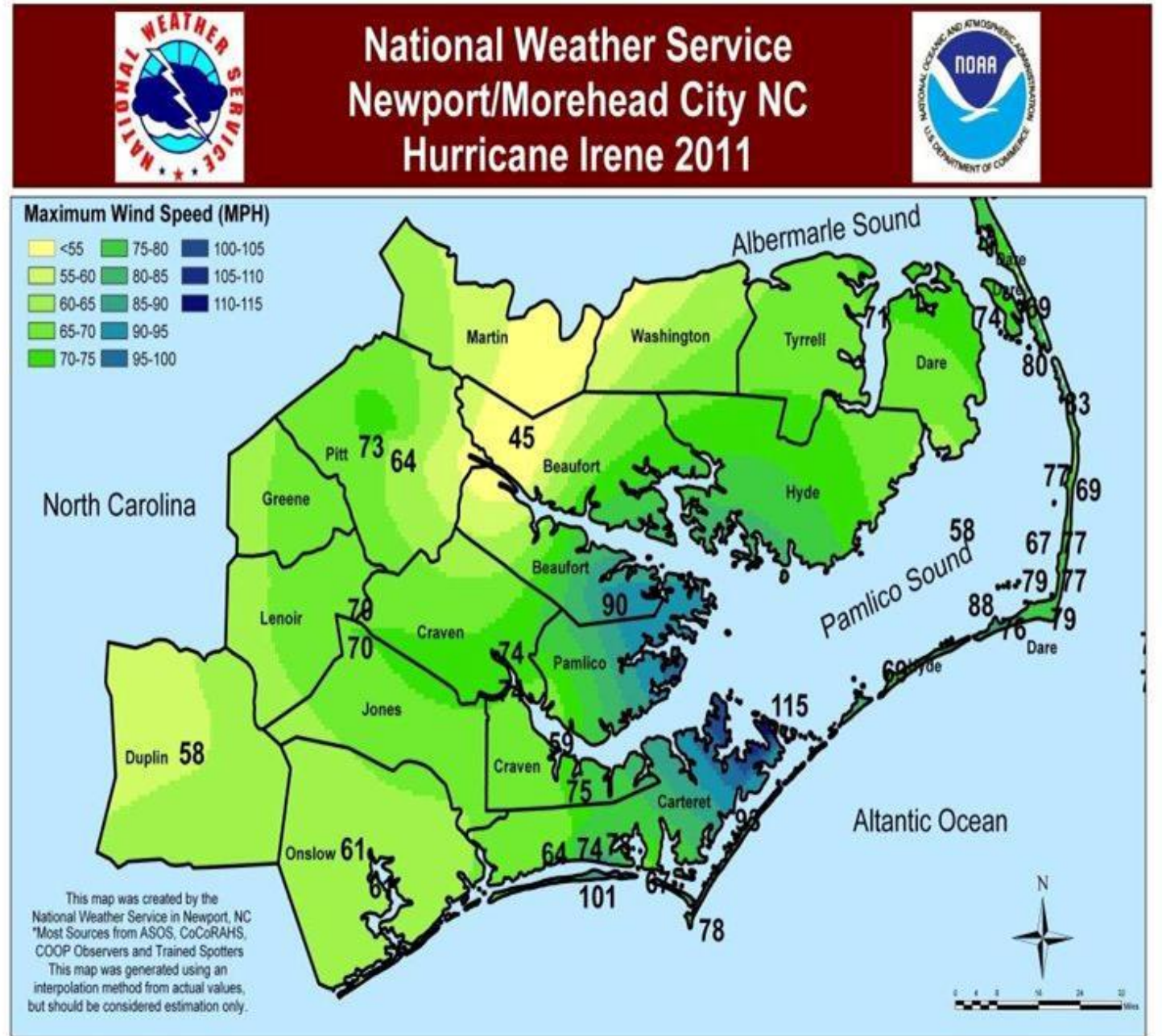
Irene 2011

CAT 1

Similar Landfall

Slower Moving

Large Storm



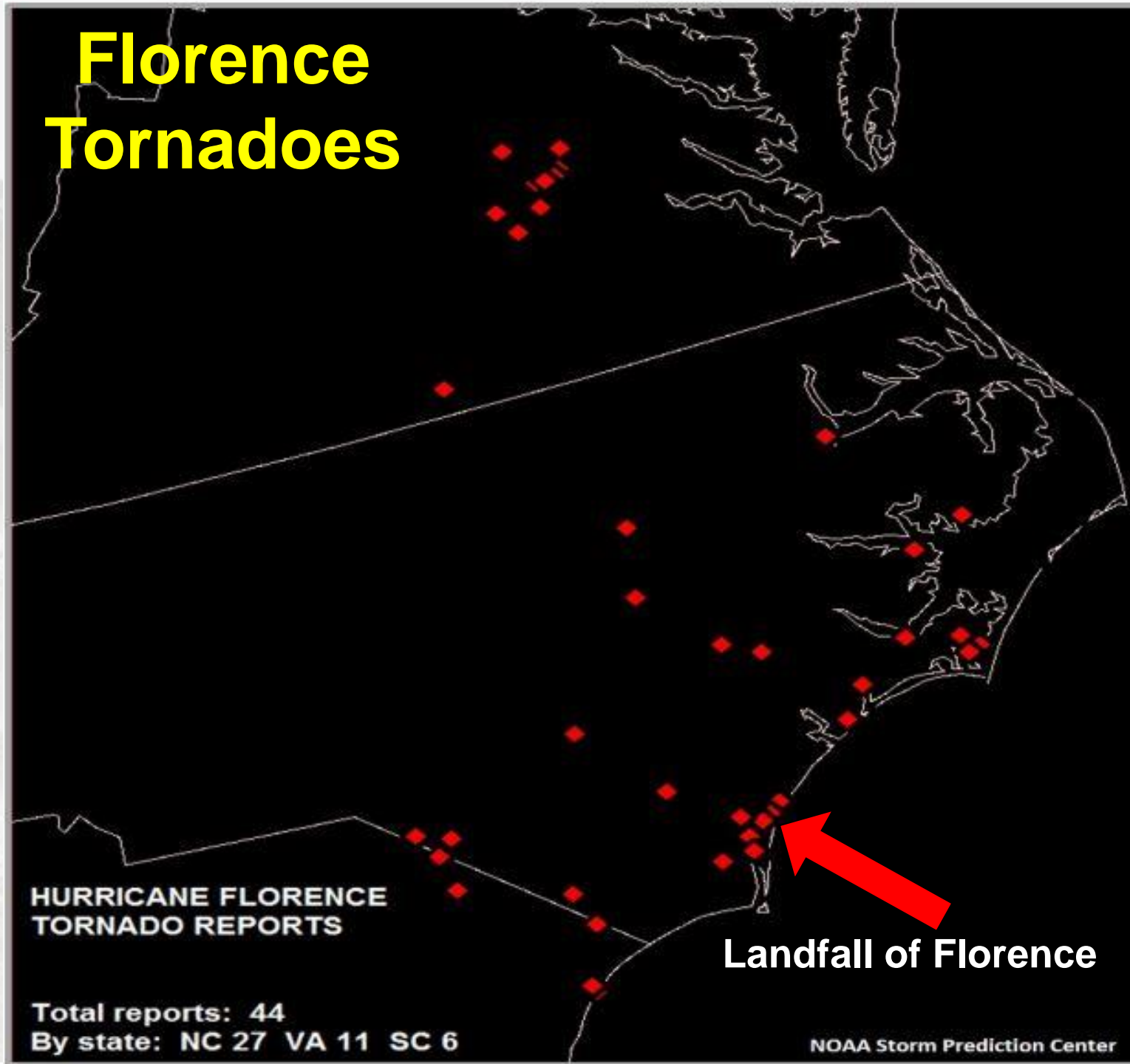
Tornado Threat



Hurricane Dorian
EF2 Tornado Estimated
Winds 115 MPH
Emerald Isle, NC

- Isolated areas of enhanced damage
- Often occur with smaller windows to react to warnings
- Can occur well ahead of the actual landfall, or well away from the center (first outer bands)

Florence Tornadoes



Indirect Fatalities

Hurricane Laura: 7 Direct U.S. Fatalities
34 Indirect U.S. Fatalities (16 from carbon monoxide)

Since 2017: 14 U.S. Hurricane Landfalls, 7 Major Hurricanes
7 Storm Surge Fatalities

Historically, storm surge is the leading cause of fatalities in tropical cyclones

In the last 4 years, we've lost more people to carbon monoxide poisoning after a storm than we have lost from storm surge

2020 U.S. indirect fatalities: 51
19 carbon monoxide, 9 heat related, 10 accidents

Indirect Fatalities

1963-2012 indirect deaths (heart attacks, power problems (e.g., no A/C, lights, medical equipment), etc.). Outnumber direct deaths in some storms.

