

2022 KAMM REGIONAL TRAINING

KAMM REGION I AGENDA

MARCH 30

Hopkinsville Public Works Complex
705 North Main Street, Hopkinsville

All times CST

MORNING SESSION

9:00	9:15	Registration - Coffee and Donuts	
9:15	9:30	KAMM Welcome	Angela Herndon, KAMM Region I Rep
9:30	10:15	Coordination of Waste Mgmt. in Disaster Recovery	Matt Powell, Environmental Manager, City of Bowling Green
10:15	11:00	Operationalizing Weather & Emergency Management Services for Incident Management and Response at WKU	Dr. Josh Durkee, Director WKU White Squirrel Weather
11:00	11:40	Utilizing the Kentucky Mesonet in the Emergency Management Cycle	Megan Schargorodski, WKU, KY Mesonet
Noon		KAMM Lunch	

AFTERNOON SESSION

12:30	1:30	Weather Awareness for a Rural Nation (WARN) project	Jane Wix, NOAA, Jackson and Jason York, Bath Co EM
1:30	2:30	Developing Successful HMA Grant Applications	Esther White, UK- HMGP
2:30	3:30	Building Code & Rebuilding in the Aftermath of the 2021 Tornado Outbreak	Frank Wallace, City of Madisonville
3:30	4:15	An Overview of the Deadly Long Track EF4 Tornado on December 10, 2021	Mary Lamm - NOAA
4:15	4:30	Wrap-up	Angela Herndon, KAMM

Speaker Bios

Matt Powell, Environmental Manager, City of Bowling Green

Matt Powell is the Environmental Manager for the City of Bowling Green, Kentucky. A graduate of Western Kentucky University, he began his career with the Kentucky Division of Water and joined the City of Bowling Green in 2007. Matt leads the City's efforts in compliance with State and Federal requirements including serving as the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System Manager and Landfill Manager. He is the current vice-president of the Kentucky Stormwater Association and the Kentucky representative to the Southeast Chapter of the International Erosion Control Association.

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Dr. Josh Durkee, Director WKU White Squirrel Weather

Dr. Josh Durkee is a Professor in the Meteorology Program at WKU and serves as the University Meteorologist. Dr. Durkee is the Director of White Squirrel Weather, the official WKU meteorological decision-support service for all WKU operations and events. He is also the Faculty Director for the WKU Disaster Science Operations Center (DSOC), the Program Coordinator for the Emergency Management Disaster Science (EMDS) undergraduate and graduate certificate programs, and Faculty Advisor in the Master's program in Homeland Security Sciences. Dr. Durkee maintains the appointment of Vice Chair to the Department of Earth, Environmental, and Atmospheric Sciences and works as a consulting meteorologist in the private sector.

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Megan Schargorodski , WKU, KY Mesonet

Megan Schargorodski is the interim Director of the Kentucky Climate Center and State Climatologist for Kentucky. Schargorodski has nearly 20 years of experience in working with weather networks, including 15 years with the Kentucky Mesonet at WKU. Her research interests lie in meteorological instrumentation and applied climatology/meteorology with applications in disaster science and the emergency management process. In addition to her professional duties with the Kentucky Climate Center, she is also an advocate for citizen science and public outreach. She is the state co-coordinator for CoCoRaHS and serves on the board of directors for the Sky Science Festival.

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Jane Marie Wix, NWS

Jane Marie Wix is a Brandenburg, KY native, and went to school at Western Kentucky University, a member of the very first graduating class of Meteorology. She is now the Warning Coordination Meteorologist for the NWS office in Jackson, KY, serving 33 counties across eastern Kentucky. She works as the liaison between the NWS and their partners, including emergency management, media, and other county and state agencies. She is also devoted to education and addressing the needs of underserved communities in an effort to help build a more weather-ready and weather-resilient population, which lead to the creation of the WARN (Weather Awareness for a Rural Nation) Task Force. The WARN Task Force is currently tackling the large gap in weather information for the Amish communities both in Kentucky and across the U.S.

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Jason York, Bath County EM

Jason York has been the Emergency Management Director in Bath County Kentucky for eight years. In Late April of 2020, a pregnant Amish mother and her five children were washed off a low water bridge during a severe storm. Director York was the Incident Commander for the event that utilized 36 agencies and gained international attention. This event is one of the catalysts for the WARN (Weather Awareness for a Rural Nation) program in Kentucky.

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Esther White, UK- HMGP

Esther White has worked as a Project Grants Manager for the UK's Hazard Mitigation Grants Program (HMGP) and KYEM since 2007, working with communities, agencies, nonprofit organizations, and private sector partners statewide to develop and secure FEMA funding for numerous technical multi-hazard mitigation projects. Esther holds degrees in Business Administration and Public Administration and serves as KAMM Chair on the Executive Board of Directors.

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Frank Wallace, City of Madisonville

Frank Wallace has worked as a local Building Official for Hopkins County and the City of Madisonville since 2005. He has been approved for expanded jurisdiction for all size buildings in this area. He is a State Certified Level Three Building Official since 2005. This includes plan review for building and mechanical elements as well as permitting and inspecting residential and all size commercial buildings. This includes hotels, schools, retail, and everything in between. He has held a State Electrical Contractors License and Master Electrician License for over 30 years. Frank has served on the Code Administrators Association of Kentucky Board since 2009 and has served as Education Chair, Secretary Treasurer, Vice President, and President. He is currently serving as the immediate Past President. He served three years on the Single-Family Advisory Board for the Department of Housing 2012-2015. He was the Chair of the SFD Code adoption of CAAK in 2014. He has served on the Board of Directors for Hopkins County YMCA and was the Past President two years ago.

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Mary Lamm - NOAA

Mary Lamm has been the Service Hydrologist for the National Weather Service Forecast Office in Paducah since 1994. Growing up in Louisville and living through the Great Tornado Outbreak of 1974 drew her to a career in weather. She has a Bachelor of Science in Atmospheric Sciences from the University of North Carolina at Asheville and joined the National Weather Service as a meteorologist intern in June 1992 before accepting the position of Service Hydrologist. Mary has worked tirelessly over the years to promote flood safety and awareness to the public as well as strengthen relationships with local, state and federal partners to better serve the region hydrologically. Mary continues efforts nationally to streamline and simplify NWS flood warnings and services to better assist the public in making life saving decisions.

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