



Deep East Texas Virtual Integrated Warning Team (IWT) Workshop

March 8, 2021



Expectation and Rules

- **We encourage participation (lots of discussion).**
- **Rules of engagement**
 - No accusing or blaming
 - Disagreements are fine, attacks are not
 - Use disagreements to clarify policies or positions
- **Questions are expected. There will be time for questions following each presentation.**
- **Safe Space**
 - All: share concepts on Social Media – not specific decisions



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- Keep yourself muted unless speaking or asking questions
- Silence electronic devices
- Keep comments to your jurisdiction
- Keep comments factual
- Social Media: #deepetxiwt



Agenda



Deep East Texas Integrated Warning Team (IWT) Virtual Workshop 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., Monday, March 8, 2021



10:00 AM – Welcome

Mario Valverde, Meteorologist in Charge, NWS Shreveport

10:05 AM – What is an IWT/Expectations

Matt Hemingway, Meteorologist, NWS Shreveport

10:15 AM – Seasonal Tornado Climatology for Deep East Texas

Jason Hansford, Senior Meteorologist, NWS Shreveport

10:35 AM – NWS Review of Lovelady Tornado and Radar Coverage

Dan Reilly, Warning Coordination Meteorologist, NWS Houston/Galveston

11:05 AM - Break

11:15 AM – A Look Back: 2011 Texas Drought and Record Heat

Brad Hlozek, Chief Meteorologist, KTRE-TV

11:40 AM – A Guide to the Texas Fire Potential Weekly Update

Luke Kanclerz, Fire Analyst, Texas A&M Forest Service

12:00 PM – Lunch Break

1:00 PM – Streamlining the Tornado Survey Process Among Agencies

Charlie Woodrum, Warning Coordination Meteorologist, NWS Shreveport
Rachel Stepp, Region 2 Coordinator, Texas Disaster Recovery Task Force
Scott Brawley, American Red Cross Disaster Program Manager, Deep East Texas
Follow-Up Discussion/Q&A Session
Moderated by Jon Clingaman, District Coordinator, TDEM Region 2

