

# NWS Brownsville/Rio Grande Valley In Your Neighborhood...and Beyond!



Warning Coordination Meteorologist Barry Goldsmith with Texas A&M Colonias Program representative Irene Treviño at the La Sara Community Center Hurricane Preparedness Meeting on June 30, 2016.

## 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 44<sup>th</sup> 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**.