2026 Mid-Atlantic Severe Weather Conference

Saturday, November 7, 2026
HUB Ballroom | George Mason University
Fairfax, Virginia

Morning Sessions

8:30–9:30 AM | Registration & Check-In

Attendee registration, check-in, and networking.

9:30–10:00 AM | Welcome & Opening Remarks

Conference welcome, opening announcements, and door prizes.

10:00–10:30 AM | Emergency Preparedness at George Mason University

Gregg Black
Director of Emergency Management and Fire Safety, George Mason University

Presentation: 10:00–10:20 AM
Audience Q&A: 10:20–10:30 AM

10:45 AM-11:00AM | Coffee Break

11:15–12:00 PM | Severe Weather Patterns of the Mid-Atlantic and Washington, D.C. Region

Jeff Halverson & Ian Livingston — Capital Weather

Jeff Halverson: Severe Weather Expert, Capital Weather; Professor of Meteorology, UMBC

Ian Livingston: Information Lead & Forecaster, Capital Weather

A scientific overview of the severe weather patterns affecting the Mid-Atlantic and Washington, D.C. region.

Presentation: 11:15-11:30 AM
Audience Q&A: 11:30–12:00 PM

12:15–12:45 PM | Weather Without Limits: Storm Chasing, Media, AI & Your Future

Jennifer Watson
Emmy Award-Winning Meteorologist, Digital Creator & Podcast Host

Presentation: 12:10–12:40 PM
Audience Q&A: 12:40–12:55 PM

12:55–1:00 PM | Lunch Announcements

1:00–2:00 PM | Lunch & Networking

Afternoon Sessions

2:00–2:10 PM | Welcome Back & Door Prizes

2:10–2:55 PM | New National Weather Service Products for Severe Weather Prediction

Bill Bunting
Acting Director, NOAA/NWS Storm Prediction Center

Presentation: 2:10–2:40 PM
Audience Q&A: 2:40–2:55 PM

3:05–3:50 PM | The Virtual Tornado Memorial

Jen Narramore
Founder, Director & Lead Researcher, Tornado Talk

Presentation: 3:05–3:35 PM
Audience Q&A: 3:35–3:50 PM

3:50–4:05 PM | Coffee Break

4:05–4:15 PM | Careers Panel Introductions

4:15–5:30 PM | Careers in Weather: Exploring Opportunities in Meteorology

Featuring:

- **Steve Zubrick** — Adjunct Professor of Meteorology, George Mason University; Former NWS Science and Operations Officera
- **Jennifer Watson** — Emmy Award-Winning Meteorologist, Digital Creator & Podcast Host
- **Ben Woods** — Senior Consultant, Meteorology Practice

Panel Discussion: 4:15–5:00 PM
Audience Q&A: 5:00–5:30 PM

5:30–5:45 PM | Final Door Prizes & Closing Remarks

Final prize drawings, acknowledgments, and conference closing.