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**Keith Stellman to lead
NWS forecast office in Atlanta**

Keith Stellman has been selected as the new Meteorologist-in-Charge of the National Weather Service forecast office in Atlanta, GA. Stellman replaces Lans Rothfusz, who transferred to the National Severe Storms Laboratory in June.

"I'm excited for the opportunity to lead the talented team at the forecast office in Peachtree City as we continue improving our weather support and services to the people of greater Atlanta," Stellman said. "The weather here can be challenging. It's an area with busy aviation that also gets its share of flooding, severe weather and tropical storm impacts, but our office is well-positioned to handle what comes our way as we work with the community to become a more weather-ready city."

"Throughout his career, Keith has consistently demonstrated his hydrologic and meteorological skills, as well as exceptional leadership and communication abilities," said Bill Proenza, regional director, National Weather Service Southern Region. "With nearly 100 counties in its warning area, the Atlanta forecast office is a big responsibility. But I believe his experience and dedication will help assure residents and visitors to the area receive the best possible weather service."

Stellman launched his National Weather Service career as a Meteorologist Intern at the Tallahassee, FL office in 1997. He served as a Senior Hydrologic Forecaster and Senior Hydrometeorologist at the Lower Mississippi and West Gulf River Forecast Centers before joining the Southern Region headquarters team as the Regional Training Officer and then as Techniques Development Meteorologist.

He also served as the Warning Coordination Meteorologist for the forecast office in Shreveport, LA from 2007 to the present.

Stellman earned a bachelor's degree in atmospheric science from Northeast Louisiana University in Monroe, LA in 1996; and a master's degree in meteorology from Florida State University in Tallahassee in 1999. He is a member of the National Weather Association and the American Meteorological Society.

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