



**Brian LaMarre** is the *Meteorologist-in-Charge* of the Tampa Bay Area Weather Forecast Office (WFO) of the National Weather Service (NWS) in Ruskin, FL. Brian began his career as a student volunteer at the NWS office in Hartford, CT in 1992 before moving to the coast of Texas in 1994 at the NWS office in Corpus Christi. While serving at this station, he worked in all of the operational assignments, ranging from a *Meteorologist Intern* to a *General Forecaster* to a *Senior Forecaster*.

Brian has been the recipient of an individual NWS National Isaac Cline Award for warning services leading up to an unprecedented river flood and a U.S. Department of Commerce Silver Medal for team services during the impacts of Hurricane Brett. In 2002, Brian's strong interest in the marine and hurricane programs brought him to the position of *National Marine Program Manager* at NWS Headquarters in Silver Spring, MD. In this role, Brian worked closely with Congress, multi-agency partners, and a wide range of NWS customers impacted by coastal storms. During the devastating 2004 hurricane impacts across Florida, Brian served on the NWS Service Assessment for Hurricane Charley – and met with emergency management and media partners across South and Central Florida to improve hurricane services in the future.

In 2004, Brian returned to the field as the *Warning Coordination Meteorologist* at the NWS office in Lubbock, TX and worked closely with academia, media, and emergency management to ensure the NWS provided innovative weather and public safety services. During the historic 2005 hurricane season, Brian served as the NWS liaison with emergency management and media partners at the NWS Southern Region Operations Center in Fort Worth, TX during the landfall of Hurricane Rita. Since 2007, in his current role as the meteorologist-in-charge of the Tampa Bay Area NWS office, Brian leads the 24/7 mission with a talented team of professionals to provide weather, water, and climate services and works closely with the public and core partners of NWS services across west-central and southwest Florida.

During the 2010 Deepwater Horizon oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico, Brian served in a highly-visible, national role as the NOAA media spokesperson for hurricanes and oil impacts while on assignment as the Acting Meteorologist-in-Charge of the NWS New Orleans/Baton Rouge, LA office. In this role, Brian briefed FEMA and U.S. Coast Guard officials, as well as local, national and international media on the incident while Hurricane Alex and Tropical Storm Bonnie were impacting the Gulf region and oil response and recovery efforts. From 2012-2015, Brian led a national pilot project to innovate the future of NOAA collaborative services that resulted in improving marine navigation services and public and environmental health impacts from harmful algal blooms through collaboration with NOAA's National Ocean Service.

Since 2015, Brian has served as the *NOAA Gulf of Mexico Regional Collaboration Team Lead*. In this capacity, Brian leads a diverse team of scientists to connect NOAA resources in the Gulf region with stakeholders to innovate and promote the value of new and existing NOAA services by improving collaboration and service delivery to benefit the people across the five-state region from Texas-Louisiana-Mississippi-Alabama-Florida.

Brian serves on the Florida Governor's Hurricane Conference Board of Directors and has served on boards and committees with the *American Meteorological Society* (AMS) and the *National Weather Association* (NWA) to help promote weather education and specialized operational services. Brian earned his B.S. in meteorology in 1994 from Western Connecticut State University and an M.S. in management specializing in leadership, innovation and organizational change in 2014 from Walden University.