Based on Rappaport and Blanchard (2016)

Indirect Fatalities by Cause

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Indirect Fatalities by Age Group

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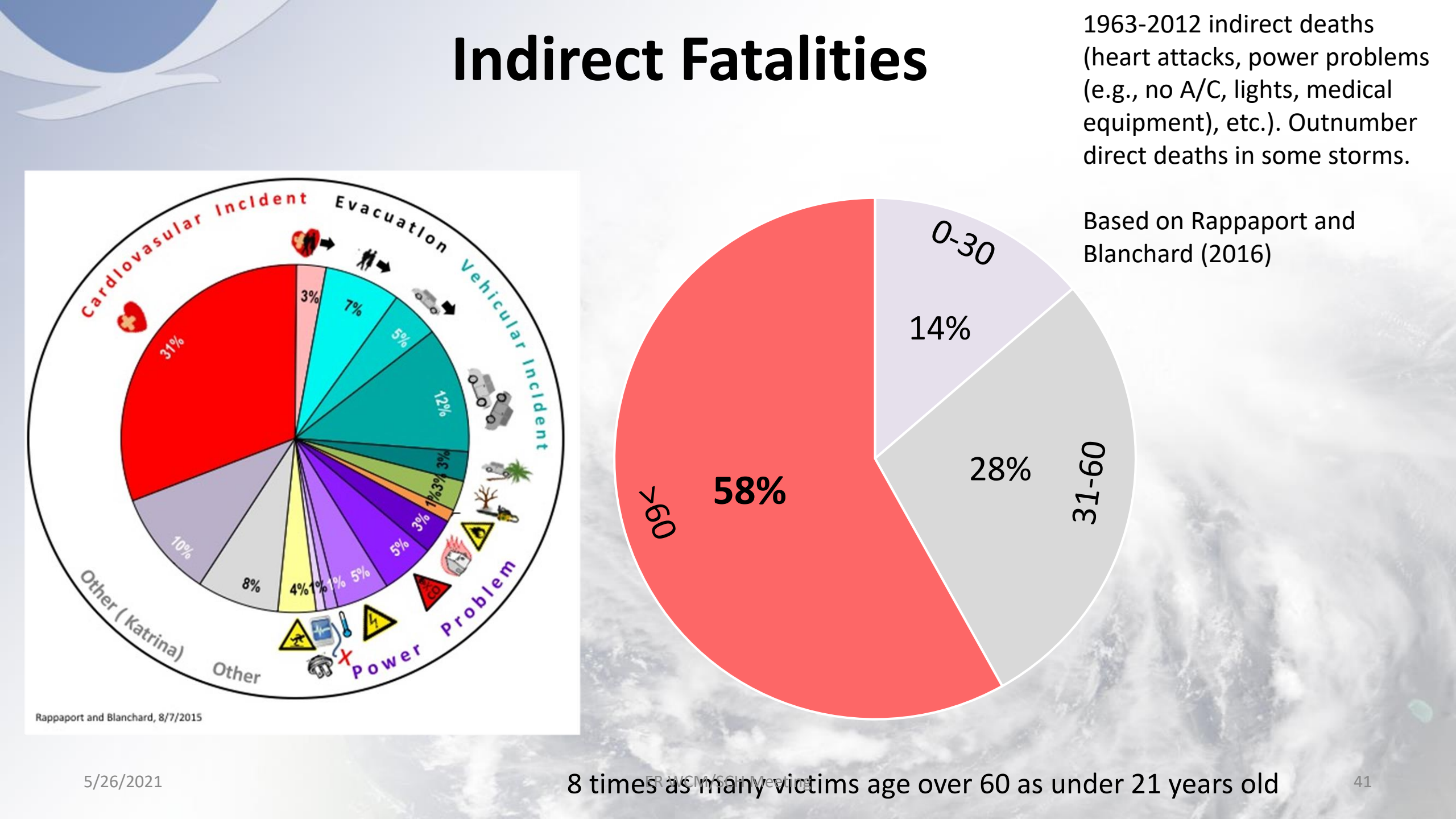
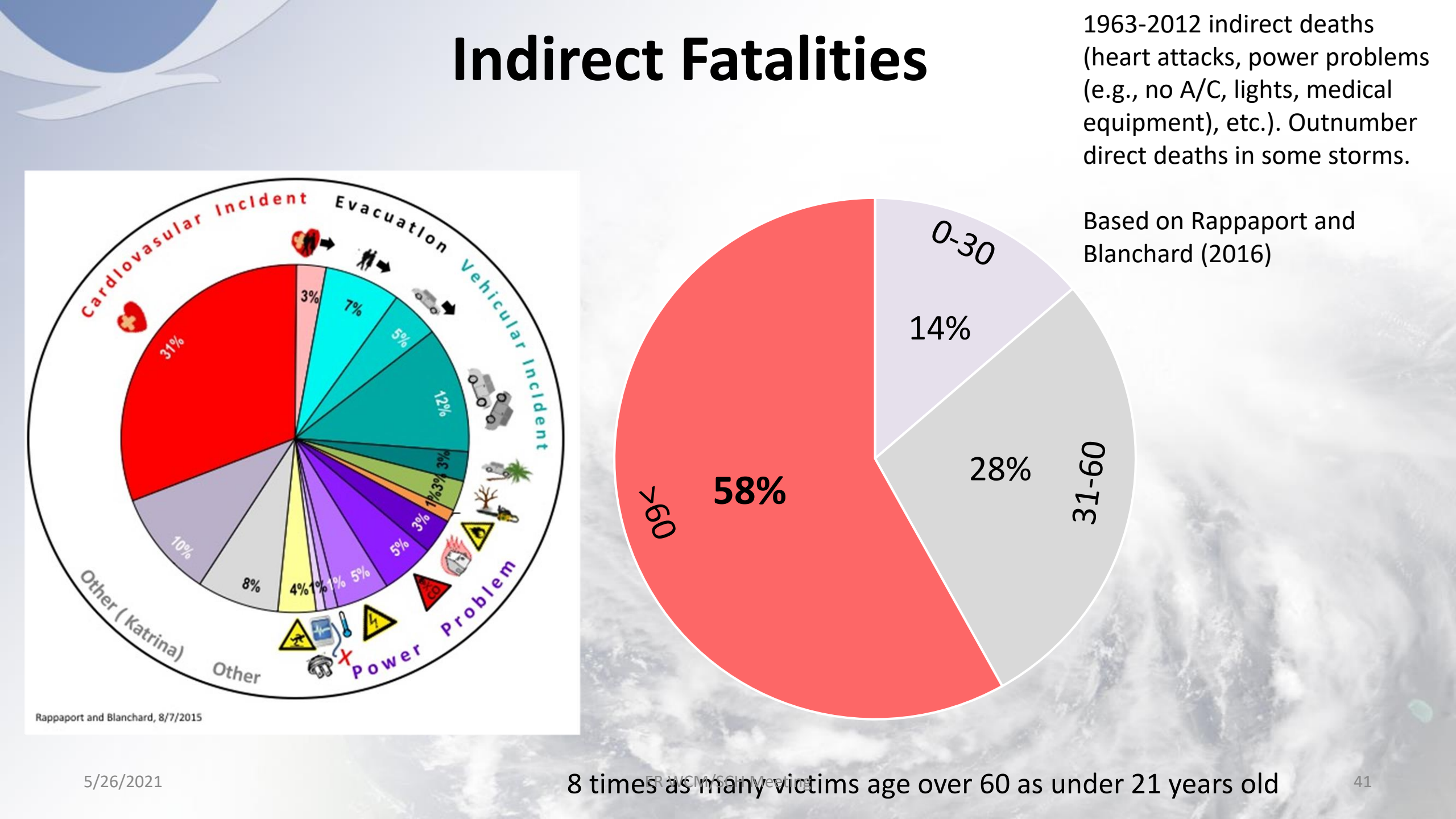
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