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Weather and Climate Statement

Key Points:

1. The NWA mission statement is: *Connecting operational meteorologists in pursuit of excellence in weather forecasting, communication and service.*

2. Operational meteorology focuses on weather occurring on time scales of minutes to months.

3. Any given weather event, or series of events, should not be construed as evidence of climate change.

4. The NWA encourages its members and the public to learn more about meteorology and climate via the NWA web site, NWA publications and meetings, and via other scientific professional organizations.

Full Statement:

The National Weather Association (NWA) mission statement is *"Connecting operational meteorologists in pursuit of excellence in weather forecasting, communication, and service."* Operational meteorology focuses on the practice of forecasting weather on the scale of minutes to months for commercial and public interests, including the protection of life and property.

The NWA emphasizes that no single weather event or series of events should be construed as evidence of a climate trend. Daily weather is subject to extreme events due to its natural variability. It is only the occurrence of these events over decades that determines a climate trend.

The NWA provides opportunities for our members and the public to learn about the science of meteorology, weather and climate through publications, meetings, and the NWA web site.
Weather Training links: www.nwas.org/committees/professionaldevelopment/links.php
Climate and Climate Change links: www.nwas.org/links/climate.php

We encourage NWA members to learn about climate change and meteorological phenomena through professional development sponsored by our association and other organizations.

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