2:30 PM – Final Discussion/Wrap-Up

Charlie Woodrum, Warning Coordination Meteorologist, NWS Shreveport

Meeting Link: <https://meet.google.com/rgw-goqt-xuh>

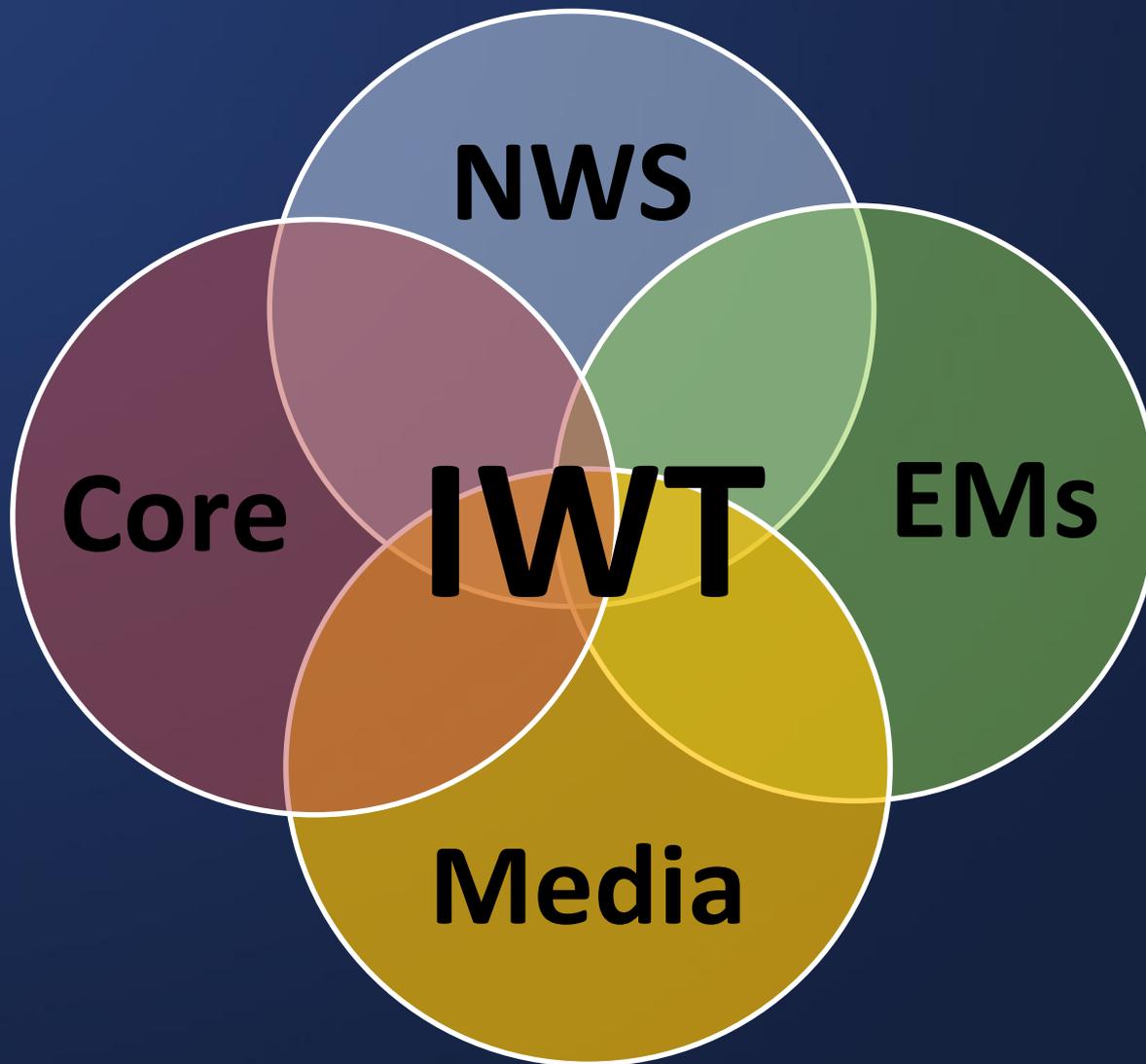
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What is an IWT

WCM Group





Components of an IWT

Key Partners





Goals for Today

Why are we here?

- Develop a better understanding of how we all function during high impact weather events
- Talk about communicating one coordinated, consistent message
- Learn more about upcoming seasonal hazards as we approach spring and summer, as well as collaboration efforts during the post-storm damage survey process

IWT Goal: **One Message, Multiple Voices**



Weather-Ready Nation Ambassadors

Join Today!

- **What organizations can be a part of and contribute toward building a Weather-Ready Nation?**
 - All levels of government
 - Weather, Water, Climate Enterprise
 - Academia
 - Businesses & non-profits
- **Formal recognition of organizations that work with NOAA toward building a Weather-Ready Nation**
 - Promote WRN messages and themes
 - Engage with NOAA on potential collaborations
 - Share success stories
 - Serve as an “Example”



To become a WRN Ambassador, go to:
<https://weather.gov/wrn/amb-tou>



StormReady Communities

Join Today!

- This program helps prepare various communities with the communication and safety skills needed to help save lives and property from the various forms of extreme weather, before, during, and after the event.
- To become StormReady, a community must:
 - Establish a 24-hour warning point and EOC
 - Have more than one method of receiving severe weather forecasts/warnings and alerting the public
 - Create a system that monitors local weather conditions
 - Promote public readiness through community seminars
 - Develop a formal hazardous weather plan, including training weather spotters and holding exercises.



If interested in becoming StormReady, email:
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Building a Weather-Ready Nation



NWS + Partner Relationship Building + WRN Initiatives = LIVES SAVED!!!



IWT Planning

Thank You!

- National Weather Service
 - Charlie Woodrum (SHV)
 - Matt Hemingway (SHV)
 - Jason Hansford (SHV)
 - Dan Reilly (HGX)
- Media Partners
 - Brad Hlozek, KTRE
- Emergency Management
 - Ricky Conner, Angelina County, TX
 - Tara Triana, Nacogdoches County, TX
 - Jon Clingaman, TDEM
 - Rachel Stepp, TDEM
 - Kharley Smith, TDEM
- Other Core Partners
 - Luke Kanclerz, Texas A&M Forest Service
 - Scott Brawley, American Red Cross
 - Lonnie Hunt, DETCOG