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Brock Long, FEMA Administrator Nominee

HAGERTY PHOTO

WASHINGTON – President Trump has nominated Brock Long to lead FEMA. Mr. Long has more than 16 years of experience assisting and supporting local, state, and federal governments with building robust emergency management and public health preparedness programs. Since 2011, he has worked as Executive Vice President at Hagerty Consulting, where his strategic direction and leadership to the firm’s full complement of emergency management programs and professionals.

Mr. Long has served as Project Executive for more than 50 projects in all parts of the United States, from complex attack scenario exercises to designing multi-jurisdictional, all-hazard evacuation plans for major Urban Area Security Initiative designated jurisdictions.

From 2008-2011, Mr. Long served as Director of Alabama’s Emergency Management Agency (AEMA) under Governor Bob Riley. As Director, he served as the Coordinating Officer for 14

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Malden Catholic High School and Weston Observatory Team Up for Innovative Earthquake Education Project

MALDEN, MA - Continuously looking for ways to introduce students to new opportunities in and outside of school to promote interest in STEM careers, Malden Catholic has teamed up with Boston College and the Weston Observatory regarding their Educational Seismology Project. A team of teachers across STEM are using data collected from a seismograph to monitor and interpret real-time seismic activity. curriculum is being supported by a trained

educational seismologist who will work alongside the teachers.

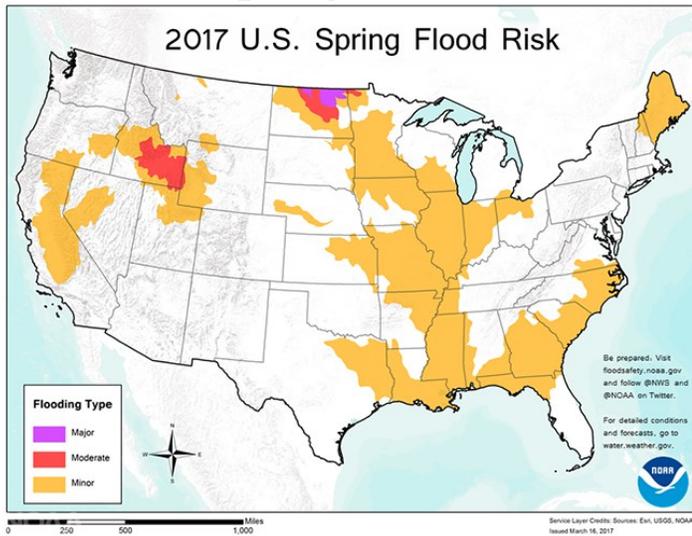
“Students walking by the seismograph see the real world application of Physics and Earth Science on a daily basis and can view it online in real-time and from home 24 hours a day,” said Stacy Macherides Moulis, educational seismologist with the Weston Laboratory. “Seismology gives students a hands-on and real world application to the STEM subjects they are studying.”

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Headmaster Doherty Cuts Ribbon in Front of Seismograph MCHS PHOTO

Northeast Spring Flood Outlook



2017 National Hydrologic Assessment of Spring Flood Risk

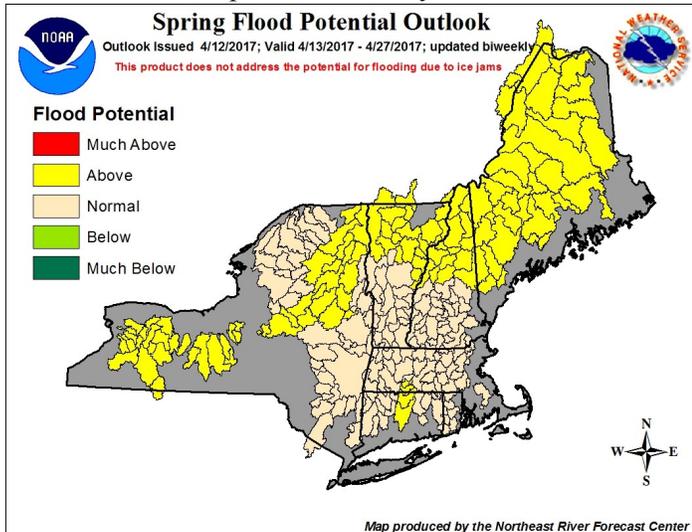
NOAA IMAGE

WASHINGTON, DC - NOAA has released the 2017 Spring Flood Outlook. NOAA's analysis takes late summer and fall precipitation, frost depth, soil saturation levels, stream flow levels, snowpack, temperatures and rate of snowmelt into account.

NOAA reports that minor flooding is possible across Maine and parts of New Hampshire. The flood threat is low in southern New England and the Mid-Atlantic, due to below-normal precipitation this winter, even with this week's late-season nor'easter that brought the region significant snow.

NOAA's outlook provides emergency managers, water managers, state and local officials, and the public with valuable information so they will be prepared to make good decisions to protect life and property.

