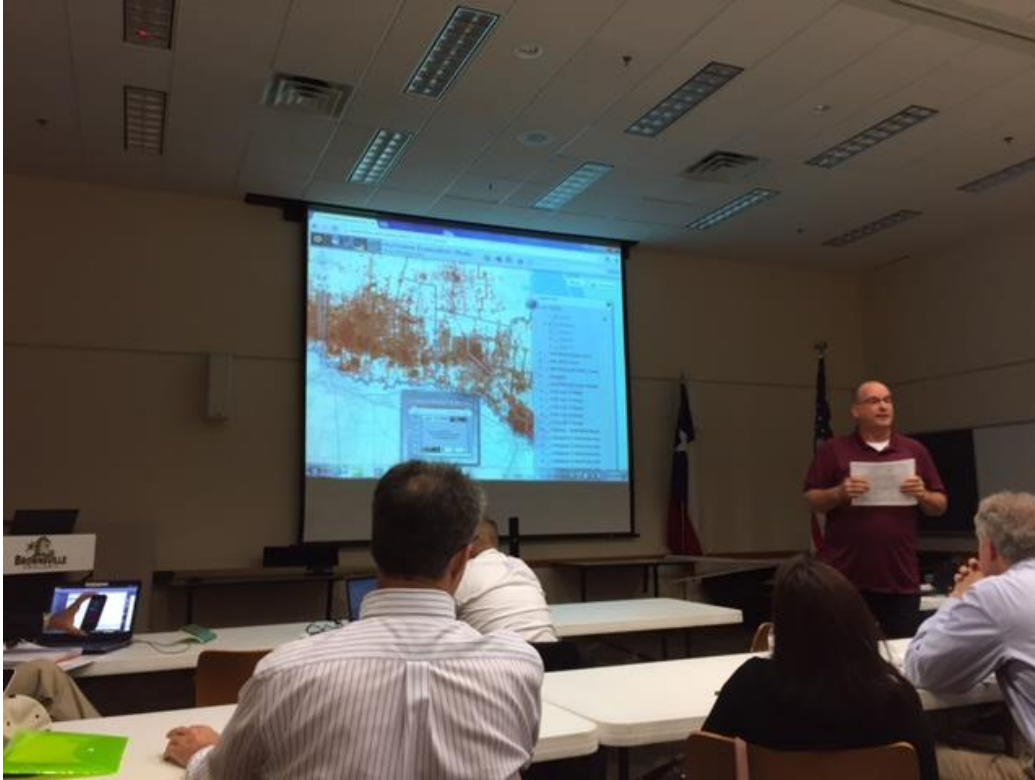


# NWS Brownsville/Rio Grande Valley In Your Neighborhood...and Beyond!



Discussion on the updated Rio Grande Valley Hurricane Evacuation Study (July 14, 2015) which NWS Brownsville Warning Coordination Meteorologist helped to design, from a messaging perspective.

## July 2015

**July 1:** Warning Coordination Meteorologist *Barry Goldsmith* participated at the **Hurricane Preparedness Town Hall meeting in Raymondville, TX**, which was attended by 50 residents and first responders.

**July 2:** *Barry Goldsmith* and Meteorologist *Erin Billings* provided a **tour** for close to 30 students (9th and 10<sup>th</sup> graders) from **Texas Pre-freshmen Engineering Program at TSTC in Harlingen**.

**July 13:** *Erin Billings* and *Barry Goldsmith* participated in the **Weekly Texas Drought Monitor** teleconference held in the Weather Forecast office.

**July 14:** *Barry Goldsmith* united with the US Army Corps of Engineers, Texas A&M Transportation Institute, Texas A&M Hazard Reduction and Recovery Center and FEMA hosted a meeting at the **Brownsville Public Library** to discuss update on the status of the project and upcoming changes on the **Hurricane Evacuation Study: Rio Grande Valley**.

**July 22:** *Barry Goldsmith*, Meteorologist *Erin Billings*, *Chris Birchfield*, and Pathway Student *Randall Hergert* presented a **50 year COOP Award at the San Manuel Station**. *Barry* and *Erin* gave on camera interviews with **KRGV Channel 5**.

**July 27:** *Barry Goldsmith* visited the RGV Outlet Mall for dissemination and receipt capability for future [Storm Ready Supporter Site with Simon Mall Group](#).

--: *Erin Billings* participated in the **Weekly Texas Drought Monitor** teleconference held in the Weather Forecast office.

**July 29-30-** Senior Forecaster *Joseph Tomaselli* attended the **76<sup>th</sup> Annual Texas International Fishing Tournament (TIFT)**.

**July 30:** Senior Forecaster *Geoffrey Bogorad* and visiting Forecaster *Mike Hill*, from NWS New Orleans, participated at the **TIFT** event from early morning through noon.

## August 2015

**August 3, 10, 17, 24, and 31:** *Barry Goldsmith* and *Erin Billings* participated by e-mail, phone, or both, in the **Weekly Texas Drought Monitor Teleconference**.

**August 14:** *Erin Billings* gave an **office tour** to a father and daughter from Brownsville that came to visit the office and see the balloon launch.

**August 15:** *Mike Castillo* gave an **office tour** to a father and son from McAllen that came to visit the office and see the balloon launch.

**August 18:** *Barry Goldsmith* performed a **Storm Ready Supporter site** visit for dissemination and reception of hazardous weather information for mall management and employees at the **La Plaza Mall in McAllen**.

**August 20:** *Barry Goldsmith* attended the final meeting of the Simon Mall group for **Storm Ready Supporter sites** at the **Valle Vista Mall in Harlingen**.

**August 21:** Forecaster *Maria Torres* and *Barry Goldsmith* spoke to a dozen media outlets, reaching hundreds of thousands of viewers and listeners, with the [Insurance Council of Texas](#) to update the need to be prepared as the peak of the 2015 hurricane season approached.

**August 26:** *Barry Goldsmith* provided an office tour to members of the **Rio Grande Valley Simon Mall** group, which included visitors from La Plaza Mall, Rio Grande Valley Premium Outlets, and Valle Vista Mall. He also presented certificates for completion of [Storm Ready Supporter designation](#).