

Tiffany O'Connor

FEMA Liaison National Hurricane Center

Tiffany O'Connor is the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Liaison to NOAA's National Hurricane Center in Miami, Fla., and the Deputy Manager for FEMA's Hurricane Liaison Team (HLT). In this role, Tiffany facilitates the exchange of information between the NHC and emergency managers at all levels of government. This exchange of information helps emergency managers make informed decisions when a storm threatens and assists the NHC in providing better decision support during these events.

Tiffany has been in this role since November of 2015. During this time, she has supported FEMA and the NHC through many hurricane events in the 2016, 2017, and 2018 seasons. Outside of hurricane season, Tiffany is responsible for managing the HLT reservist staff, the team's operational readiness, staff development, and training.

Prior to her role with FEMA, Tiffany was the Deputy State Meteorologist for the Florida Division of Emergency Management (FDEM). At FDEM she coordinated meteorological information for state emergency managers and local



decision makers during various disasters including flood events, tropical cyclones, and severe weather.

As part of FDEM's Meteorology Unit, Tiffany was involved in community outreach to promote weather safety and preparedness as well as train state and local decision makers. In her current position with FEMA, Tiffany continues to train emergency managers as an instructor for several of the National Hurricane Program's courses offered at the NHC and various state and national conferences.

In 2012, Tiffany graduated from Florida State University with her bachelor's degree in Meteorology. During her time at Florida State, she volunteered at the Tallahassee National Weather Service Office. It was through this volunteership that Tiffany learned of the important relationship between meteorologist and emergency manager. This opportunity was also where Tiffany's passion for decision support and emergency management grew.



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