

Dennis Feltgen

Communications and Public Affairs Officer National Hurricane Center

Dennis Feltgen is the Communications and Public Affairs Officer, and a spokesperson, for NOAA's National Hurricane Center in Miami.

Feltgen received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Meteorology from the Florida State University in 1974.

He then built a 28 year career as a major market television meteorologist and reporter at stations in Atlanta, West Palm Beach, Minneapolis, Tampa and Charlotte. He was awarded the American Meteorological Society Seal of Approval for Television Weathercasting in 1975. In 1981, he was the first to use true Doppler radar technology in a daily television broadcast and, in 1985, was one of the very first reporters to broadcast live during a hurricane using satellite technology. His daily reporting assignments earned the award for best environmental reporting in 1995. He was nominated for a regional Emmy award in 2001 as best weathercaster.

Feltgen joined NOAA in 2002 as a meteorologist with the National Weather Service (NWS) forecast office in Glasgow, Montana, and was trained as an Incident Meteorologist qualifying to forecast weather conditions on site at wildfires. He transferred to the Key West weather forecast office later that year, where he developed educational weather videos for its website and the local community access cable stations. He also developed the Video Hurricane Local Statement, an on-line audio/video presentation containing the latest emergency information regarding an approaching hurricane.



In 2005, Feltgen accepted the position of Public Affairs Specialist at NOAA National Weather Service Public Affairs Headquarters in Silver Spring, Maryland. He made numerous appearances on national television and radio outlets as an expert regarding meteorological topics and is quoted in national and local print outlets.

Feltgen transferred to the National Hurricane Center in 2007 as its Public Affairs Officer, handling the surge of media that descends upon the facility prior to and during landfalling storms, including serving in the role of spokesperson. In between storms and throughout the hurricane off season, he works closely with National Hurricane Center management and staff, NOAA Communications, and the partners in the media and emergency management to help advance the public's knowledge of and preparedness for hurricanes. He is also a prime contributor to the NHC Facebook page.

Feltgen is an organizer, presenter and participant to a number of state and national meteorological meetings. He is a member of the American Meteorological Society and past chairman of the AMS Board of Broadcast Meteorology. He was awarded the Distinguished Service Award by the National Hurricane Conference in 2015, and the Outstanding Achievement Award in 2016. He is also the recipient of the 2013 NWS Regional Isaac Cline Award and the 2014 Local Isaac Cline Award for Outreach activities, and the 2015 Local Isaac Cline Award for Program Management and Administration.



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