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Experts Review the Epic 2017 Season

During the week of April 2, FLASH participated in the [2018 National Tropical Weather Conference](#) (#NTWC2018)--an annual meeting of the nation's leading hurricane communication, engineering, industry, policy, leadership, meteorology, science, storm chaser, and weather experts.

Sponsored by FLASH Founding and Legacy Partner USAA, the NTWC was held in South Padre Island, Texas, and featured live news feeds, streamed content, and Facebook Live presentations by NWS Director Dr. Louis Uccellini, National Hurricane Center Director Kenneth Graham, and broadcast meteorologists from the Caribbean, Florida, South Carolina, and Texas who reported on the 2017 hurricane season. Dr. Phil Klotzbach of Colorado State University delivered his news-breaking seasonal hurricane forecast from the gathering and called for a higher than normal season with 14 named storms, 7 hurricanes, and 3 major hurricanes.

FLASH President and CEO Leslie Chapman-Henderson joined the stellar list of speakers and presented a briefing on building code policy in post-Harvey Texas and post-Irma Florida along with an overview of the *#HurricaneStrong* program opportunity. Harris County Flood Control District Meteorologist Jeff Lindner received one of the conference top awards as well as a standing ovation for his outstanding service during Hurricane Harvey. According to Lindner, Harvey generated 60,000 water rescues, and 20,000 to 30,000 of them were performed by civilians.

You can learn more about the program information and findings by visiting the Twitter hashtag #NTWC2018 and *#HurricaneStrong*. If you're interested in the 2019 program, please contact conference chairman, [Alex Garcia](#).