NOAA experts will also highlight [NOAA's Spring Weather Safety Campaign](#), which offers information on hazardous spring weather, such as tornadoes, floods, thunderstorm winds, hail, lightning, heat, wildfires, rip currents and tsunamis, and tips on how to stay safe.



Northeast Spring Potential Flood Outlook

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Rhode Island Congressman Jim Langevin Receives National Emergency Management Association Award

CRANSTON, RI - U.S. Congressman Jim Langevin was recently presented with the National Emergency Management Association 2017 Congressional Award for his continuous support and dedication to the emergency management community. The award recognizes an elected official's commitment and untiring efforts towards enhancing emergency management and homeland security initiatives.



Congressman Jim Longevin CONGRESSIONAL PHOTO

"I am honored and humbled to receive the 2017 Congressional Award for my ongoing work in cybersecurity to help protect Rhode Islanders and citizens across the country," Congressman Langevin said. "Not all disasters are natural, and as more of our critical infrastructure is connected to the Internet, the chance of a cyberattack causing serious injury or property damage only increases. I am grateful for Director Gaynor's efforts to incorporate cybersecurity into Rhode Island's emergency planning, and I remain committed to working in a bipartisan manner to address issues facing our country in cyberspace."

"This award highlights Representative Langevin's leadership in preparing and protecting the citizens of Rhode Island," said Peter Gaynor, Director of the Rhode Island Emergency Management Agency. "We're extremely thankful to NEMA for acknowledging Representative Langevin's service and significant accomplishments in national security."

Langevin is a senior member of the House Armed Services Committee where he serves as the Ranking Member of the Emerging Threats and Capabilities Subcommittee, as well as a senior member of the House Committee on Homeland Security. Langevin is also the founder and co-chair of the Congressional Cybersecurity Caucus to help raise awareness of the importance of cybersecurity and provide a forum for members of Congress to discuss the challenges in securing cyberspace.

In addition to Langevin, Senators John Boozman (R-AR), Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH), and Joe Manchin (D-WV) are also winners of the 2017 Congressional

MEMA Assists Conway and Goshen After EF-1 Tornado

GOSHAN, MA - Just before 7:30 PM on Saturday, February 25th, an EF-1 tornado struck Goshen and Conway, Massachusetts. The tornado had estimated winds of up to 110 mph and left a path of damage 5 miles long and 200 yards wide.

The tornado damaged 12 homes and 2 barns in Conway and brought down numerous trees in both Goshen and Conway. Thankfully, there were no injuries reported by the towns. This was the first recorded tornado in February in Massachusetts since statistics started being recorded in 1950.

MEMA staff responded to both Goshen and Conway to support local public safety agencies, coordinate mutual aid from state agencies and neighboring communities, receive and process requests from the towns for resources, and coordinate the state's multi-agency response. MEMA continues to work with

Conway during its recovery. Lieutenant Governor Polito toured the impacted area and met with local officials and residents.



February Tornado Building Damage

MEMA PHOTO

Below Average 2017 Hurricane Season Predicted



FORT COLLINS, CO - Colorado State University hurricane researchers are predicting a slightly below-average Atlantic hurricane season in 2017, which runs from June 1 to November 30.

The CSU Tropical Meteorology Project team is predicting 11 named storms during the Atlantic hurricane season. Of those, researchers expect four to become hurricanes and two to reach major hurricane strength with sustained winds of 111 miles per hour or greater.

The team bases its forecasts on over 60 years of historical data and predicts that 2017 hurricane activity will be about 85 percent of the average season. By comparison, 2016's hurricane activity was about 135 percent of the average season.

The report also includes the probability of major hurricanes making landfall on the east coast at 24 percent, noting the annual average for the last century is 31 percent.

The Colorado State website at <http://tropical.colostate.edu/> is updated regularly with assistance from Bridgewater State University in Massachusetts. The next update of the 2017 hurricane forecast is scheduled for June 1, 2017.

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disasters, including eight presidentially declared events. Mr. Long also served as an on-scene State Incident Commander for the Alabama Unified Command during the Deepwater Horizon oil spill. Prior to his position as Director at AEMA, Mr. Long was a Regional Hurricane Program Manager, FEMA Hurricane and Evacuation Liaison Team Leader, and statewide school safety coordinator for the Georgia Emergency Management Agency. His areas of expertise include strategic emergency operations planning, exercise, evacuation, school safety, recovery management, and response logistics.

The position of FEMA administrator requires Senate confirmation.

Malden Catholic and Weston Observatory Earthquake Education

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The goal of Dr. Diane Perito, STEM Director at Malden Catholic High School, is to provide students with opportunities to make connections between science, technology, engineering, and math through the content being taught.

A ribbon cutting recently took place unveiling this exciting project for MCHS. Dr. Alan Kafka, Director of the Weston Observatory, Marilyn Bibeau, Associate Director for BC-ESP Educational Outreach, Anastasia Macherides Moulis, Educational Seismologist and Vincent Murphy, MCHS '46 were in attendance along with

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