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NOAA Hurricane Awareness Tour to visit Raleigh-Durham, N. Carolina
NOAA hurricane experts available for media interviews

The 2017 NOAA Hurricane Awareness Tour will come to Raleigh-Durham International Airport, Raleigh, N. Car., on Wednesday, May 10.

Media and the public can meet NOAA hurricane experts, scientists and crew members and get a look at some of the aircraft that help forecasters keep us safe – NOAA's G-IV aircraft and a U.S. Air Force Reserve WC-130J "Hurricane Hunter" aircraft.

The tour will take place during [National Hurricane Preparedness Week](#), May 7-13. For tips on staying safe this hurricane season, visit <http://www.weather.gov/os/hurricane/>. Other stops on the week-long tour include Gander, Newfoundland, Canada; Islip, N.Y.; Washington DC; Orlando, Fla.; and Opa Locka, Fla.

WHAT: [NOAA Hurricane Awareness Tour](#) for media and the public, including a media briefing.

WHO: Rick Knabb, Ph.D., director, NOAA National Hurricane Center (NHC)
David Novak, director, NOAA Weather Prediction Center
Jason Franklin, Meteorologist-In-Charge, NWS Raleigh, N. Car.
Michael Sprayberry, Director, NC DPS Emergency Management
Leslie Chapman Henderson, CEO, Federal Alliance for Safe Homes (FLASH)

Forecasters from the National Hurricane Center, the NWS Raleigh forecast office, and crew members of the NOAA and USAF aircraft will be available for one-on-one interviews and aircraft tours.

Media must contact Nick Petro directly to reserve interview times.

WHEN: Wednesday, May 10
Media/VIP Briefing: 10:00 a.m.
Media interviews: 10:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Media tours of aircraft: 1:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Public tours of aircraft: 2:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

WHERE: Raleigh-Durham International Airport
General Aviation Terminal
1750 East International Drive
Raleigh, NC 27623

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